



1st Battalion

November 2018 Update



Hello everyone,

Welcome to November - the month where school calendars look more like swiss cheese. We had a strong first quarter here at 1st Battalion, yet new challenges face us as we face the challenges that inclement weather and winter holidays are sure to throw our way soon.

WLA Facebook Page:

We have a new home on facebook! Our facebook page is titled “WLA - Willamette Leadership Academy.” We will be using it as a convenient means to share information on upcoming events, fundraisers, and school closures or delays. To access our page quickly, go to “<https://tinyurl.com/willametteleadership>” or search on Facebook for Willamette Leadership Academy. Feel free to share it with friends, family, and those who might be interested in attending or supporting us.

Inclement Weather Announcements:

This year, announcements regarding school closures and delays for the WLA 1st Battalion will be posted in the following locations:

1. Flash Alert: <https://www.flashalert.net/id/WLA>
2. WLA Facebook Page: <https://tinyurl.com/willametteleadership>
3. Local news media outlets

Normally, decisions about closing or delaying school will be made no later than 5:45AM since our busses run so early in the morning. We also are working on developing a system of delayed bell schedules, snow/ice routes for busses, and delayed bus schedules. Keep an eye out for more information.

PSA:

Willamette Leadership Academy (both battalions) is working to reinstate our Parent - Student Association (PSA). ***There will be an informational night on Wed. November 28th at 1st Battalion at 6pm*** (1800). This has been changed from the previous time of 4pm to allow for more people to attend. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, helping support the school, assisting in recruitment, or want to find other ways to help out, come pop in. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Grants:

I am pleased to announce that three of our staff members were recently awarded Innovative Educator Grants through the Springfield Education Foundation.

1. LT Hovey was awarded funding to purchase a class set of graphing calculators to use for math and science.
2. LT Gutierrez was awarded funding to purchase cooking equipment for her beginning food course
3. Our school was also awarded almost \$2000 to purchase over 100 different books to help us start up a school library.

Don't forget to read the back side for important reminders!

Uniform Reminders:

1. WLA water bottles are part of the school uniform. They are the only authorized water bottle to be used on campus. Prices have been cut to \$3, and we are looking at a more durable style on our next shipment due to popular demand.
2. ALL CADETS need reflective green PT belts regardless of if they take the bus or not. Every cadet should have been issued one as part of their uniform - if not, they need to check with their NCO and get one ASAP. If a belt buckle is broken or the belt tears, a new belt needs to be purchased. Cadets are encouraged to write their name on the inside of the belt. New PT belts are \$3.00.
3. PT belts MUST be worn by ALL CADETS on the way to and from school regardless of time of day, how light it is outside, or if the cadet is being driven to/from school.
4. ALL CADETS should have their ID card on them at all times in their breast pocket with a copy of the WLA standing orders. This is part of the uniform and helps us manage security.
5. Cadets will NOT be allowed to ride the WLA bus without their ID card and will soon not be allowed on without a PT belt.

Cadet Driving Privileges:

This is a reminder that cadets must apply for driving privileges if they would like to drive themselves to & from school. Forms and instructions are available in HQ. Approved cadets will be issued a parking pass. Cadets must request a new parking pass each quarter so we can check to make sure they still meet requirements for privileges. Parking privileges will soon be enforced by Puddle Jumper Towing.

Recent Awards for Quarter 1:

Top Academic Company: Foxtrot Co.
Top Marching Company: Charlie Co.
Top Company Points: Foxtrot Co.
Top Overall Company: Foxtrot Co.
Promotion to Corporal: CPL. Alvord, Isaiah (9th grade Corporal - way to go!)

Upcoming Events & Dates:

Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 7 No School - Staff Inservice
Dec. 24 - Jan. 4 Winter Break

Here's to a joyous winter!

~LTC Migliaccio