



Principal's Message

October is Bullying Prevention Month

October in Maine is Bullying Prevention Month and I wanted to call your attention to the article below speaking about prevention at school. Our efforts at WES utilizing our Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) seeks to focus on all of the positive efforts our children are making and reinforces clear expectations about how an individual treats another individual. Building a school environment that is welcoming and safe is a key component to eliminating bullying related behaviors in school. All RSU #12 staff have been trained in the recognition of bullying behaviors and how to appropriately intervene if those behaviors are either witnessed or reported. Please take a moment to read the article below.

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. **Just a reminder that students are not to be dropped off at school any earlier than 7:30am. Students waiting to be picked up at the end of the day must be picked up no later than 2:30pm (1:40pm on Wednesdays)**

BULLYING PREVENTION at SCHOOL

Schools that utilize Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) strive to create positive, predictable environments for all students at all times of the day. We use empirically-tested instructional principles to clearly teach expected, appropriate, positive behavior to all students, modeling appropriate behavior, leading them through practice in specific settings, and testing their knowledge.

When adults respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior they send the message that it is not acceptable. Research shows this can stop bullying behavior over time.

Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it and building a safe school environment.

Students are receiving a clear message regarding bullying and every report of mean and bullying behavior is addressed. Please continue to talk to your students and to inform the teachers and the principal of issues they experience or know about.



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.svsu.org/o/whes/page/whitefield-collaborative-problem-solving-project>

Grades Pre K- 1

Pre K: This week we are learning about families, reading books and taking of babies in dramatic play. We are learning how to mix primary colors to make new colors. Congratulations to the students who received a special recognition award. During circle times we are learning songs with rhyming words, counting, and the same letter sounds. Please remember to send sneakers on Thursday for PE!

Award winners for the month of September are Olivia and Austin receiving the Respect award and Bella receiving the Excellent Effort Award. Great Job!

Beck: The K Krew had a busy week! Mr. Willigar came by to tell us about the Greenhouse. Since it was raining we checked out the remote camera from our room and noticed the lettuce is doing very well. We are hoping to get out next week and check it out for real! We did some watercolor painting this week. Sprocket the Dog and Rosie the Dog have been making the rounds visiting our homes this week. They come in a backpack with a journal.

Lamothe: We are ready to start Literacy Block on Tuesday, October 11th. I have sent home additional Sight Words to add to the existing list. Working on these words with your child each night along with reading the books I send home in their RED folder helps tremendously with their reading advancement. We are working on writing our last name using capital letters as well as lower case. Mr. Deblois came in to read to the children on Tuesday afternoon. They are working on story predictions. Mr. Willigar came in Monday to start his Aquaponic study with the children. In Math, we focused on ordinal numbers.

Please remember to send a snack with your child each day and to make sure they know if they are eating hot or cold lunch. We have had some confusion with the lunch count.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving special recognition at our September Community Assembly.

Stella J. RESPECT AWARD -- Aiden C. EFFORT AWARD

Daniel B. MOST IMPROVED AWARD

Kayla B. this weeks Star Student

Happy Birthday to Bennett H. and Kayden E.

Grades 2-4

Brewer: This week we solved the mystery "How can you stop landslides after a wildfire?" Students designed their own ways to stop rain from washing away a model hillside. We compared multiple solutions for preventing erosion. In math we are practicing the **counting on** strategy for addition and identifying coins and their values. Our Literacy Block will begin Tuesday.. Thank you to Schuyler's family for sending in extra snacks for us. Please remind your children that all toys need to stay home unless they have a SHOW and TELL coupon. Keep reading at home, studying your spelling words and practicing your math flash cards. Your efforts are paying off! Congratulations to Blake M. for receiving the Excellent Effort award, Charlie W. for receiving the Respect award and Hailey S. for receiving the Most Improvement award at our monthly community assembly.

Northrup: We are almost finished with chapter 1 in EDM. We will look over math-boxes next week and do a review packet before the test around the 15th. I will let you know the exact day as it gets closer. Please be sure to pack a snack each day with your child. We have some for those that may forget. Please be sure your child is reading nightly. Reading Logs are due EVERY Friday. I promise that it will make a difference!!! Folders should be coming to school daily. Congrats to Issac for receiving the Respect Award, Richie for receiving the Effort Award, and Tucker for receiving the Improvement Award. Student of the Week- Richie

Trask: The kids have finished reading, "The Fantastic Mr. Fox", and have started reading, "Little House in the Big Woods", by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Throughout this book, the kids will focus on comprehension, increasing vocabulary, and comparisons between today and Laura's time period.

Just a reminder.....Please check homework online at the Whitefield web site.

Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: Deadline for the Lions Club Poster contest is October 8th. A winner will be chosen from each school and will be invited to attend a dinner with their family held at the Lions Club on October 25th.

Abbott: Congratulations to Daniel Bickford and Oryanna Winchenbach for winning new bicycles and helmets from the Read to Ride summer reading program, generously donated by the Free Mason's. Great job with your summer reading!

Simpson: Reminder to third grade parents- The mile run has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 9th!!

Morgan: Beginning band will start next Tuesday. We will be learning how to put together their instruments so it is ok if they do not have their instrument yet.

Middle School News

Cullenberg: The fifth graders are finishing up the reading of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Everyone has been enjoying the great writing of Roald Dahl as we have been reading this book. The project for the book is due on Wednesday, October 10th. We will begin working with multiplication in math next week. If your child doesn't know all of the basic multiplication facts, it would be a great idea to work on them. In writing, the students have been writing personal narratives. Please remember to check Assignment Books and Take Home Folders daily.

McCormick: 8th grade is doing a great job with writing their lab reports. They need to be writing and editing their papers before handing them in. 7th grade is enjoying work in the greenhouse and we are currently working on food chains, webs, and energy transfer in the environment. 6th grade is learning about plate tectonics in their study of earth science. Please encourage your child to go over their work before handing it in.

Mathews: Students have finished another block of reading work. I am so proud of the growth they have made in the area of literary analysis. A constant theme of this work has been citing text as evidence to support our theories. We will continue working on our writing with a new focus on formatting, organization, and grammar. 6th grade is studying personal narratives, 7th- realistic fiction, and 8th- investigative journalism. The next few weeks will be writing intensive. Please ask your student how this work is going and to see their Writers' Notebooks. Homework assignments are posted daily to my [webpage](#) (Check "Student Resources" on the school website for my link).

Howard: 8th grade has completed their Geometry Lesson on Transformations and will begin Number Systems next week. 7th grade is working with ratios and are able to use dimensional analysis to convert different rates i.e. miles per hour to feet per minute. 6th graders are recognizing equivalent ratios when comparing ratios. All classes are participating in Number Talks which are exercises aimed at building number sense through group discussion. Have a safe long weekend.

Resource News

Brann: I'm pleased with the effort students are putting into their work! It makes a huge difference in their learning progress. Please encourage reading over the long weekend!

Grady/Richards: Read, read read, it will be worth the challenge in the end! Have a great weekend.

"Reading is an active, imaginative act; it takes work". –Khaled Hosseini



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