

Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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Principal's Message

Bus Monitor Change

Beginning on October 1st we will alter the practice of having assistants on both bus runs. Currently we have staff members who act as bus monitors, assisting the drivers with organization and bus control. This practice is common throughout RSU #12, with the schools who have a Pre K program, and is done at the beginning of the school year to help ease the transition onto the buses for our Pre K students. Starting on October 1st, monitors will only be riding the buses for one run each day. Our drivers have selected the afternoon as the run that they feel would be most useful to have a monitor assisting them. My goal today is to notify all WES parents of this change. We will assess this new practice as we go through the month of October, before making any further alterations.

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: Help your child practice good self care by reviewing these few things: good sleep habits, oral hygiene, how to wash hair and body (along with how often to do it), the benefits of exercising regularly and eating a healthy diet. See the fun reminder sheet that is attached!

Sports: Come cheer on the soccer team! The next home game is tonight - Friday, September 28th vs. Palermo

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

Grades 2-4

Pre K: We had another great week. We are working on recognizing and writing our names, creating amazing structures in the block area, picnicing in dramatic play, and creating a dinosaur habitat in the sand table.

Beck: The K Krew went out to visit the Greenhouse this week. We checked out the fish and saw all the cool things that Mr. Willigar is planting. We had a great time harvesting the pumpkins that were planted last year! We harvested over 300 pumpkins!! Thank you to the Marples and to the NJHS kids for helping us out! Have a great weekend.

Lamothe: The first graders helped harvest the pumpkins that they planted last year. It was a fun filled morning at the Marple's pumpkin patch. Specials thanks to Ms. McCormick and the NJHS. The students were excited to return their RED bags and share how they enjoyed reading to their parents at

Brewer: In Mystery Science this week we solved the mystery: "What's strong enough to make a canyon?" Through a hands-on activity we saw evidence of how water is strong enough to carry rocks, sand, and dirt, and leave behind landforms like canyons. Grade 2 students set GOALS this week and created plans to reach those goals. Some goals included moving up a reading level by Christmas, learning 2X tables by Thanksgiving, putting periods at the end of all telling sentences, and following directions the first time they are given. The students are very excited to get started on their plans so they can reach their goals. We will celebrate each goal met!! In math, we are working hard on mastering addition facts (Mastering +2 was another student's goal). We continue writing in our journals until formal writing instruction begins on October 1, with the arrival of gr. 1-2 Literacy Block!

Northrup: The class earned their marbles and celebrated with the movie Diary of a Wimpy Kid, popcorn, and juice. Literacy Block has been going very smoothly. Ask your child what book he/she is reading during group time. Student of the Week- George

Trask: Fourth grade is a big adjustment for some students.

<p>home. Thanks to the parents for your continued support. In Math we practiced our numbers 1-20 along with an introduction to greater and less than. Journal writing is a favorite of the first graders. We are looking forward to Literacy Block, which begins next week. Reminder... PICTURE DAY IS MONDAY!!! Star Student this week was Aiden C.</p>	<p>Responsibilities increase and accountability is expected. Everything can seem overwhelming at times. These are some of the growing pains in Fourth grade.</p> <p>Many students are accepting the challenge and growing. They are on task in the classroom, passing in homework, paying attention to directions and participating in class discussions. We are working on having pride in ourselves, our work, and our school.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Middle School News</p> <p>Cullenberg: The first month of fifth grade has flown by quickly. This week the students received information about the project for <u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</u>. The project is due on October 10th. Students who need material for the project should see me. They have been working with identifying decimals in math class.</p> <p>McCormick: Many students are losing points on their grade for late or missing work. Please get on jumprope and check their grades. I have been impressed with the overall level of understanding but a little disappointed in the amount of late work that students have been passing in. Please keep asking to see their assignment notebooks and have lots of conversations about what they have for work.</p> <p>Mathews: Students have been working very hard this week investigating how setting shapes characters. More specifically, students have been practicing citing evidence from the book to support their theories. Ask your student to show you the notebooks they have been working in...they are filled with great writing and reflections! All grades have spent time focusing on how to format a formal paper and basic organizational skills.</p>	<p>Howard: 6th grade has really progressed in Ratios and Unit Rates and are moving into finding equivalent ratios. Please ask them how they like Prodigy! 7th grade is working with ratios but they are finding unit rates using fractions. 8th grade is moving into Dilations which is another form of geometric transformations. All grades are now using the NWEA Skills website - this allows students to work on specific individual skills after taking their NWEA assessments. We will be using this to set Winter Goals. Have a nice weekend.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resource News</p> <p>Brann: Students are settling into their daily routines. Please continue to check in with them about their nightly homework. They should be reading every night.</p> <p>Grady/Richards: We will begin literacy block next week. Please read with your child every night and their growth as readers will be a rewarding experience. Have a wonderful weekend!</p>
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Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: 8th graders are currently exploring stop motion animation. We've looked at various animation artists and films such as Wallace and Grommit, Shaun the Sheep, and the Nightmare Before Christmas. This week, we started the filming process. I Look forward to sharing them once they are done. The eighth graders are doing a spectacular job!

Abbott: In technology, 4th grade continues to work on their typing unit - I see some great improvements! 3rd grade is also learning about where all the letter keys are located, and what the home row is. 2nd grade has been learning how to use the keyboard, which includes capitalizing letters. 1st grade continues to work on navigation skills such as using the back arrow. Kindergarten is still working on mastering the skill of "clicking and dragging" with the mouse pad. Have a wonderful weekend!

Simpson: We've had some great times on the mile run in middle school this week! 3rd graders will run their mile Tuesday, October 2nd and 4th graders will run theirs on Thursday, October 4th.

Morgan: If any 5th grade parents missed the beginning band night, feel free to email me and I will share information about the band program.