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Wapakoneta Middle School staff is excited about their start to the 2016-2017 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, practiced 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 Tuesday 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 2-hour event and WMS was very prepared.

A change to the daily student schedule is the addition of a Makerspace in their study hall. A Makerspace is a place where people can gather to create, invent, and learn. Study Hall is now a balance of the Makerspace, reading, interventions, and studying. Last week, the students worked on building a structure with one cube as the base. Students used cups, tongue depressors, and one cube to build the highest structure possible. Thanks to Dawn Rankin, Marty Eaton, Sarah Pack, and Jeni Barnes for organizing and running this space.