

# Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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## Principal's Message

### **Coach Needed**

*As we move from the fall to the winter sports season, we have new offerings for WHES grades 5-8 students. Both girls' and boys' basketball sign ups have been garnered and tryouts are beginning. Our numbers indicate that we can support both a varsity and junior varsity team for both girls and boys, but we have run into a dilemma. At this point we have no one applying for the position of boys' JV basketball coaching. While there is still some time before the onset of the season, if we cannot locate a suitable coach for that team we may be forced, sadly, to not offer that level of interscholastic play. My hope is that someone from the community will step forward and get involved with coaching this team. I see great enthusiasm from the students interested in competing and I believe anyone taking over the coaching responsibilities will have a positive experience. If you are interested please contact Haskell Padgett, WHES Athletic Director, for more information or apply through the RSU #12 website.*

**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.

**Food Pantry / Clothing Pantry:** Donations of new socks would be greatly appreciated. Also, any leggings or boys sweatpants (size 5-10) would be helpful too!

If you would like to donate to our school food pantry, individually wrapped foods and foods that are easy to prepare would be most helpful. Some ideas....Easy Mac and Cheese, Beefaroni (and similar) with the pop tab for easy opening, cups of soup, individual applesauce, individual fruit cups, granola bars, individual cereal boxes, bags of fresh apples, clementines, etc. Thank you for considering!

**PTA News:** Please join us for the next PTA meeting, November 13 at 5:30 in the conference room!

**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:** Please check your child's folders daily! There are sign up sheets for conferences inside. Children and families participated in Read With Me this week, listening to the story Who Has This Tail. Everyone went home with a goodie box filled with items such as crayons, pencils, etc. as well as the book and activities. We are going to be starting Unit Two - learning about Friends. Some favorite books from this unit are The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza, A letter to Amy and Hooray, A Pinata.

Here is a quick and easy Playdough Recipe for you to try!

2 ½ cups flour      3 tbsp oil  
½ cup salt          2 cups boiling water  
2 packages Kool Aid

Mix all together and you are ready to play!

**Beck:** The K Krew decorated turkey feathers today. Our class turkey is under construction! Please mark your children's clothing with their names. With winter coming, I am sure we will have an overabundance

### **Grades 2-4**

**Brewer:** Conference sign up slips are in your child's folder. Conferences are Monday, November 19th and Tuesday November 20th. I'm excited to share your children's successes in second grade with you! Literacy Block will have a few changes beginning Wednesday. Grade 1 and Grade 2 parents, please see the letter in your child's folder for an explanation. We are very excited about these changes. In Math we are working with many different strategies to increase the students basic facts recall. I'm very impressed with this group of students. We continue using the steps we have learned to solve word problems. We have finished the middle of our personal narratives and have started the endings. I will share them at conferences. Thank you to the Wright family for the donation of paper towels. Please make sure your child has a warm jacket for recess. It has been

of BLACK ski pants. Also, the playground can be quite muddy this time of year. Please pack an extra set of clothes (especially socks) in your child's backpack in case of a fall.

**Lamothe:** Please check your child's Take Home Folder for the conference sign up sheet. Conferences are Monday, November 19th and Tuesday, November 20th. In reading groups we worked on picture and meaning cues to decode words and self correct. In Math we have started Unit 2 and are focusing on 1 more and 1 less along with missing numbers. We work daily on sight words and addition flash cards through 10. In our Writers Workshop we continue to stress that each story must include pictures, labels and continuous text. To tie into Election Day we did a voting activity as a class to determine our favorite...

- Breakfast Food- Pancakes
- Fruit-Watermelon
- Sport-Basketball
- Subject- Math
- Star Student Grace G.

very cold out there lately.

**Northrup:** Please check your child's folder for a p/t conference sign-up sheet. Conferences will be Monday, Nov. 19th and Tuesday, Nov. 20th. We work on aspects of spelling every day in the classroom, but extra practice of our spelling list at home is essential. Please initiate this with your child. A Partnership in Education between teacher and parent is the perfect formula for successful students! Student of the Week- Issac Wish List- baby wipes

**Trask:** The class will be visiting HVNC next Thursday. Since much of our work is outside, please have your child dressed for the weather. It can be a long day for a child when they are not dressed warm enough for the weather. The class has a Reading Vocabulary test next Tuesday. They have been given all of the words and definitions to study.

**PBIS News-** This week we formed a new PBIS staff committee here at school! Our goal is to find ways new ways to refresh PBIS within the school, especially at our end of the month community assemblies.

### Middle School News

**Cullenberg:** I would like to thank all of the parents and students for their patience and understanding while I have been out. Parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled when I am back.

**McCormick:** 6th grade parents please join us at 8:30 on 11/16 for our Stone Age Celebration. A notice was sent home regarding this program. It is a great opportunity to see what your child has been studying in class. Parent teacher conferences are coming right up. In the middle school we will be meeting with our homeroom parents. If you wish to see another teacher as well, please contact them to set up an appointment. I will be calling parents this weekend.

**Mathews:** Students are finishing their current writing units of study. On Monday we will begin a reading unit called, *Tapping Into the Power of Non-Fiction*. Each student in the middle school should have a nonfiction book with them by Monday. They may borrow a book from the ELA room or the library. They are also welcome to bring in their own book. Students will be guided to find something on their reading level. I look forward to sharing some of the experiences and learning gleaned from this unit. Please contact me to schedule a parent/teacher conference. Conference will be held on November 19th and 20th. ([nmathews@svrsu.org](mailto:nmathews@svrsu.org), 549-7691).

**Howard:** 6th grade is working with percents - how to convert to fractions and decimals. 7th grade is calculating percent of numbers. 8th grade is computing with scientific notation as they work with very large and very small numbers.

8th graders have begun their Wreath Fundraiser - cost is \$15 for a decorated wreath. These will be available during Parent Teacher Conferences and orders will be delivered after the Thanksgiving Break - please see an 8th grader to place your order. Have a nice three day weekend.

### Resource News

**Brann:** Have a great, long weekend!

**Grady/Richards:** It's been wonderful watching the kids grow as readers. They always come eager to learn and read new books. We are very proud of them all! Have a great weekend.

## Art - Library - Music - PE

**Martin:** The holidays are near! 6th graders began creating their life size nutcrackers. I'm so excited to see how they come out.

**Abbott:** Next week, the book fair will be available starting on Wednesday for students during their library period. It will continue into the following week!

**Simpson:** Our Fat Tire Bike program has come to a very muddy end! Thank you to all of our middle school parents who have been so supportive throughout this new adventure. We are looking forward to working with Americorps and The Midcoast Conservancy again in February, when we will participate in a cross country skiing and snowshoeing program at the middle school level. Please consider attending the Fat Tire Biking event at Hidden Valley Nature Center this Saturday from 10-2 if you have time!

*Have a great weekend!*