

Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



Issue 2

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Dear Whitefield Elementary School Community,

We have had a very successful start to the school year. Thank you to students and staff for enduring the heat in such a positive and productive way. As we begin the school year, I wanted to let everyone know that there is a school theme for the year, which is "At Whitefield Elementary, We Have Pride Inside!" The school will be committing to this theme and designing activities during the year in order to promote it throughout the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as principal during the first two weeks of school. Great things are happening at Whitefield. Mr. Deblois, new principal of Whitefield School, will be returning from his surgery on Monday, September 10th. Welcome back Mr. Deblois!

Sincerely,
Howard Tuttle
Superintendent

Mr. Deblois will be returning on Monday, most likely for half days to start. Welcome Back!

Office: Please remember to turn in your student information packets if you have not already done so. It is very important that we receive these so that we can keep our information up to date. Please remember to send your child to school with a note if they are going to a different destination on the bus after school. It helps to avoid last minute phone calls to the school, which can make dismissal very chaotic. We appreciate the advance notice and thank you for not calling with these changes after 2:00 p.m. Early drop off is at 7:30am. Please do not drop students off before then.

Health: If your child has an allergy requiring an epipen or asthma that has been diagnosed by a doctor and requires an inhaler, please bring their action plans and medications into the school as soon as possible.

PTA News: ***The PTA will be meeting on Tuesday, September 11th at 5:30 pm in the conference room. We love seeing new faces and encourage people to come check us out. We meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 5:30 pm. Feel free to bring your children with you. We do fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds for things like field trips, classroom supplies, the school food bank, field day and many other needs of our School. Hope to see you all there while we plan out our next school year.***

Kitchen: There is now an easier way to pay your students lunch bill online! Please go to our school website, under parents is "My School Bucks" and sign up there! Just as a reminder when sending money in for lunch accounts, please be sure to label it with the name of your student(s) and the amount(s) to be deposited into their account. We also encourage everyone to fill out the Free and Reduced Lunch form. It is open to everyone! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kara Waller or Amanda Lincoln in the kitchen.

Click below to check out the Whitefield School Collaborative Problem-Solving Project!

<http://www.svrsu.org/o/whes/page/whitefield-collaborative-problem-solving-project>

Grades Pre K- 1

Pre K: We have had a great week. The students are adjusting well to the classroom rules and routines. We began talking about different feelings and emotions. Ask your child to tell you about a new feeling/emotion they learned. It was great to see so many of you at Open House. Thank you for visiting! Have a great weekend.

Beck: The K Krew has been busy learning routines! Our rules in the K class are: 1. Stay in your spot. 2. Quiet voices and kind words. 3. Follow teacher directions. 4. Keep your body to yourself. Please go over them with your child. We started working in our Handwriting Without Tears booklets on the letters E and F. Have a great weekend!

Lamothe: What a busy week! The students are settling into their daily routine and making new friends. We did "Me Bags" on Wednesday and shared 3 items that describe our personality. We reviewed our alphabet letters and numbers 1-10 along with practicing how to write our names. The students are familiar with our Stoplight Behavior Chart and know the consequences of their choices. Students will be tested by Title 1 by the end of this week, which will determine their readability level. We'll start our RED folders within the next several weeks. Thanks to all the parents who sent in clothes for their child in their "Just In Case Bag." Having an extra set on hand in the case of an emergency is helpful.

Grades 2-4

Brewer: Another very productive week in Grade 2. This week we began Everyday Math. We talked about where we find numbers in the world and working with number lines. We reviewed addition facts and learned some new strategies. We continued to review rules and procedures and talked more about Whole Body Listening and Tattling. Students picked out their Read to Self spot and we practiced building stamina. They received their Work Folders and got introduced to our spelling process. Title 1 finished DRA testing on all the students, so I can determine appropriate leveled books to send home in the RED bags. Ask your child to tell you about James and the Giant Peach, our read aloud. Thank you to the Ripley family for the paper towels.

Northrup: We had a productive and busy week in Grade 3. The kiddos continued to review rules and procedures, started cursive, took an Everyday Math assessment, began work on our geography unit, and had lots of fun!!! We will be doing NWEA testing on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. NWEA testing in 3rd grade consists of math, reading, and language arts. Please be sure your child gets lots of rest this weekend. I noticed many kiddos were very tired this week. Reading Logs are due EVERY Friday. I am asking the children to read 100 minutes per week. Student of the Week- Thomas

Trask: The students will be taking NWEA tests next week. Please have them get a plenty of rest each night.

We are slowly transitioning from summer mindsets to school mindsets. This is a challenge for some of the kids.

Also, on the school supply list I asked that kids do not bring toys from home. Please make sure that your child doesn't because it becomes a distraction for them and others.

Middle School News

Cullenberg: It was great to see those of you who showed up at Open House on Wednesday. The fifth graders have done a great job settling into the daily routines. I am pleased by what I have seen so far. Please remember to check their Take Home Folder and Assignment Book daily. Both of those items should come to school daily. Thank you.

McCormick: This has been a busy week. Ask your seventh grader what biotic and abiotic factors are. Have your sixth grader tell you about the earth layer model that they made. Don't forget to discuss long term goals with your 8th grader, to find out what they are planning to get out of this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions as they arise.

Mathews: Thank you to all the students and parents who made it to our Open House. This past week students continued to think deeply about characters. Each student should be reading for 30 minutes at home each night and continuing reflections in their notebooks. Next week we will begin writing units as follows: 6th grade- Personal Narrative, 7th grade- Writing Realistic Fiction, 8th

Howard: All classes were able to complete their Math NWEAs so that we can begin working in groups. Students have practiced logging into their various online learning programs (which they can do at home!).

Resource News

Brann: It was nice to meet parents at the Open House this week. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's special education services, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I will be covering grades K-8 this year.

Grady/Richards: This week and next week we will be focusing on DRA testing (developmental reading assessment) grades 1-3. After those are completed we will begin to pick up our Title 1 students. Have a wonderful weekend.

Frankhauser: Speech/language services will be

grade- Investigative Journalism. Please reach out to me through phone or email (nmathews@svrsu.org) with any questions, or to just chat.

on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays this school year. I can be reached at sfrankhauser@svrsu.org.



Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: The lesson this week was about the use of line in art. The 4th and 5th graders task was to try a 'crazy hair' portrait using only line to create the patterns of the hair. Come check out our colorful and silly "Bad Hair Day" portraits hanging in the hallway by the art room.

Abbott: It was great seeing everyone at open house! This week in technology, 3rd grade learned where the home row is and practiced typing with their fingers on the correct keys. This is the start of a basic typing unit. 4th graders began a long, and more in depth typing program this week, called Dance Matt Typing. Kindergarten continues to learn basic computer navigation skills and vocabulary (mouse, keyboard, screen, click). 1st grade is working on internet navigation skills, and 2nd grade got their technology overview.

Please submit your child's Read to Ride summer reading sheet by Monday, September 10th for a chance to win our school level drawing!

Simpson: Students in grades 3-8 have begun fitness testing. I am so impressed with how hard everyone is working to get the best score they possibly can!

Morgan: It's time to start thinking about joining band or chorus!

6th Band - Tuesdays 10:30 - 11

7/8 Band - Thursday 9:45 - 10:25

6-8 Chorus - Thursdays 10:30 - 11

Have a great weekend!