

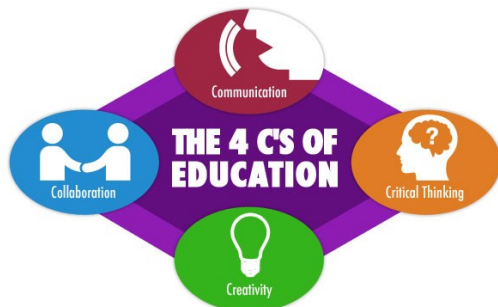
## THE FOUR Cs at West Lake Middle School

WLMS staff work collaboratively to embed the Four Cs (Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity) in their daily classroom instruction.

The staff collaborates weekly in Professional Learning Teams to design instruction and assessments to promote student learning and growth.

Teachers from all core content areas and departments and Administrators are constantly assessing students' needs to better serve each child.

Through the use of the Co-Teaching model, teachers and specialists work together to provide students with a comprehensive and engaging education that promotes growth and achievement.



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## *West Lake Middle School*

**Moving ALL Wildcats  
Forward, Onward and  
Upward to Ensure  
Success**



### Principal

Anne Marie Adkins

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Lamont Gregory  
Steve Kibler  
Monica Yllanes

Welcome to West Lake Middle School! Enclosed you will find information to welcome you to our school family. Please feel free to ask the staff or other parents for anything else you might need to get started! We are a school community focused on student growth and achievement for ALL of our students.

## West Lake Middle School

West Lake Middle School has implemented a positive behavior program to encourage students to be responsible for their actions and to be positively acknowledged for their decisions. This simply means that we have high expectations for student behavior, and we encourage students to always do their best. At West Lake, we expect all students and staff to show their Wildcat PRIDE:

- Perseverance
- + Respect
- + Integrity
- + Dedication
- = Excellence

### WLMS Mission

WLMS will provide a relevant, engaging education and will promote students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers.

### WLMS Vision

The West Lake Middle community will increase achievement by actively engaging all students in a collaborative, student-centered environment, to ensure that they become critical thinkers and life-long learners, prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.



## Our Focus on Student Achievement

WLMS is dedicated to promoting academic excellence in all of our classrooms. Our staff utilizes a variety of instructional strategies and methods to meet the needs of our students.

Our **Daily Schedule** provides positive learning opportunities for **all** students and allows every child to be engaged in uninterrupted instruction.

Our core classes (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies) are 54 minutes long for each grade level. Elective and Health/PE classes are each 45 minutes long for each grade level. Teachers are able to maximize their time to provide engaging and relevant instruction.

**SMART Block** is the second period of each day. It is dedicated time for students to have the opportunity to improve and enrich skills needed to show growth and be successful in all classes. Students choose locations/classes based on what help is needed or enrichment activity they want to participate in. Each day is a Priority Day for a different subject in order to allow student to make the best choices each day:

Monday: Social Studies  
Tuesday: Language Arts  
Wednesday: Science  
Thursday: Math  
Friday: Elective/PE-Health .

In addition, there are common areas available to students during each SMART Block:

- Auditorium: Sustained Silent Reading
- Media: Circulation, working on assignments that require group interaction
- Cafeteria: Study Hall
- Computer Lab: Computer Research, working on assignments that need to be typed

## Extra Curricular Activities at West Lake Middle School

At West Lake, we believe that in addition to academic excellence, we provide students with many opportunities to prepare them for the future and to be college/career ready.

Students are able to try out and participate in the following athletic sports:

- ◆ Cheerleading
- ◆ Volleyball
- ◆ Girls Soccer
- ◆ Boys Soccer
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Girls Basketball
- ◆ Boys Basketball
- ◆ Girls Track
- ◆ Boys Track
- ◆ Softball

We also have a variety of non-athletic clubs that all students may participate in throughout the school year:

- ◆ Performing Arts Club
- ◆ Science Olympiad
- ◆ Battle of the Books
- ◆ Wildcat Service Club
- ◆ PRIDE Club
- ◆ Cooking Club
- ◆ Band
- ◆ Chorus
- ◆ NJHS
- ◆ Dance Club

