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Panther Cub Press



Our Panther Way! Be Safe, Be Responsible & Be Respectful & #SHARETHELOVE

Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King Day– NO School	1/21
Student of the Month Assembly at 2:00	1/24
Pizza with the Principal	1/28
Presidents Day– No School	2/18



Dear Families and Students,

Thanks to everyone who has returned the school culture family survey! Your response rate has been great—we're getting more surveys returned than I expected. I appreciate your thoughtful answers. There's still time to return yours if you haven't yet: it can go to Miss Christy or your child's teacher.

Over the next couple of weeks, staff members and I will go over the surveys, record the answers, look for trends, and crunch the numbers. We'll use your responses to plan how we can better involve families in the continued growth of our positive school culture. Thanks again for your help!

On the academic side of things, next week students will be doing our second round of DIBELS testing. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills, and it's pronounced to rhyme with 'nibbles.' As the name suggests, it's a way for us to measure how our students are doing in literacy. It's a pretty quick assessment, where students go one at a time to read a selected passage to an adult, who records the results. DIBELS tells us some pretty useful information which allows teachers to better plan their instruction to meet student needs. We do 3 rounds of DIBELS in a year—October, January, and May.

That's all for this week. Thanks again for sending your children to us at White Pass Elementary—helping students is why we do what we do!

Kind regards,

Nathan Coutsoubos

Principal, White Pass Elementary School

CITIZENSHIP

10 WAYS TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN

- 1 Volunteer to be active in your community.
- 2 Be honest and trustworthy.
- 3 Follow rules and laws.
- 4 Respect the rights of others.
- 5 Be informed about the world around you.
- 6 Respect the property of others.
- 7 Be compassionate.
- 8 Take responsibility for your actions.
- 9 Be a good neighbor.
- 10 Protect the environment.

Congratulations to the November and December Students
of the Month
for showing Optimism!

David Hall, Julianna Guy, Jayla Sams, Harmony Collette, Laith Pelletier,
Owen Loucks, Rana Abbas, Summer Baysinger, Paige Toal, Eli Richardson,
Piper Reed, Clara McMahan, Mia Morgan, Jennifer Willeford, Logan Swigart,
Trinity Turvey, Joshua Holland, Gemma Jakubowski, Jade Reed-Docken,
and Desmond Carver.

