

# Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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## Principal's Message

### COMMUNICATION

*As I close out the final newsletter for October (Bullying Prevention Month), I want to highlight the need for parents to always work to maintain positive communications with your child. A child that feels his / her parents have created solid modes of communication between parent and child, is much more likely to report any kind of incident that might be reflective of bullying. Please remember that a clear negative impact of a child being targeted is that he / she can become overwhelmed by a feeling of isolation and powerlessness. If that child has no place to share thoughts, impressions or fears, the sense of isolation can grow in dangerous ways. For parents, setting a tone that shows you are always interested in everything that is going on in your child's life; the good, the bad and even the ugly, will increase the odds of your child reporting a situation in which he / she might be targeted, bullied or cyberbullied. Don't be shy about asking questions of your child and trust your instincts if the report you receive doesn't ring true to you. Ultimately, never assume everything is fine. If you suspect something is wrong keep questioning, keep digging. Demonstrating your interest and your caring, through careful communication, will send the appropriate message and may very well assist you in having a clear understanding of what your child's experience actually holds. This can provide immeasurable benefits for your child.*

**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.

*\*As evidenced by our weather on Wednesday morning, we are definitely heading into the winter season. Please help in making sure your child comes to school with clothes appropriate for going outside for recess. Our recess periods only range between 15 and 20 minutes, but that time frame can be challenging this time of year if not properly clothed. Staff here will make individual decisions to send children back into the building if the clothing they are wearing is not warm enough for the conditions outside. We are of the belief that all children can benefit from the fresh air and activity of a recess period but only if their clothing stands up to the temperature outside. Your assistance with this expectation is greatly appreciated.*

**Make sure to wear orange when you go outside tomorrow and for the rest of November!**

**Sports:** Basketball sign up sheets are posted at the school for grades 5-8. We are also looking for boys basketball coaches. If you are interested, or know anyone that is interested, please get in touch with the school. Thanks!

**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:** The PreK are finishing up our unit on Families. We have learned how to care for babies, talked about extended family members and the importance of treating other with kindness and respect. We have been learning about different shapes and their attributes and exploring different media for painting and writing. Have a great weekend!

**Beck:** The K Krew is busy this week finishing our spider unit. We have learned about the TrapDoor Spider, the Orb Weaver and the Brown Recluse. We learned that spiders have 8 legs and two body parts. Ask your child what the CEPHALOTHORAX is! Please continue to review classroom rules with your child. (Be in your spot. Quiet voices/Kind Words. Follow Directions. Keep your body to yourself.) In Math we are using dice to count and add numbers. In Handwriting we have practiced E,F,P,B,N,M. Have a great weekend!

**Lamothe:** The first graders did a study of spiders this week. They learned they have 8 legs and they are not an insect but an arachnid! The children made spider webs to hang in our classroom. We continue to do small group instruction of reading and writing through Literacy Block. We are finding most students are making great gains! We will not be having a Halloween Party next week. I will however, be picking up cider and donuts for snack that morning. Students will not be wearing costumes to school.

Star Student: Charlie M.

### Grades 2-4

**Brewer:** In Mystery Science this week, we continued our unit about animals and how they use their structures to help themselves survive. Our lesson was called, "Why are polar bears white?" We learned how animal camouflage helps prey and predators hide from one another. In math we continue practicing basic math facts. These kids are getting fast at recall. They are becoming quite proficient in counting coins as well. In Literacy Block writing we have been "dressing up" our sentences just by adding adjectives and adverbs. Give your second grader a simple sentence and listen to how he/ she can "dress it up." We are becoming experts at contractions. Thank you to the Morrow family for the baby wipes.

**Northrup:** Third graders were very busy this week learning about food chains of different habitats, writing the beginning of their narratives, working on comprehension in reading, and practicing multi-step number stories in math. We will have our Halloween party on Wednesday. No costumes please. Student of the Week- Franky

**Trask:** On Thursday, the class visited HVNC. The students learned about tree systems, how to identify different trees, and why trees are important. I want to thank the chaperones for all of their help on such a cold day in the woods. The class should finish the "Little House in the Big Woods", next week. There will be a vocabulary test on Wednesday.

### Middle School News

**Cullenberg:** This week the fifth graders began reading one of two books: Bridge to Terabithia or Because of Winn Dixie. Both of these books are awesome and will provide a lot of opportunities to discuss and think about Characters, Figurative Language and Themes in the story, among other areas. They have been continuing with multiplication in math class. Please continue to check Assignment Books and Take Home Folders daily

**McCormick:** 7th and 8th grade social studies classes are researching the gubernatorial candidates. Make sure to have a conversation with your student about what you look for in a candidate. Many of our 8th graders will be of voting age the next time Maine elects a governor. This is a great time to be teaching them about your values in politics. 6th graders are pretty excited to be exploring various facets of nomadic living. We are getting ready for our Stone Age Festival.

**Mathews:** Be on the lookout for an essay by Emmalee Ripley in the Whitefield Newsletter (November or December issue). Emmalee's essay discusses pride at Whitefield School. Congratulations Emmy! Students have finished the unit: A Deep Study of Character. In the last portion of this unit, we examined motifs, themes, and symbolism. We looked at how authors use these techniques to add depth to their writing. On

**Howard:** We have had a busy week - 7th and 8th grades began the Stock Market Game - let's see who will make the most money by the end of the school year. 8th grade is now working with negative exponents and will begin scientific notation next week. 7th grade has begun using constant rates of change to find the slope of a line on a graph. 6th grade has completed ratios and proportions and will begin working with fractions, decimals and percents. Have a safe weekend.

### Resource News

**Brann:** Please check in with students about their homework assignments. Thank you for supporting their learning. ALL students should be reading every night as part of their homework. This weekend's weather will encourage us to have a good book in hand!

Friday, 8th grade met offline with a journalist from the Lincoln County News. Discussion included selecting topics to report on, journalistic tone, capturing a reader's attention, and much more. I am proud of the work all students have done so far this year and encourage them to push themselves even further. Students should be reading 30 minutes most evenings.

**Grady/Richards:** It's great to see students making gains. It boosts their confidence and they become eager for more. Listening to your child read at home is a memory that will last a lifetime. Have a great weekend!



#### Art - Library - Music - PE

**Martin:** 8th grade claymation unit is wrapping up! Our final project presentations/celebration will be November 17th. I will be sending information home with students within the next week.

**Abbott:** This week many of my technology classes earned their "free time" for behavior. Keep up the great work!

**Simpson:** Our hunting bulletin board is back! If your child would like to submit a photo of themselves and their game, please e-mail it to me. I have asked all students to leave their guns/ bows out of the photos, so there is no confusion or inconsistencies in our "no weapons in school" policy. If your child would like to enter the "Biggest Deer Competition," please submit a picture of them and their deer, along with a quick e-mail or note from you with the official weight. Good luck to all of our hunters!

**Morgan:** This year I have added a 6-8 grade Chorus program to Whitefield. The students who have joined chorus meet once a week during their study hall. Once a student joins chorus they are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts. Currently we are working on music for our upcoming winter concert.

***Have a great weekend!***

## ***Lincoln Academy to Host 8th Grade Family Night on November***

All prospective students are invited to Lincoln Academy's 2018 8th Grade Family Night, which will be held on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30 pm. The event will begin in the Alumni Dining Commons in the center of the Lincoln Academy campus at 81 Academy Hill in Newcastle.



This open house is an annual event at Lincoln Academy; a chance for families of prospective students to visit the LA campus, meet teachers and staff, and tour the school. Often this event is the first time students see their soon-to-be high school and meet many of their teachers. Although most families who attend represent incoming 9th graders, families of students interested in transferring to LA from another high school are also encouraged to attend.

Any student living in a town with secondary school choice can attend LA with their tuition paid by the sending town. LA also accepts tuition-paying students who come from towns without school choice.

This year, Lincoln Academy's 8th Grade Family Night will begin in the Dining Commons with an orientation by current students and members of the Administration and Guidance Department. After this orientation, families can take a campus tour with student tour guides, and visit an Open House in the LA gym, where academic departments and extracurricular clubs will have tables where faculty and students are available to talk about their specialties. School representatives will speak directly to students and parents about their specific interests in and out of the classroom.

"The table format of the Open House gives prospective families a chance to meet teachers and students, and get any question answered, whether that is about a particular academic track, performing or visual arts, athletics, or a club interest, such as Debate Team or Climate Action Club," said Sarah Wills-Viega, Lincoln Academy's Director of Counseling and Studies. "We hope that families will leave the event with helpful information about Lincoln Academy, both in general and specific terms, and that students will be excited about coming here next year!"

Families considering Lincoln Academy should plan to attend the Open House, even if they are considering several options for high school. This event is helpful in understanding the wide variety of resources at LA, including 145 total courses, 17 Advanced Placement classes, 30 classes in visual and performing arts, a broad range of hands-on courses in the Cable-Burns Applied Technology and Engineering Center (ATEC), as well as over 40 clubs and athletic teams.

For more information about 8th Grade Family Night, please contact LA Guidance at 563-3596 ext. 125 or 128. Parking for the evening event is available in the student parking lot across from the LA gym.