

Middle School News
May 1, 2017

Middle School Awards are scheduled for **Thursday, June 8**. Specific details about the awards will be sent in the coming weeks.

Final Exams will be held from Thursday, June 15 to Tuesday, June 20.

Eighth Grade Upcoming Events

The 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

This event will take place on **Friday, June 16**, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A reception for students and parents will be held immediately following the formal presentation in the cafeteria. Specific details about the event will be shared in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Steven Bagley at sbagley@rsd6.org or Audrey Spielman at aspelman@rsd6.org

Lake Compounce

Eighth graders will be going to Lake Compounce on Friday, June 2. Click [here](#) to access the permission slip. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Steven Bagley at sbagley@rsd6.org.

Seventh Grade Upcoming Events

EESMARTS and Eli Whitney Museum Field Trip

On Tuesday, June 6 the seventh grade class will be traveling to EESMARTS in North Haven, CT and the Eli Whitney Museum in Hamden, CT. Students will depart from Wamogo at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Click [here](#) to access the permission slip that needs to be completed and returned with payment of \$18 no later than May 8.

EESmarts (*eesmarts*TM) is a clean, renewable energy learning initiative funded by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund. The vision of eesmarts is to facilitate students' understanding of the science, math, and technology related to clean, renewable energy and electricity in order to create an energy-efficient ethic among all school-age students in Connecticut.

The **Eli Whitney Museum** and Workshop is an experimental learning workshop for students. During our visit, students will participate in the PinBall Project. This is a popular project that teaches game design (beginnings, middles and ends), logic (rewards for difficulty), marble movement (caroms, momentum) and creative design (good games must still attract players.) The project is a rare exploration of the work of play.

Summer Camp at Wamogo

Wamogo Regional High School is pleased to announce that for the upcoming summer of 2017, we are running our very own summer program: Summerfest. Additional information can be located by clicking [here](#).

This is a 6 week long camp-style program that is 4 days a week (Monday through Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and runs from June 26 to August 3. Sessions are split into 2 week increments and you may sign

your child up for multiple sessions if you so choose. Summerfest is open to all Region 6 students of all ability levels in grades 2 through 8. The cost is \$75 per week per child with transportation available from central locations for participants. July 5 to 7 is a shortened week and costs \$50.

Summerfest features tons of fun, daily activities led by a team of peer leaders, which include: outdoor sports, classic camp games, arts and crafts, music and drama, water carnivals, cooking, gardening, STEM, dance, team building games, and much more.

Please register your child by May 15. If you have any questions, email:
Linda Martin, Special Ed. Teacher: lamartin@rsd6.org
Steven Bagley, Social Worker: sbagley@rsd6.org
or call 860-567-6642

Middle School Yearbook

Students interested in purchasing a middle school yearbook should complete the attached order form along with \$20 and submit to Mrs. Spielman ASAP to reserve their copy. Books will be available on a limited basis. The distribution of the yearbook will take place prior to the last week of school. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the order form for your convenience.

Middle School Schedule 2017-2018

The administration in conjunction with the scheduling committee has restructured the Wamogo middle school schedule for the year 2017-18. Our goal is to offer a middle school schedule that positions students for academic success while providing the supports and structures that are responsive to the needs of young adolescents. The rationale for the changes can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

7th and 8th Grade Student Assessments

Wamogo's seventh and eighth grade students will take the **Smarter Balance** Assessments in English language arts and math. The total testing time for most students is approximately 4 hours. Testing sessions will be spread out over the course of several days, allowing teachers to plan for developmentally appropriate testing time frames for students.

The testing window begins the week of May 1 and concludes the week of May 8. During the week of May 1, the Math will be administered over a three-day period in 70 minute sessions each day. English Language Arts will be administered the week of May 8 over a two-day period in a 70 minute session each day.

UConn Exploring Expertise

May 13, 2017 University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT Exploring Expertise is a conference for students in grades 8 through 12 and their parents. They invite talented, motivated adolescents to spend a day with them, learning about the university and its many offerings. Experts in a wide variety of disciplines will share their specialties and answer questions in panel discussion sessions. Parents can learn about college preparation and talent development opportunities, including the resources that will be available to students in college at UConn and other universities. Registration: February 27 to April 28, 2017. Registration costs: \$99 per parent/student pair (includes lunch); \$30 per additional family member (includes lunch). Spaces fill quickly; please register early. To register for this event go to <http://exp2.uconn.edu/>