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The Wapakoneta Middle School staff is excited about their start to the 2017-2018 school year. To assist fifth grade students with their transition, WMS provided both parents and students two opportunities to attend an orientation when students picked up their schedules and, most importantly, a chance to practice opening their lockers. After the first hour of schedule pick-up, orientation began in the auditorium with a PowerPoint covering important information. Our sixth and seventh grade students were also given two opportunities to pick up their schedules, decorate their lockers, and walk their schedule.

The Thursday evening before school, we hosted our Back to School Celebration where students could meet their teachers and walk the building one more time before school started. It was a packed house! Thanks to Julie Koch, Kim Dirr, Mark Koch, and Kristi Fisher for organizing these events. A lot of preparation goes into a 1-hour event and WMS was very prepared. Also a huge thank you to local law enforcement for providing hot dogs for the event.

A change to the fifth grade student schedule is the addition of D.A.R.E in their health class. This allows Deputy Blank and Mr. Davis the opportunity to focus in on two classes at a time versus all two hundred thirty students during the same time period. Fifth graders typically take 12 forty-minute periods to focus on the content needed to graduate from D.A.R.E. in May.