



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

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At Whitefield Elementary School

Whitefield School is full once again and the energy of students has brought life back to the building. Over the summer, classrooms and materials were moved back into their more traditional configuration and Unified Arts has returned to their instructional spaces. The first few weeks of school are focused on helping students get back into the daily routine. They are relearning and practicing a number of Common Routines that will help everyone navigate the day safely and efficiently and also teach real world skills for making their way through the community. Things like walking down the hallway, waiting in the line for lunch, hand and respiratory hygiene, meal etiquette, and emergency procedures are a focus. They are also developing the classroom and building a social climate where safety, inclusion, and a focus on personal academic growth are built. Once the foundations are set, they will be gathering baseline data to determine where students are in their literacy, math, and writing skills. This data will drive core instruction as well as small group targeted instruction over the next few months. Their goals for this year are built broadly around communication, high leverage academic strategies, and social-emotional learning. More specifics on these goals will follow. WES appreciates the support and patience everyone has given as they ramp their school back up and polish up the rough edges. WES wishes everyone a great year!

At Lancaster Elementary School

Lancaster School would like to welcome the following new staff members!

Jennifer Bulson - Grade 5/6 Math
Melissa DeRivera - English Language Arts
Carina Heredia - School Nurse
Beverly Hines - Pre-K Paraprofessional
Debra Hook - K-4 Counselor
MacKenzie Hunt - Speech Assistant
Mitra Karimian - Science
Amy Kopp - Assistant Principal
Hunter McLeod - Special Education Case Manager
Shawna Puglia - Pre-K Paraprofessional
Erika Proulx - Special Education Case Manager
Elena Nilhas - Pre-K Teacher
Molly Tobin - Music Instruction
Anna Velardi - Special Education Case Manager

Heidi Vestal - Grade 4 Teacher
Kristy Wells - Special Education Case Manager

At White Mountains Regional High School

And just like that, another school year is upon us! WMRHS is excited to welcome back their returning students and to welcome the Class of 2025 to the high school. It is nice to have everyone in the building



five days a week and move towards as much normalcy as can safely be had. Getting back to the traditions and community events that make Sparta special has been something they have looked forward to all summer – and they didn't have to wait long to jump right in!

Homecoming week saw many great events planned, both during and after school. Thursday saw the reveal of the Senior Rock out by the soccer field and taking the school photo. WMRHS was excited to bring back the homecoming parade Thursday evening. On Friday, students spent the afternoon outside participating in games and activities before a homecoming pep rally. They finished the evening off with the return of the bonfire. Saturday was the main event with sporting events starting at 9:00am and wrapping up with the boys soccer team playing at 3:00pm. It was a fun-filled day cheering on Spartan athletes.

WMRHS is just over two weeks into the new school year but they have hit the ground running and are excited for what is sure to be a great school year!