



**WMRSD Leaders and Learners – Your Community Connection
White Mountains Regional School District**

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At Whitefield Elementary School

The Whitefield chapter of The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is comprised of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who maintain an exemplary academic record and place strong emphasis on citizenship, the importance of community service, building positive leadership strategies, and maintaining a strong personal character. On a daily basis, they encourage each other to demonstrate the habits of mind and ethics that are at the core of what it means to be a junior honor society member at the Whitefield School.

Our junior honor society members are doing what they can to improve the lives of those around them. They help kindergarten students select books in the library, practice appropriate manners in the cafeteria, and put on their winter clothes. They plan and facilitate three dance/game nights a year, including the much anticipated semi-formal dance planned for Friday, May 15th. They raise and lower our school's flags with pride every day before and after school. Currently, they are working on raising enough money with the annual carnation and valentine message sale to sponsor a scholarship for a graduating senior who attended our school from grades 3-8. The sales will begin January 31st and run through Thursday, February 13th.

In the very near future, we will be looking for eligible candidates for induction. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is both an honor and a responsibility. To be eligible a candidate must be in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, have an average of 85% or better in all his/her classes, and have no more than 2 major behavioral reports for the academic year. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship by the school's faculty and staff. All candidates selected for induction are invited to respond to a set of questions in the form of a written essay of personal reflection. Only those candidates who complete this reflective process shall be considered for induction. The final selection of each member to the chapter is determined by the faculty council following a group discussion requires approval of the Principal. This year's selection process begins on February 3, 2020.

At Lancaster Elementary School

The Lancaster Elementary School is excited to have White Mountain Science, Inc. (WMSI) back again for its 4th year. WMSI's Mobile STEM Lab will be visiting Lancaster School once a week for 10 weeks starting January 27th. The STEM Lab is an after school program led by the talented staff of White Mountain Science. Twenty students in grades 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities. Students will be working with Lego Mindstorms EV3 to make walking robots, noise-making robots and sensor games. They will also have the chance to work with animation techniques, virtual reality gaming, Scratch storytelling, interactive mapping, and Minecraft city design. Questions about this program may be directed at Isabelle Kleinschrodt, grade 6 science teacher, at Lancaster School.

At White Mountains Regional High School

At first glance, the Unified Sports Teams (soccer, basketball, outdoor track, and volleyball) appear like any other NHIAA sanctioned Varsity sport, but they are so much more! Since 2014, White Mountains Regional High School has participated in Unified Basketball, Division 1.



Unified Basketball is an important part of the culture at WMRHS because it unites all segments of our student population. This inclusive, co-ed team promotes unity, friendship, and sportsmanship above winning. “Partners” are students who take leadership and teaching roles on the team to assist the “Athletes.” “Athletes” are students who need extra support and encouragement to participate on an athletic team. Together, they embody the characteristics that lead to a school culture of not just learning, but acceptance.

So far, the 2019-2020 WMRHS Unified Basketball season has been off to a great start. On Thursday, January 9th, the Spartans hosted their first home game of the season against Winnisquam High School’s Unified team. There were many returning Spartan Partners and Athletes as well as new faces. The Spartans won their first game of the season with a score of 52-44. Afterwards, both teams, in the spirit of good sportsmanship, celebrated together with a pizza party. The team then travelled to Berlin High School on January 13th for their first away game. The Spartans put forth great effort but, in the end, were defeated 56-40. They will continue to represent Sparta with pride and inclusiveness for the rest of the season.

