

Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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Principal's Message

Welcome Nina

We are welcoming Nina Byers back to WHES for her second season. Nina works with the Leadership School of Kieve which offers an Educator in Residence Program during the winter months to schools that participate in their leadership institute in the spring. Each spring our 6th graders do a week's residence at Kieve, (located in Nobleboro) building skills in self-esteem, problem solving, collaboration and self-reliance. Nina is here in school every day and visits all classes, works with students in the gym and out on the playground, and will be assisting our 6th graders in getting ready for their Kieve experience. Nina has also started an afterschool program for students in grades 3-5 on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The students participate by getting outdoors to play cooperative games together, build in the snow and, most importantly, foster better and stronger interpersonal skills. This year Nina has students from our 7th and 8th grades assisting her as leadership mentors within the afterschool experience. Nina is a hugely positive presence in school and we are extremely fortunate to have her working with us again this winter.

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.


Flocking for Food: The Flock has moved! This week, they flew down to Jefferson and Black Duck Realty... Stay tuned to see where they will "flock" next!

Health: Please remember as we enter this cold and flu season that if your child has a fever greater than 100.4 they need to be kept out of school. They should remain out of school until they are without fever for 24 hours, without having had a fever reducer. Not only do they not feel well, but they are exposing all their friends to the illness. Also, when calling the office to let them know your child is sick, if you are willing to give a few details I would appreciate it. We are required to track certain illness and it is very helpful to know why your child may be out and what germs may be floating around!

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.

Show Your Spirit! Dress up days for
Winter Carnival Week #1

Monday 2/4:	Twin day
Tuesday 2/5:	Backwards/ inside out day
Wednesday 2/6:	Pajama day
Thursday 2/7:	Super hero day or dress as your favorite book character
Friday 2/8:	Team color day (wear your team carnival color)



Martin: The Harlow Gallery in Hallowell will be hosting a student art show. 1 piece for each grade will be chosen for entry. Stay tune for more info.

Abbott: Middle school students will begin weekly technology classes - starting Monday, 2/11. They will learn basic skills that their teachers feel they need support in - starting with typing and MLA paper set-up.

Simpson: Reminder: Our cross country skiing unit begins next week for middle school. Students should come prepared every day with a change of clothes, a hat, gloves or mittens, and a coat! If you would like your child to participate in the Wednesday after school program, please sign and return the attached waiver & permission slip.

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	Grades 2-4
<p>Pre K: We had a busy week taking care of pets in the vet center, creating farms in the block area, finding treasures in ice and adding in math. Have a great weekend!</p> <p>Beck: The K Krew has had a busy week! We are practicing stretching out our words to find out what letters are in them. We are hoping to get outside next week to play in the snow. It's been a long week of inside recess! We will be talking soon about the Groundhog and whether or not he sees his shadow. Our Valentine party will be on February 14th. Our list of names will be sent home on February 4th. Have a great weekend!</p> <p>Lamothe: Thanks to the wonderful subs who have filled in for me this week while I have been out sick with the flu. The students' routine and learning continued on without a hitch. We will be having a Valentine Party here at school on Thursday, February 14th. I will be sending home a class list along with a sign up sheet for party goods. Look for them to come with your child next week. Please remember to return RED bags every Friday. We are in need of extra snacks for our classroom. Star Student this week was Stella.</p>	<p>Brewer: We have written our final Opinion Letters. They are addressed to teachers in the building. The students have made some strong arguments and are waiting for letters back. We have started back up with Mystery Science . This month we are focusing on Properties and Phases of Matter. In math we are reviewing telling time. We will be having a Valentine's Day Party on Thursday, February 14th. I'll send home a list of student names next week. We are in need of Clorox wipes for our room.</p> <p>Northrup: Another busy week in third grade. Ms. Nina came to our classroom on Thursday and did some team building activities. Please be sure children are reading to an adult at home, studying spelling words, and doing math homework nightly. We will be having a Valentine's Day party on the 14th. Information will be sent home next week. Student of the Week- Canyon</p> <p>Trask: The class has started to work on different applications/strategies using multiplication. It is so important for them to know the basic facts. The kids are also reciting the basic facts to me, in order, and monitoring their progress. They are excited watching their personal progress, on the chart in the room.</p>



PBIS News- We are so excited to start the month of February. This month our character trait focus will be "COURAGE". Please remember to review the following expectations posted in the building: hallway, assembly, fire drill, lunchroom, bathroom, arrival and dismissal. This month we will start to construct our "Stick Together Against Bullying" project, sponsored by Duck Tape and Project Love. Have a great weekend everyone!!!Go Pats!!!

Middle School News

Norris: It is time to purchase your Valentine Greetings lollipops. Grade 5 is once again selling Valentine lollipops as part of fundraising for our class trip to Boston. \$1.00 each will guarantee that a yummy treat is delivered to your “sweetheart” on Valentine’s Day!

McCormick:The NJHS had a busy week and delivered over 100 meals to the community as well as five turkeys to Amish families. Next week we begin our Winter Carnival with dress up days. Please help your child participate in this fun activity.

Mathews: Thank you to Nina, our Kieve Educator in Residence, for planning some awesome team activities in our classroom this week. 8th graders have been working hard on their thematic essays using the short story, “Raymond’s Run”. I commend them for the hard work they are putting in! 6th and 7th graders continue to grow their knowledge in selected research topics. The information they are taking in is impressive. I hope everyone stays healthy and enjoys the weekend. Go Patriots!

Howard: 8th grade has now moved into variables on both sides of equations and learning to combine like terms before solving. 7th grade began learning about variables and coefficients as part of an algebraic expression. 6th grade began estimating fractions and will now be working on multiplying with them. Ask your child to figure out the difference in temperatures this weekend - this is a good way to show how positive and negative values show absolute values!

Resource News

Brann: Fourth and Eighth graders participated in the NAEP on Monday. We are pleased with several of our third graders who are now reading chapter books! 6th-8th graders: please check your graded assignments and take the opportunity to complete “redos” when allowed.

Grady/Richards: Please check your child’s Title 1 bag daily for reading homework. Reading with your child and having your child read to you every day helps him/her to make greater gains as well as gives them a boost of confidence.

Have a great weekend - GO PATS!