



**WMRSD Leaders and Learners – Your Community Connection
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At Whitefield Elementary School

Over the past few weeks, students in grades three through eight have been working with plaster, creating three-dimensional sculptures with pariscraft. Pariscraft is gauze, dipped in plaster. Once dried, it is rolled up and shipped to pariscraft artists. This material is helpful, as it dries harder than paper mache. Artists learned about the plaster artist, George Segal, who created life size human sculptures, which have been exhibited all over the world. In the younger grades, students are creating plaster masks. They used plastic forms to help create a base for students to expand off of. In the older grades, students created their own forms out of wire, newspaper, and tape to create their own three-dimensional piece. Some students created masks, while others created animals and commonplace objects.



At Lancaster Elementary School



LES would like to congratulate the 3rd grade class for completing their first writing excerpt of the year! Throughout the last few weeks, these hard-working 3rd graders have been developing their small moment narrative writing piece. After a few drafts and working diligently for weeks, many of the students were able to complete their works and share them with their peers.

LES' 3rd graders have now grabbed their passports and set out on a holiday adventure around the world! In this collaborative group project, students have been studying the holiday customs from Mexico, Sweden, Italy, France, Australia, and Germany. Each group has researched information about their country's traditional meals, holiday feasts, holiday figures, and history. Along the way, they have been creating holiday crafts, illustrations, maps, and informational graphics that will be used to create a beautiful poster display.

As a culminating celebration, LES staff will be invited on December 20th for a gallery walk where they can check out all of the student's hard work and listen to their presentations. Stay tuned for pictures on the Lancaster Elementary website and Facebook page!



At White Mountains Regional High School

Throughout the year, WMRHS students spend dozens of hours volunteering in the local community for a multitude of events and organizations. These values, generosity, and community engagement are key components in the 'Image of a Spartan Graduate.' This year is no different, as the student-organized Toys for Tots drive is well under way collecting spare change and hundreds of coloring books, pencils, markers, and crayons. The JROTC program completed a drive to collect personal hygiene, snacks, and sundries for U.S. service members serving overseas. One of the student's brothers is serving in the Middle East and helped them with the planning. They collected over 1,240 items to send to active military members. Sergeant Major Michael Bruno indicated that students "genuinely felt that they were creating a positive experience for the service members who are away from home; particularly during the holidays when it may be more difficult for them." A few weeks ago, students in The National Honor Society helped organize a food drive in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Over 800 items were brought in by students from all grade levels to help stock local food pantries during such an important time. Camille Marceau was one of the students organizing this event. She is a strong supporter of volunteer service during high school explaining that, "it's a great way to get to know those in your community and to create connections, which is another thing I truly value, especially as a Spartan." As in years past, a small school of Spartans have come together to help make a big difference here in Coos County!