"What comes easy won't last long, and what lasts long won't come easy." - Unknown

Winton Woods High School Presents Fall Play The Mousetrap

What better way to transition from the Halloween season than with a thrilling cozy murder mystery. Winton Woods High School Drama Department is excited to present their fall play The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie on Thursday, November 18, through Saturday, November 20, at 8 p.m. The performance will take place in the brand new David Bell Performing Arts Center located in the North Campus. The plot begins with a newly married couple who opens a guesthouse. When guests arrive, things take a quick turn for the worst when they become stranded in the house during a snowstorm. The plot thickens when one of them is suspected of being a murderer. A great show of comedy and suspense, this is an event that you would definitely not want to miss.

Michelle Kozlowski, theater director, says tickets will be available online for $10 for children and adults at wintonwoodshighschoolboxoffice.org. Remember, community members holding MVP cards from the district will be admitted for free. Masks will be required to be worn by all attendees during the production.
How Project-Based Learning is Impacting Winton Woods Students

With the New Tech Network model, project-based learning is at the heart of the instructional approach. This learning methodology prepares students for the future through projects that are engaging, involving critical thinking skills by which students solve real-world issues. At some time in our educational career we have all wondered, “When will I ever use this?” In the world of PBL, this question is never raised. How does a district prepare students for a future they do not know yet? They provide them with the skills and resources they will need to thrive through discipline, time management, public speaking, and communication skills, better known as agency, while collaborating with others. These skills are introduced to students as early as first grade.

Eighth-grade students Julliauna Young and Mariah Ross see how collaborating with others during projects have grown their confidence to interact with people they normally would not. “It has taught me how to ask for help,” said Ross. “When I was unsure and had to do things on my own. I would not ask for help. Project-based learning taught me how to step out of my comfort zone and reach out when I am inexperienced.”

In a traditional classroom, students work independently. PBL requires collaboration and has specific roles for each team member. Young said these team projects helped her adapt to unfamiliar
circumstances. “You are responsible for your part but also have to work with so many different people who may not do things like you. You are not in control of everything like you would be alone. You have to learn how to work well with others. It teaches you a lot.”

In 2021, Winton Woods City Schools opened two new campuses designed for its innovative and engaging teaching method. This means students can learn in spaces created for their collaborative and thought-provoking projects like the learning stairs and collaboration spaces instead of a traditional classroom. The district is proud to be at the forefront of the educational transformation that is happening across the country as one of only two completely comprehensive New Tech Network districts in the United States.

In 2020, COVID-19 brought a lot of uncertainty to what the school year would look like. Seniors Taidgh Miles and Nathan Tefera said they saw the impact PBL had on their lives with being able to adjust to uncomfortable circumstances. “PBL is not something I only use in the classroom but at home and in life. If I need to solve a problem, I break it down, see what aspects are causing issues and solve them. That is project-based learning.”

Through PBL, Miles and Tefera also learned that there is more to what meets the eye. Working with classmates from different cultures exposed them to new perspectives. “I have grown in my communication skills, self-confidence, and ability to speak to others who do not look like me,” said Miles. “I am glad for the collaborative effort.” Tefera said he would not have been able to learn and meet new people and experience all the different cultures to the extent he has without the projects. “It diminishes any stereotypes you would have of people because you work with people you normally would not and learn that everyone brings something unique, creative, and useful to the group.”

PHOTO CAPTION: Winton Woods High School students (shown l-r) Taidgh Miles and Nathan Tefera building a catapult for a project in their math and physics class. Photo by Drew Jackson.

WWMS Step Team
Means
Sister/Brotherhood

At the district’s 28th annual homecoming parade, dozens of parade watchers lined the streets as twelve Winton Woods Middle School students moved with confidence and in sync down Winton Road. It was their first performance as the Winton Woods Middle School step team. The group was started in September by Head Step Coach Amari Scott who wanted to create a space for students to express themselves and
collaborate. “This is a sister and brotherhood,” said Coach Scott, who also uses practice time to talk about social skills, how to prepare for high school, and shares history. “Before people had music, their bodies became their musical instruments.”

During the week, students give up their evenings to learn new steps, chants, and majorette. Assistant coaches, Tayshawn Elliot, a member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and Kyjuan Glass, founder and captain of the Blazing Diamondz dance team, help with technique, stepping and building a team environment. “I am very proud of them,” said Scott. She has hopes of entering step competitions and for the students to continue stepping when they are in high school.

Seventh graders Monica Walton, Rodney Smith, and Antonio Lindsey said they all enjoy being on the team. Walton waved her hand in the direction of Coach Scott. “And we have the best coach.” When asked how they heard about the team, Smith said he loves dance and was informed in math class. He later told Walton who also joined the team. “Word got around fast,” said Smith. Lindsey heard about it and was later invited by the head coach. “It is like an outside family with internal support where we can connect,” said Lindsey, who only knew a few people when he joined the team but now says “We care for each other.” Currently, the WWMS step team is scheduled to perform at middle school sporting events and pep rallies.

Weekly Warrior Highlights

Mercy Health will be offering a community health education event on November 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Oscar Event Center at the Jungle Jim’s International Market. There will be presentations on women’s health, free health screenings, educational tables, and more. Please view the flyer for more information on how to register.
WWHS A Capella group “Clarity” and Jazz Band gave fantastic performances at their fall concert last night of hit songs including “Fly Me to the Moon”, “Summertime”, and the popular TikTok song “Electric Love.” #GoWarriors #WarriorMusicians

WWMS and WWHS orchestras gave “chilling” performances last night at their fall concert with different
styles and moods of music like “Evil Eye and the Hideous Heart” that fit the Halloween season. #WarriorMusicians #GreatJobWarriors

WWHS held a successful college fair for students who met and talked with representatives from an array of colleges and universities to learn more about future academic opportunities. #GoWarriors
Winton Woods Symphony Orchestra traveled to Northern Kentucky University for their yearly "Springfest" event to "join forces with the orchestras from the Colerain and Northwest districts to create one giant orchestra for a day of rehearsing, learning from university professors, and presenting a final performance of three wonderful pieces," said High School Orchestra Director Dr. Joshua Thompson. "Due to the size of the ensemble and for added COVID safety, we spent the day in the college’s large athletic facility, where we could safely and comfortably spread out." Students were treated to lunch, a tour of the campus, and a Q&A session. #GoWarriors
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