



# DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE WP STUDENT COUNCIL?

## About the WP Student Council

- 🐾 Do you want to make a difference this year?
- 🐾 Do you want to build school spirit and bring students together in fun and exciting activities?
- 🐾 The WP School Student Council plans and organizes events for middle school students.

## Who Can Participate?

- 🐾 The WP Student Council will consist of students in Grades 6-8. Representatives must complete an application. At least four students from each homeroom will be chosen, based on the eligibility requirements. The executive committee is then selected from the classroom representatives.
- 🐾 We are looking for some dynamic, enthusiastic, and committed Middle School students to join the Student Council for this year. Qualities necessary for any representative on student council are:
  - 🐾 **Leadership skills** – Are you willing to lead committees and be a representative for your class?
  - 🐾 **Creative** – Are you able to think of new and exciting activities and fundraisers for the student council?
  - 🐾 **Communicative** – Are you able to share ideas with other student council representatives, your class and all of middle school?
  - 🐾 **Team player** – You could be working with a team to generate ideas and organize events for the Student Council.
  - 🐾 **Responsibility** – You may be responsible for running activities throughout the school and you must be reliable.
  - 🐾 **Commitment** – This is a year long activity and if you volunteer now, you will be expected to come to all meetings for the remainder of the year. There will be at least 8 meetings throughout the year after school, so if this does not fit into your schedule, please do not volunteer.

## Benefits of Participating

Students should consider this the Extra Curricular Activity (ECA) because it helps to build character, leadership, decision making, organization skills and responsibility.

## When & Where Does The Club Meet?

The first meeting will be held on Friday, August 9th in the Rm. 29 for those interested in running for an executive office (President, Vice President, Treasure, Secretary). For all others the first meeting will be Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> in Rm. 29. Students joining student council will be supervised by either Mrs. Roland, Mrs. Distelhorst, or Mrs. Wilson.

# **2013-2014 Student Council Representative** **Application Timeline**

- 🐾 Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> - Students may begin picking up packets during Meet Your Teacher Night  
Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Pick up packets during A.A. class for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Graders (regular classrooms for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders) or access online at [wpsc.learningcanbfun.org](http://wpsc.learningcanbfun.org).
- 🐾 Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> - 3:15 pm – Deadline for submission of completed packet to Rm. 29
- 🐾 NO packets will be accepted after the deadline.
- 🐾 Students will be notified about their selection in Homeroom, Monday 19, 2013.

**Completed packets due to the Mrs. Roland or Mrs. Distelhorst  
by 3:30 pm, Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.**

# ***Student Council Representative Application Packet***

This packet contains information for students wishing to become involved as WP Student Council Representatives for the 2013-2014 school year. Students **MUST**

- ✓ read all portions of this document carefully
- ✓ complete all necessary pages
- ✓ obtain all required documents to be returned with the application
- ✓ meet all deadlines contained in this packet.

**\*\*Do NOT submit individual pages/documents – submit the entire packet at one time!\*\***

## **Eligibility for Student Council Representative:**

- 🐾 A class representative must maintain a passing grade in all courses and should have earned passing grades during the last 20 weeks of the prior school year.
- 🐾 A class representative's experience within the Middle School may not include disciplinary referrals related to insubordination, classroom disruptions, truancy, substance abuse, or gross misdemeanors.

## **Application Packets Must Include the Following . . .**

- 🐾 **Student Council Questionnaire:** This is your chance to demonstrate quality writing and thinking skills. The Student Council Questionnaire will provide the advisor with valuable information concerning your skills as a student leader.
- 🐾 **Student Council Parent Permission Slip:** Each candidate must submit a signed permission slip by due date.
- 🐾 **Grade Qualifications:** Completion of grade qualification sheet. These will be verified so do not lie.
- 🐾 **ALL** paperwork must be submitted, fully completed in order to be reviewed by Mrs. Roland and Mrs. Distelhorst.



**Partially completed or late (past the deadline) packets will NOT be reviewed and those students will not be eligible for Student Council.**

# **Student Council Representative Responsibilities**

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- 1. Attend ALL scheduled general meetings. Three unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the Council.**
- 2. Participate in at least one activity/event during the year and contribute time and effort to help make each Student Council sponsored activity the best it can be, i.e. creating posters, flyers, tickets.**
- 3. Act responsibly at all meetings and activities/events and as a leader at WestPark.**
- 4. Keep grades as high as possible. A 2.0 is required, but higher is encouraged.**
- 5. Good citizenship is a must. Student Council is a team.**
- 6. Solicit input from your class and keep your class updated on upcoming events/activities. Representative, you ARE their representative.**

# WestPark Elementary School Student Council Activity Goals

1. To provide opportunities for students to gain leadership skills and an appreciation for responsibility and accountability.
2. To provide ways in which students may broaden their interests and develop new experiences.
3. To foster healthy student-student, student-teacher, student-administration, and student-community interaction.
4. To provide a channel of communication through which students can contribute to the school program.
5. To develop an interest in current issues that involves all segments of the student population.
6. To promote more student body involvement through Fun Fridays, "information" assemblies, and other whole-school events.



# WestPark Elementary School

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Mr. Nick Forgette  
Principal



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Mrs. Laura Wilson  
Assistant Principal

## Student Council Parent Permission

Please return this section in your application packet, which is due in Rm. 29 or Rm. 25 on or before 3:15 pm, Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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### Student Council Parent Permission Slip

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ HR# \_\_\_\_\_

We are aware that our daughter/son is a candidate for Student Council representativeship at Franklin Middle School. We have gone over representative responsibilities and understand that these positions require effort, diligence and leadership qualities. We also understand that failure to perform the specific duties that have been outlined may result in our son's/daughter's dismissal.

We further acknowledge the fact that parents are an integral part of Student Council's success and whenever the need arises, we will be willing to provide transportation for our daughter's/son's meetings and special events. We also realize that we may be asked to volunteer to chaperone special events.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

# Student Council Questionnaire

**Directions:** Please answer the following questions utilizing your best writing and thinking skills. That means complete sentences. Give the questions serious thought before answering. You must write your answers in ink, or you may “type” them. Answers which are not legible will be considered incomplete. Only completed questionnaires will be accepted. You may use the back of this sheet to finish answers or you may use a separate sheet of paper.

1. Please explain why you would like to be a Student Council representative this year. How would you personally contribute to the Council?

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2. Tell about yourself. What schools have you attended? What type of leadership experiences have you had both in school and in the community?

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3. If you could make ONE improvement at WP, what would it be and why?

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4. How do you respond when people don't agree with your ideas?

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5. Student Council raises money every year to benefit our school. Please explain how you think this money should be used and why.

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# Grade Qualifications

Please fill out this chart to make it easier for you to find your GPA, and to make it easier for us to know if you meet the qualifications. A's are 4.0 points, B's are 3.0 points, C's are 2.0 points. (Remember you cannot have any D's or F's.) Then you can find your average by adding up all the points and dividing them by the number of classes you were in.

or

**You may submit a printout of your report card from May, 2013, or your most recent Progress Report. If you did not attend a Buckeye district school this year, you must submit a copy of your report card from your previous school.**

Class	Letter Grade	Points
Math		
Science		
Social Studies		
Language Arts		
Music		
P.E.		
Technology		

Total points \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ by number of classes \_\_\_\_\_ = G.P.A. : \_\_\_\_\_

Student Council Sponsor Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_