

# Warrior Time: Students Engaging in the Community



## Wawasee Middle School is Making it Happen!



**WE ARE** an amazing corporation with approximately 3,163 students in five schools. Our poverty rate is 51% and seems to grow a little every year. There are over 90 lakes in our county, and we are the home of the largest natural lake in Indiana, Lake Wawasee.

**OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES** are proud to show their Warrior PRIDE working together with our teachers to make education an enjoyable experience.

**OUR TEACHERS** work together on grade level teams joining together in the implementation of the students' educational activities. We are excited to offer Warrior Time opportunities, Project Lead the Way classes, exploratory classes, and advanced classes for math and language arts. WMS also has an eight lane pool, a planetarium, academic super bowl teams, several different clubs, music, and sports teams.

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICES** Our teachers have been challenged to think outside of the box to provide our students with community engaging opportunities during their Warrior Time. The community focus is to benefit WMS and outside of our building. We realized that students wanted to be challenged to think critically, promote our school to the community, and to have FUN while learning! Current programs are Google Coding, planetarium presentations to our community, robotics, recycling and dramatic arts. All students are involved in Warrior Time.

### OUR STEPS

Our teachers continue to offer new opportunities to our students each year. For the 2016-2017 school year, we are excited to offer additional Warrior Time classes where students will be building and launching rockets and starting a gardening club which will provide students and staff with fresh vegetables and herbs. We are also beginning an educational partnership with POLYWOOD to teach the recycling process to our students, challenging them to be eco-friendly while we will earn our own recycled furniture.

### IN OUR OWN WORDS

"It was very inspiring to watch these kids show their knowledge and interest during the planetarium presentation. It shows the hard work that the students, teachers, and School Corporation have put into Warrior Time."-School Board member & Parent Rob Fisher

"Our daughter benefited so much from the drama program last year. She gained confidence, strengthened friendships, & learned new skills during Warrior Time. Thanks to Mrs. Nguyen for being such an encourager and putting forth so much extra time and effort for these kids!!"-Parent Diana Clark

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