



## Principal's Message Topics for Discussion?

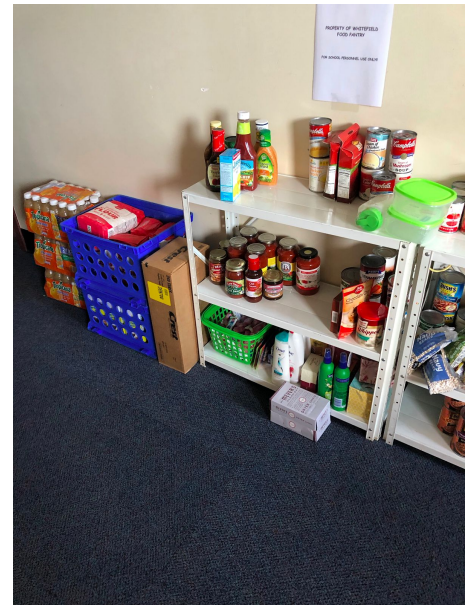
The Lincoln County News (LCN) had profiles this week of three candidates running to fill vacancies on the Whitefield Select Board. I was appreciative of one candidate's comments related to articles I have included in our weekly newsletter. The individual commented on what appeared to be my goal which was to provide you all with information about pertinent topics affecting schools, school children and parents in today's world. The candidate was absolutely accurate about my intentions but I want to include you in highlighting topics or selecting focal points that would be important for you to know more about. My invitation is this...please feel free to propose topics for future articles. You can shoot me an email at: [mdeblois@svrsu.org](mailto:mdeblois@svrsu.org), drop off a note or give me a call at school (549-7961). When a principal is tasked with writing a weekly newsletter article, the greatest challenge is identifying topics that will both be topical and worthwhile for you to read. Your assistance in providing future ideas will be greatly appreciated and, with your feedback, I'll know that I am addressing issues or concerns that are of value to you. I thank you in advance for your help.



**TOWN MEETING:** Saturday, March 16 beginning at 10:00 a.m. -- 8th grade will be also be taking orders for the Whitefield Community Calendar during town meeting.

**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:** Our pantry is looking great! We cannot thank everyone enough for their attention to the needs of our students!



**Flocking for Food:** The weather has really made an impact on the birds getting out of their warm home at school. We are hoping they will take flight later next week. They are clearly getting anxious, as you can see from the picture below!!!!



**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:** We are diving in to our Math activities this month, working on Core Patterns ABAB/AABB. There are leprechaun traps in your child's backpack- have fun with your child putting them together and catching the Leprechaun. This week we painted dragon shirts from the book Max's Dragon Shirt. Ask your child about the story. You will be amazed with his/her storytelling. Have a nice long weekend. We will see you on Monday.

**Beck:** The K Krew is enjoying the warmer weather. We are talking about weather this week too! We will be making windsocks and documenting weather next week. We have been doing a wonderful job sounding out words for our stories! We will work again on printing our last names too. Leprechaun traps will be coming home on were sent home so that children can set them somewhere at home to catch a leprechaun! Good luck!

**Lamothe:** It was nice to be able to get outside at recess time this past week. Please make sure your child has extra socks and pants readily available in their, "Just In Case" bag. Children have used dry clothing in their bags and have not brought in replacement clothes. Take Home Folders should be checked each night. I'm finding many folders are being returned to school unchecked and containing days worth of notices and work. Thank you to the family that sent in our St. Patrick's Day cupcakes and juice! Star Student was Elizabeth.

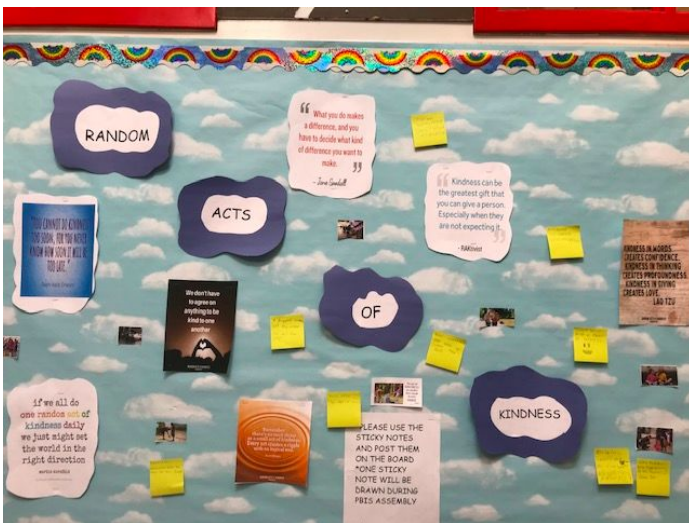
### Grades 2-4

**Brewer:** We have had a lot of sickness in our classroom this month. Thank you to parents for keeping your sick kiddos home. We are vigilant about washing desks and surfaces everyday. In math, we continue with measurement. The students are getting very good at making estimates in their measurements. We are building up quite a repertoire of spelling patterns and are using them in our writing. Our focus this week is DIPHTHONGS. (I told the class unless they are on Jeopardy or become a second grade teacher, they will never need to know that word.) And in case you are wondering it's a sound formed by the combination of two vowels in a single syllable. Ex. coin Thanks to Chiara's family for sending in the paper towels.

**Northrup:** Our math test will be on Tuesday. Look for a review packet to come home on Monday. Please be sure your child has shoes to wear in the classroom. The playground is very muddy and wet and we don't want to track it in our classroom. Student of the Week- Jacob

**Trask:** In math the class is working on double digit multiplication, metric measurement, basic multiplication facts, perimeter, and area. Many students are finding things challenging while new concepts are introduced. As we work through the lessons, the kids are beginning to master each concept.

**PBIS News-** This week we started "Random Acts of Kindness" bulletin board and are already collecting some amazing acts of kindness displayed by the kids. Some examples include: "I picked up papers off the floor that someone dropped", "I helped someone clean up a water mess". March has come in like a lion for sure and is really going out like a lamb. During the month of March students often struggle with the time change and this may have negative effects such as increased agitation, increased tiredness and low tolerance. Please support your kiddos in continuing a structured routine at bedtime and in the morning. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime. Meagan Soule-Student Support Specialist



### Middle School News

**Norris:** This week we welcomed Deputy Chad Gilbert from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Gilbert is our D.A.R.E. officer this year, and he explained all about the D.A.R.E. program, and what we will be learning. Everyone has a D.A.R.E. book to read and refer to. Our first class included learning about the DARE Decision Making Model - Define - Assess - Respond - Evaluate.

**McCormick:** We are sad to say goodbye to our friend Nina who has spent the past two winters with us. She is our Educator In Residence from Camp Kieve and Thursday was her last day. The 7th grade spent a terrific day ice fishing with her on Wednesday. We did not catch lots of fish but were able to learn about the process. A huge thank you to Jason Pease for hosting. Also to Kris Henderson, Nate Lee, Paul Bishop, Warner Wilson, Jim Brann, and Jerry Galbreath for all of your help.

**Mathews:** 6th graders have started discussing their week long trip to Kieve Leadership School. They will be attending from April 1st to April 5th. I will hold a parent meeting to share information and answer questions within the next few weeks. All students are preparing to take the MEA's. We will complete ELA testing before the end of March. Please make sure students are coming to school and are well rested. Enjoy the weekend.

**Howard:** 8th grade is hosting a dinner fundraiser (see info at bottom of newsletter). 8th grade has added the Slope Intercept form this week:  $Y=mx + b$  - they are using this form to graph their linear equation. 7th grade was able to practice solving for unknowns (variables) with Hands-on Equation game - they enjoyed not doing problems with pencil. 6th grade is now working in Expressions and Equations - specifically working with exponents and powers and has been introduced to solving one-step equations. Have a safe weekend.

### Resource News

**Grady/Richards:** Make reading fun, and they will learn to enjoy the moments and the world that surrounds them. Have a great long weekend!

8th grade Movie/Game Night - Friday, March 22 from 2:30-4:15 for grades K-5 -  
Please fill out permission slips and return to Mrs. Howard.



### Art - Library - Music - PE

**Martin:** The Harlow Gallery student art show was a wonderful opening, attended by almost 400 people over the course of the day and gallery visits have been steady since. Just a reminder that the show ends soon and I would hate for anyone to miss it. The last day of the exhibition is Saturday, March 23rd- gallery hours are Wed-Sat 12-6pm.

**Abbott:** We have been preparing for the MEA's this week! Please check with your child's teacher to see when they will be testing (Grades 3-8). **Students who are present and take all sections of the MEA's with their class on schedule days will get an ice cream party when testing is over!!!**

Please click the following link to go to the Whitefield Town Library's homepage! <https://whitefieldlibrary.org/>

**Simpson:** We are making great progress in our middle school volleyball unit! The teachers are getting anxious to challenge the classes in our annual Staff vs. Students volleyball game!



**FUNDRAISER DINNER:** 8th grade is hosting a Benefit Pizza and Pasta Buffet Dinner at Aunt Gin's on **March 26th from 4:30-7:30. Price:** \$10 per adult - \$5 per child (up to grade 8) - \$30 per family (included in price is pizza, pasta, and soft drinks \*\* alcoholic beverages must be purchased separately\*\*)

ALL proceeds will be donated to Whitefield Elementary School's class of 2019.

**Have a great weekend!**