

Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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Principal's Message

This week marks my return to school after my unplanned and untimely emergency surgery. While it will be a few weeks before I am back full-time, it feels wonderful to be engaging with the staff and students of WES. My own absence from school becomes an example of the difficulties and challenges absence from school can create for students and staff alike. The lack of continuity within curriculum acquisition and the loss of the interpersonal interactions that are so critical to the educational process becomes lost when absences occur and, despite everyone's best efforts, these elements are not easily replicated. My recommendation to all WES parents is to please attempt to have your children at school each day it is in session. There will certainly be times where an illness will preclude a child's participation in school. Those are what we term essential absences. With that being said, I encourage you all to limit your child's times away from school to just those essential times. Your child's educational progress and growth will benefit.

Office: 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.

Health: Parents of 7th graders, please make sure your child is up to date with vaccines. There are new state laws requiring that all children entering 7th grade are required to have a Tdap booster as well as MCV4 (for meningitis prevention). If your child does not get these vaccines in a timely manner they will need to be excluded from school. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

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! 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 are continuing to talk about different feelings and emotions. The students are doing a great job expressing how they feel. Thank you to all the families that attended Read with Me. Have a great weekend!

Beck: The K Krew is practicing routines and procedures. We are trying to learn our classroom rules and to get along in a group. We have talked about 3 star coloring and are trying to: 1. Stay inside the lines. 2. Make the white go away. 3. Use the right colors when we work. In Writing, we practiced the letters E and F. In Mystery Science, we learned about the most dangerous animal in the world. Ask your child if they remember what the most dangerous animal is (the mosquito)! The Kindergarten room could use tissues and paper towels. Have a great weekend!

Lamothe: DRA testing is completed. NWEA testing is next week for first grade. I will be sending home RED Folders as soon as I have the NWEA scores. (most likely on Thursday) In Math we have been reviewing our numbers 1-20 and working on the concept of greater and less than. The

Grades 2-4

Brewer: Grade 2 started Mystery Science this week. Students developed a model of the earth's surface and used it to discover an important principle about how rivers work. We learned how water flows from high to low, and how many rivers start up in mountains or hilly areas, and ultimately flow out towards the sea. You can encourage your child's curiosity at home! If you know where your nearest stream or creek is, plan a trip to go visit it! Once you get there, ask your child if he/she can figure out which direction it's flowing. In math, we figured out how adding to ten can help us solve other facts quickly. We started work in reading groups this week in preparation of an upcoming Literacy Block with Mrs. Lamothe's class. We are learning the rules and procedures of reading groups so we will be fully prepared to begin Literacy Block in October. Thank you to the Thompson family for the donation of paper towels and the MOrrow family for the donation of snacks. We will begin NWEA testing next week.

Northrup: NWEA testing is done!!! YEAH!!! The kiddos gave 100% effort. Title 1 has finished DRA (reading) testing on all of the kiddos. We will begin reading groups on Monday during our Literacy Block. Spelling words will be coming home today. Please

students practiced rotating through centers with a focus on how to transition safely and quietly. In Mystery Science we learned why our bodies sweat when we play sports or exercise in PE. Many thanks to the parents who sent in extra needed classroom supplies! Your contribution is appreciated. Star Student is Chloey.

go over these with your child. Student of the Week- Audrey WISH LIST- paper towels and tissues

Trask: This week I have started the class Homework page. Parents can go to the Whitefield homepage, check my name, and see any homework that your child may have each day.

Middle School News

Cullenberg: This week the fifth graders stated the long process of making a globe. They were able to cover a ball with mache. The students did a very good job with this project. They also started reading the awesome book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In math, we are beginning the year working with Place Value

McCormick: We spent time this week in all classes setting SMART goals and making plans to achieve them. Please ask your student what they are working on this month. Also, ask them to show you their growth graph that illustrates progress in science and social studies on their Habits on Mind and Standard Scores.

Mathews: Students have started working on writing units. The units are: 6th- Personal Narratives, 7th- Realistic Fiction, and 8th- Investigative Journalism. I am incredibly excited about the creativity shown by students. As we progress, we will be working on turning this creativity (and great humor) into thoughtful pieces of writing. I have already seen a huge growth in confidence. Please make sure your student is completing homework. This will be integral to their grade, and more important, their academic growth. Check this link for homework each night: <https://goo.gl/WYai8b>. If you have questions about the curriculum or how to support your student, I encourage you to reach out to me. Have a great weekend!

Howard: 8th graders all decided to work on Geometry first (voice and choice). By allowing students to have some choice in their learning, I am hoping that they will be more enthusiastic in their learning. Geometry is a favorite and we will be learning about transformations. All grades have completed their NWEAs and we will begin grouping and individual work - 7th grade will be working with ratios and 6th grade is working on greatest common factors and least common denominators. All students are encouraged to do some work at home online if possible. If your child needs a quiet place to work, we offer Academic Support Monday, Tuesday & Thursday after school until 3:30. Have a great weekend.

Resource News

Brann: Students put forth their best effort on the NWEAs! Results will help guide their individualized instruction. Please check with your child every night to see if he or she has homework assignments to complete. If you are concerned about assignments, please contact homeroom teachers or me.

Grady/Richards: The testing is done, and reading baskets are full. We will be sending out paperwork to be signed (it needs to be completed each year). Please send it back as soon as possible so we can begin services. If you are concerned about your child and he/she is not receiving services, please speak with your homeroom teacher. Thank you, and have a wonderful weekend.



Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: 7th grade has taken on the task of the “Pride Inside” bulletin board. As a group we brainstormed what this slogan meant to them individually, in our school and our community. They came up with some great ideas and we’re hoping to have the board decorated by this Friday.

Abbott: Congratulations to the school-level winners for the READ to RIDE summer reading challenge! Daniel Bickford and Oryanna Winchenbach will be entered into the state-level drawing for a chance to win a bicycle!

Simpson: Notice to Pre-k parents! PE classes will begin next week. They will have PE on Thursday mornings. Please dress your child in comfortable clothing and sneakers so they can move easily and safely!

Morgan: This week we started band and chorus for grades 6-8. I am excited that we have so many middle school students trying out chorus this year. 5th grade students will be receiving beginning band info next week. I plan to hold a meeting about beginning band for parents on **Thursday, September 27th at 6:30pm** in the music room.

Have a great weekend!