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WLA 1st Battalion Back to School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Cadets, and Families,

The WLA staff is eager to get back in the swing of things with another amazing school year. This year, we will be implementing several changes to help us improve instruction, safety, and the overall experience at Willamette Leadership Academy. This includes things like new finishes on classroom floors, a transition from the old CBLs document to a new, re-tooled "Cadet Handbook," and more. Throughout these many different transitions, if you have any questions or concerns - either about policy, process, expectations, or academics, please feel free to reach out to your student's officers and NCOs. We are all happy to help in any way possible.

1st Battalion Open House - Friday, Sept 20th. 12pm-8pm

On Friday, Sept. 20th, all 1st Battalion staff will be on hand from 12-8pm to meet with parents and discuss concerns, expectations, and answer questions. Bring your cadet and come meet their teachers.

Flag Patches

You may have noticed some cadets with a different left shoulder patch on their uniforms this year - American flags. Over the summer, WLA began severing ties with PYCO, our old management organization. This year, PYCO patches on uniforms are slowly being replaced with American flag patches to reflect this change in management. Currently, flag patches are being applied to new blouses being issued, and they will be applied to blouses if they are submitted for maintenance. After the first few weeks of the year, we will start swapping out PYCO patches by company. More information will be released later.

Planners

At basic training, each cadet received a planner. These planners will be used across the battalion in every class to help cadets keep track of assignments and homework. At the start of each class, instructors will explain the day's activities and cadets will write them down in their planner before beginning class. These planners should be taken home by the cadet every day so they can be reviewed and signed by a parent daily. Planners will be checked and graded daily by their 1st Sergeant or company commander. Cadets will receive one point for filling out their planner each day and one point for receiving a parent signature. A cadet's 1st Sergeant or company officer may approve alternate adults or responsible relatives to sign planners.

Progress Reports on Wednesdays

Like last year, each cadet will receive a weekly progress report to take home and get signed. These progress reports will be sent home on Wednesdays. Parents should review these reports, sign them, and send them back with the cadet, as they will be counted as a grade at school in their academic advising class.



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Early Graduation Requests

If a junior or senior cadet has a valid reason for needing to graduate early, they will need to meet with their company officer or 1st Sergeant first to review their transcript and determine if it is even feasible for the cadet to complete all graduation requirements ahead of their normal graduation date. After the feasibility of this has been determined, LTC Migliaccio will issue paperwork and arrange a meeting with the family.

Cadet Handbook

In past years, we have had a rule book known as the CBLS that dictated how WLA was run and laid out things like uniform codes, discipline procedures, military courtesy, etc. Over the summer, as part of cutting ties with PYCO, WLA created its own handbook of rules and regulations, which is now called the "WLA Cadet Handbook." Due to the high cost of printing this 50 page handbook, it is only being provided in hard-copy form to new cadets and is available online for everyone else. All cadets are being educated on the new manual during basic training at both battalions.

Cadet Parking Privileges

For most of the school year, cadets will be expected to apply for and obtain a parking permit if they wish to park on campus. During the first 2-3 weeks of the school year, there will be a grace period to allow cadets proper time to fill out and return paperwork to apply for a parking permit. Applications for parking permits can be obtained in HQ at the WLA 1st Battalion. This school year, we will be partnering with Puddle Jumper Towing to enforce parking on campus for cadets who do not have the required parking permit, but only after other disciplinary actions have failed. More information about these steps of corrective action and towing for parking violations will be sent home to all parents before towing is implemented on campus.

1st Battalion's Expanded Library

Last year, CPT Thomas earned two grants from the Springfield Education Association to help us expand our library. Her goal was to include titles that will help meet the needs of cadets at various reading levels and that will help to keep cadets interested in reading. She has done an outstanding job of organizing the library and getting it ready for cadets this year. We hope it will be ready by the 2nd or 3rd week of school. She has laid some ground rules for the library, which are listed on the next page.

New Staff at 1st Battalion

This year, we have a few new faces at WLA 1st Battalion.

- 2LT Pugh is a student teacher with LT Graves, who will be with us for approximately 13 weeks assisting with social studies courses. She may be contacted through LT Graves.
- MSG Rogers is a new recruit who is excited to be assisting LT Thompson this year
- CPT Steckler is excited to come over from the 2nd Battalion to teach Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1 and Geometry with us.
- WO1 Edwards is our new IT consultant, addressing all our internet, phone, and networking needs. He is a US Army veteran, and has already been making a big impact on our IT network.



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Library Rules

1. You may check out one book at a time. This book must be returned before you can check out another book.
2. Books may be kept for 3 weeks. If books are not returned by that time, you will be charged 10 cents a day until the book is returned.
3. Notices will be handed out if you have a book that is overdue. Please try to return them by the due date because other students may be waiting for their chance to read the book.
4. Books that are lost or ruined must be paid for. Price is determined by current market price, not on any price previously listed on the book.
5. If your book is not returned within 4 weeks, your parents will be notified of the book that needs to be returned and the cost to replace it. They will be charged this price if you do not return the book.
6. Remember to be quiet in the library as this space is also used for students to work on schoolwork. Be considerate of others!
7. You may write book suggestions on the pieces of paper provided. If you want to be notified if we get that book in, be sure to include your name on the piece of paper.
8. Please be aware that placing an open book down on a flat surface will damage the book's spine. We want to take care of our books!
9. Check out books through the library teacher. She will check them out to you through our library system.
10. When you return them, put them in the crate provided for them. Do not return them to the shelves! If they are not checked in through the teacher, they will still be checked out to you according to our system and you will still be responsible for them.
11. Never, ever pass a book along to a friend without going through the correct check in/check out process!! You will be held responsible for the book until you check it in properly.

This Year's Companies and Staff Assignments

<u>Company</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>NCO</u>
Echo	12	LT Hovey	1SG Peel
Delta	11	CPT North	1SG Peel
Bravo	10	LT Thompson	MSG Rogers
Charlie	10	CPT Steckler	1SG Pauli
Foxtrot	9	LT Graves	1SG Stewart
Golf	9	LT Lengele	1SG Stewart