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Vision Statement

The Wendover Middle School community is dedicated to developing responsible, independent, lifelong learners.

We will work together to provide the following:

- Exemplary instructional experiences that develop student skills and meet student needs
- A variety of opportunities for students to achieve educational proficiency
- An environment where everyone feels welcome and shares in the development of our students' success

CARNEGIE MELLON ID TECH CAMP

Enjoy the fun and education of iD Tech, a summer camp at Carnegie Mellon University. Students will have an opportunity to develop their own websites with Flash®, create digital movies, write programs using C++ or Java, and design video games, robots, and 3D models using the best industry-grade software. Other multi-week teen programs include the iD Gaming Academy, iD Film Academy, and iD Programming Academy.

Summer programs are located at 60 universities nationwide, including Carnegie Mellon, Ohio State, Purdue, Villanova, Case Western Reserve, Stanford, U.C.L.A., Emory, M.I.T., N.Y.U., and American.

Beginner to advanced students, ages 7 to 18, may attend. Registration can be completed on the Internet at www.internalDrive.com or by calling 1-888-709-TECH (8324). A \$50 online early bird special is available until March 15.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TEAM WINS AWARD

Nominated by the Prevention Projects at St. Vincent College, the Student Assistance Program team at Wendover Middle School has been chosen as Pennsylvania's Distinguished S.A.P. Team of the Year. Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals, a statewide organization for student assistance programs, recognized Wendover S.A.P. team's efforts in educating students about how to make good decisions when faced with difficult choices.

The S.A.P. team sponsors assemblies, guest speakers, and Red Ribbon campaigns to help students resist peer pressure in situations involving illegal substances or harassment. S.A.P. also coordinates with Mr. Duane Gibson from Excelsa Behavior Health Systems to help students who may need individual support.



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STUDENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM (continued)

The Wendover S.A.P. team members are Ms. Gaither-Grbach, Ms. Novak, Ms. Waters, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Markovic, Ms. Mikesic, Mrs. Sovyak, Mr. Kozain, Mr. McGee, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lenz, and Mr. Gibson.

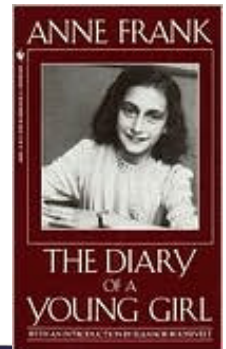
Congratulations to the S.A.P. team on receiving this honor for excellence.




ALUMINUM TAB COLLECTION

The eighth grade English classes will collect aluminum can tabs in conjunction with the reading of the district curriculum selection of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The school-wide collection will begin this year and will end with the graduating class of 2017. Our lofty goal is to collect a tab for each individual killed in the Holocaust. The linked tabs will then provide a tangible, visual learning experience for the Hempfield community. We are reminded as Americans and as world citizens that such an atrocity against humanity should never happen again.

You may send tabs (soda pop, soup, dog food, and cat food tabs) with your child any day this school year or through the noted years to come. As always, we appreciate your collective efforts!



EDUCATION HEALS
EDUCATION SAVES
EDUCATION REMEMBERS



HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE
POP TAB COLLECTION

WE'VE GOT THE SPIRIT

The sixth grade team will be selling Spartan Spirit clothing items. Students may purchase long-sleeved t-shirts, short-sleeved t-shirts, and hoodies of various weights. Check out the great designs and colors on the posters which are located in homerooms and near the office. Order forms can be obtained from sixth grade teachers.



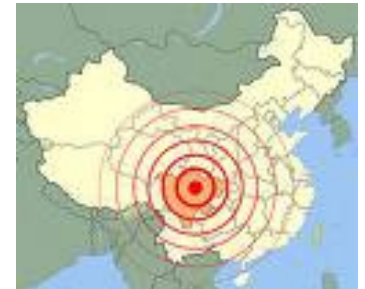
HOMEWORK HOTLINE HELPS STUDENTS ACHIEVE

Students are reminded that when they are absent from school they are responsible to call the homework hotline for missed assignments. Many teachers also have websites where students can find assignments.

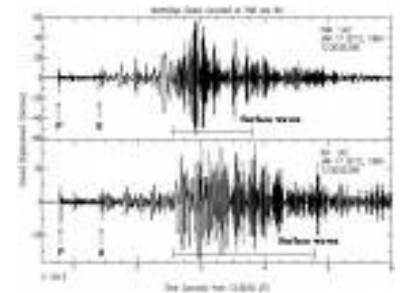


GRADE 7 VIRTUAL SEISMOLOGISTS

As an ancillary activity to the study of earthquakes, students in Mr. Gruskiewicz's science classes earned virtual seismologist certificates. Submission of the certificates enabled them to earn extra credit points toward their third nine-weeks' science grade. In order to earn the title of virtual seismologist, students successfully completed an interactive, Internet-based activity created by the Department of Geological Sciences, California State University, Los Angeles.



The activity was designed to introduce students to the concepts and procedures involved in locating the epicenter of an earthquake and determining its Richter magnitude. Students were offered a choice of three earthquake-prone areas of the world – Japan, Mexico, or California. Once a selection was made, they were provided simplified but actual seismograms from real earthquakes on which to take measurements. Students read tutorials that explained how to collect data from seismograms prior to taking their measurements.



Upon submitting data, students were immediately provided with feedback concerning the accuracy of their findings. Only after submitting satisfactory data and determining the quake's epicenter and magnitude were the budding earthquake scientists awarded the title of virtual seismologist.



YOUTH ART MONTH

The month of March is not only a time to celebrate spring but also a time to renew our creative spirit! Wendover students will be enjoying Youth Art Month in many exciting ways. Be sure to check out all of the artistic opportunities listed below.

Sunday, March 1—Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Ligonier

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art will hold its annual Artist of the 21st Century student art exhibition with an opening reception Sunday, March 1. A special congratulations to Noelle Barnhart and Joe Gamber, whose artwork will be on display until April.

Thursday, March 5—MusArt, an All-American Event, 7 to 9 p.m.

MusArt will be held at Wendover. Students and families are welcome to attend the jazz band and choral concert and to view a great American art experience. To honor our country and the importance of art in our lives, the art clubs will be hosting an All-American Art event. Visitors will have an opportunity to view student artwork that was inspired by American artists, eat good ol' American food, make American art, and have their picture taken as Grant Wood's famous *American Gothic*. You can't pass this up!

Saturday, March 7—Scavenger Hunt, Finding Skills That Last a Lifetime, 1 to 3 p.m.

All Hempfield students are invited to "explore" the high school as the specialty areas host this incredible event. Participants will have an opportunity to discover their interests in a variety of subject areas with hands-on activities. The art department will encourage visitors to create their own path with art. Art activities will include photography bookmarks, wire sculpture, recycled creatures, jewelry-making, and much more. This family event is free for all ages. Visitors can enter to win great prizes, too. Don't miss it!

Friday, March 27—Eighth Grade Field Trip to Westmoreland Museum of American Art

Eighth graders will have the opportunity to visit this valuable resource in our community as a culminating activity to their perspective and landscape studies. Students will visit stations that include tours of the museum's permanent collection, a pastel landscape demonstration, and the Pittsburgh-inspired Valley of Work room.

March 1 to March 31

All students are encouraged to participate in the Drawing-a-day March calendar activity to strengthen their drawing and creative problem-solving skills. Art-i-facts will be on display each day on WVTM.

Love of beauty is Taste.
The creation of beauty is Art.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



