



Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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Principal's Message Celebration of Life / Night of Remembrance Mr. Dennis Cullenberg

This past November Whitefield Elementary School lost a valued member of our community with the passing of Mr. Dennis Cullenberg. Dennis had been a staff member here for over three decades and his contributions to the students and staff of WHES as well as the community of Whitefield are innumerable.

*While many students, staff and community members were able to attend Mr. Cullenberg's wake and/or funeral services, there has been a sense that many others have not had the opportunity to fully recognize his passing. To address this need, the Whitefield Elementary School Parent / Teachers Association is sponsoring a **Celebration of Life / Night of Remembrance in Mr. Cullenberg's honor on the evening of January 10th, 2019 from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Whitefield Elementary School Library.** The event is open to anyone (parents, students and colleagues - former and present, and community members) who'd like to have the opportunity to recognize this outstanding educator. There will be opportunities to share stories of Mr. Cullenberg as well as time to reconnect with members of the WHES family, again, past and present. Light refreshments will be served.*

Please join us in celebrating Mr. Cullenberg's life.

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: We are starting to run a little low on pre-packaged snacks and "meal" like items. Please keep in mind items that are easy to open and prepare are most helpful, along with individually wrapped or packaged items. We do have a small freezer and refrigerator space that we can utilize. We appreciate all of the generosity we have seen these last couple of months. We are lucky to have such a loving community!

Flocking for Food: The flock had a risky landing at Country Corners Store due to frozen ground and very little snow for landing. Country Corners really enjoyed the flock and we appreciate the donation. The flock then moved to the SPC right down the street where it got a little washed up from the rain. Thank you SPC for storing the flock and keeping them safe. The flock will be moving on this week to a new destination from the SPC...keep an eye out for the flock on your road!!!

Health: Runny noses and upset stomachs are among us! Please remind and educate your child(ren) on the importance of washing their hands frequently throughout the day.

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: Welcome back! We are already in the swing of things. We are getting ready to start Unit 3 Wind and Water. Some of the books we will be reading this month are Gilberto and the Wind, Rabbits and Raindrops and many more. This is an exciting unit to learn about the weather. Please remember on Thursday it's gym day and sneakers are the safest footwear in the gym. Thank you for sending in winter gear. It makes outside time more enjoyable when the children are warm.

Beck: Happy 2019! The K Krew hit the ground running! We had two big boxes of supplies that arrived from Caring for Classrooms! We took a poll on what we thought might be in the boxes. Here are some of the results: A disco ball, cookies, a Roomba, dress up clothes and pool party stuff. Ask your kiddos what was in our boxes. We are anxiously awaiting our NEW classroom rug funded by DonorsChoose.org! It should be here any day!

Lamothe: We are rested and ready to work here in first grade. In Math we are working on double facts and doubles plus one. Please continue working at home on addition flash cards through twenty. We have been learning about synonyms and antonyms along with compound words. The children continue to have Writer's Workshop everyday which ties into our Opinion Writing Unit. I just finished our, "Charlotte's Web" read aloud which is always a hit with the students. Welcome to our new first grade friend, Anthony! Classroom Needs: extra snack!

Grades 2-4

Brewer: Welcome back! The students came back rested and ready to learn. We have started place value and expanded form in math. We have begun Opinion writing. This is always a favorite. We are in need of wipes and snacks. Have a great weekend.

Northrup:The kiddos did an amazing job on their narrative papers that were completed before break. These will be coming home shortly. We have moved on to the informational unit in our writing program. We continue to work on chapter 3 in math. On Monday, we will begin our unit in science on SPACE. This is always a favorite with the students. Ask your child what book he/she is reading in literacy block. WISH LIST- wipes

Trask: In math, the class is working with fractions. They are learning about making equivalent fractions and ordering them. This is challenging, but progress is happening. The class will be going to HVNC on January 24, 2019.

PBIS News- This week in PBIS news..... We will be moving our monthly positive recognition awards assemblies to the last Thursday of every month. The dates and times are listed below so you can mark you calendars as we continue to celebrate student/staff successes each month.

January 24th@1:30

February 28th@8:30

March 28th@1:30

April 25th@8:30

May30th@1:30

Middle School News

Norris: The poem "Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost is being practiced daily. One of our reading targets is to ***explain how a series of stanzas fits together to provide structure in a poem.*** Our Winter bulletin board depicts the sleigh ride through the fields, and we enjoyed hot cocoa while creating our class visual of the poem. Welcome back , Damian !!

McCormick: We are super excited to welcome Nina back from Kieve. She will be with us until March 16th. I expect that you will hear her name often from your student. We are very excited to have her back with us for a second year.

Mathews: It is great to be back with the students. We spent time this week getting back into our routine and reviewing some of the essay work we did before vacation. Students are beginning to dive into short stories to develop essays about

Howard: Welcome back Students - it has been great to hear about their vacation break. We have been busy doing review work to get back into the swing of things. 8th grade is working on one-step equations (Algebra), 7th grade has focused on negative and positive integers in all operations and 6th grade is reviewing working with decimals. We will be doing our NWEA Winter Math next week; this will help students to see where they are and track their progress. Have a great weekend.

Resource News

Brann: We enjoyed hearing stories about the students' holiday break! We hope to get back into our daily routines at school.

Grady/Richards: We were happy to see all of our

characters. A great way to support your child in this unit is to ask them to read their writing aloud to you. This will help them identify areas for improvement while sharing their work.

students this week! Hopefully everyone was able to rest and relax (and read!) over vacation. Welcome back!

Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: 8th grade will be showing their claymations Friday the 11th during block 2 (9:45-10:30) in the music room. Everyone is welcome to come support the 8th graders on their hard work!

Abbott: We are diving back into technology now that our holiday break is over. Ask your k-4 student what they are learning about!!

Simpson: I was glad to see all of those smiling faces as we arrived back from our vacation! We are right back to work in PE class.

Morgan: I hope everyone had a great vacation. I will be sending home information about recorder class with the 4th grade next week.

Have a great weekend!