

Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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Principal's Message

NWEA Testing @ WES in Progress

Students in grades 1-8 are moving through the administration of the NWEA testing. This assessment helps us not only note progress in key content areas, typically reading and mathematics, but these results are also used to set target goals for improvement of skills. WES students take the NWEA in the fall and then again in the spring to measure progress throughout the school year. The NWEA is taken on a computer and teachers are able to access scores almost immediately. This information informs teachers of needs and assists them in determining the best instructional strategies to utilize with each individual student. Ask your child how things have gone as he/she takes the assessment and be sure to ask your child's teacher to share their interpretation of your student's results with you during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Office: If you have not already done so, please fill out and return the beginning of the school year paperwork.

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.

Sports: Please come support the WES soccer team! There are two home games on Saturday!

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 had a great week exploring nature; using outside materials in the sand table, painting, and at the science center. We have been practicing letter and name recognition. The students had their first week in PE and did a great job. Thank you Krista for supplying the class with new playdoh. It has been put to use by many.

Beck: The K Krew is working on the Letter B this week. We made butterflies to decorate our room with and made B with buttons and bandaids! We will be harvesting our pumpkins from the Marple's pumpkin patch next week. Watch for a field trip permission slip to come home soon. We will bring the pumpkins back to school. We plan to do some pumpkin sorting, seed counting, measuring etc. Pumpkins will be for sale to benefit the PTA/school programs, so watch for further information. Please check backpacks before children come to school. We have had many toys and stuffies coming to school lately. We don't want them to break/get lost. Thank you!

Lamothe: The first graders will be harvesting pumpkins next Tuesday morning. Permission slips were sent home on Wednesday, September 19th. Please be sure they are returned ASAP. "RED" Read Everyday Bags went home yesterday, September 20th. Instructions were included. The children are excited to have leveled books to bring home to read to their parents. Our grade 1-2 Literacy Block

Grades 2-4

Brewer: This week in Mystery Science we learned how water shapes the earth's surface. Our mystery was called, "Why is there sand at the beach?" We learned how rivers can be powerful enough to carry rocks and slam them into each other, breaking them into smaller and smaller pieces along the way. From the results of their investigation, they constructed an explanation for why there is sand at a beach. Be sure to ask a second grader. We continue practicing rules and procedure of Literacy Block in preparation of it beginning October 1. In math, we are working on odd and even numbers and skip counting. We could use extra snacks for the classroom.

Northrup: Third grade had a great week!!! We worked in reading groups, learned about directionality in geography, wrote in our journals, reviewed concepts from EDM, and

will begin Oct. 1st. Students are working on independent work skills along with following classroom rules during transitions. Some math skills that we worked on this week included counting 1-20 and recognition of number words. Mr. Deblois was our guest reader on Tuesday. The students were attentive and enjoyed listening to the chapter book he started. He is planning on visiting our classroom each Tuesday to read to the children.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER... NOW THAT THE CHILDREN HAVE SETTLED IN SO WELL TO OUR ROUTINE, FIRST GRADE STUDENTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE LOBBY AT THE START OF EACH DAY. THIS HELPS THEM FOSTER A SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE AND A FEELING OF BEING SUCCESSFUL ON THEIR OWN.

had our first spelling test!!!! Please be sure your child is prepared for the day. Many children are missing folders, homework, and snacks. Student of the Week- Jaxon

Trask: The following are our daily specials.
Monday:PE, Tuesday: Music and Tech, Wednesday: Art
Thursday: Music and PE, Friday: Library.
There have been some questions about the days of our specials. If anything changes I will inform you.

Middle School News

Cullenberg: The fifth graders are enjoying the book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We have been able to learn a lot about the characters as we read this book together. The students have been learning about decimals in math classes this week. They are also gathering information about the 7 continents. This information will be useful as they continue the globe making process.

McCormick:NJHS students are headed to Thomaston tomorrow to volunteer at the Color Run. Have a nice weekend!

Mathews: Students worked very hard over the past few weeks completing their Reading and Language NWEA tests. Aside from testing, all grades have completed initial writing units with great success! Students are working to revise reading and writing work to improve understanding. Please ask your student to show you their reading and writing notebooks.

Howard: 8th grade is working with transformations of shapes on the coordinate plane: translations, reflections and rotations. 7th grade has begun work with ratios and rates - ask them how to calculate a unit rate. 6th grade is also working with ratios and they are using visual models to compare. Congratulations to the Soccer team on their Win this week.

Resource News

Brann: Please check-in with your child to be sure he or she is keeping up with nightly homework. At the 6-8 grade level, we have students with incomplete assignments. Students have completed the NWEAs and we are proud of their effort! Have a great weekend.

Grady/Richards: We are back in the swing of things. Please encourage your child to do their Title 1 homework. This should only take 5 to 10 minutes, and it will help them to become better readers! Have a wonderful weekend!

Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: Everyone has been hard at work. Our 6th and 7th Graders are participating in the Lions Club Peace poster contest. The theme this year is "Kindness Matters" The deadline is November 15th.

Abbott: NWEA's are done for grades 1-5 - Great job everyone! Any students that need makeups will come to the library to finish next week.

Simpson: If anyone has any gently used sneakers that their kids have outgrown, I would love to have them for my sneaker bin! Students can borrow these for a class if they forget theirs, or sometimes students who can't get their own sneakers keep them to use as their primary footwear. I've even had students trade their old sneakers in for a pair the next size up! I appreciate anything you can donate! Thank you!