

Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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Principal's Message

Beginning a New Trail @ WHES

WHES, the Town of Whitefield and the Midcoast Conservancy are in the process of embarking on an exciting new venture with the creation of a new trail here at WHES as well as on town-owned land. The funds for this project came from a money granted to the conservancy after the completion of the Clary Lake dam removal process. While the project is just beginning, the initial vision is a trail that could be accessed either at the school or from town property by the Fire Station that could be used all four seasons to include walking / running, biking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. All of the groups involved are eagerly anticipating a new outdoor facility that can serve all constituencies within the town. I will be sure to keep everyone "in the loop" as the project unfolds.

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 weather continues to be problematic for our pink friends to take flight!!! With the incoming storm this week we've decided to delay their take off. However, don't fret. As soon as we have a good weather pattern these birds are out of here!!!

Health: Spring time and the change in weather can sometimes bring in new viruses. Remember that the best way to stay healthy is by practicing good hand washing hygiene.

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>

PARENTS- the snow on the playground is almost gone! Please feel free to stop sending ski pants with your child/children - just a pair of mud boots will be fine!



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Grades Pre K- 1

Pre K: Read With Me will be April 4th, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have once again filled our bead jar. The children took a vote with choices being PJ Day, Extra Gym or a Movie - the winner is PJ Day. A notice will be sent out when this event will occur. Have fun with your child working on rhyming words. This is part of the curriculum. Please send in some of the rhyming words they come up with from home.

Beck: The K Krew set the Leprechaun Traps in the classroom instead of at home this week. We did not catch a leprechaun but he definitely made it to our classroom. Ask your child what happened to our room! We are working on rhyming words this week. Have a happy weekend!

Lamothe: First grade has had a busy week! Welcome to our new friend, Adrianna. In Math the skills we covered were number sentences (addition and subtraction) along with an introduction to telling time to the hour. Our literacy block time was spent working on ch, sh and wh blends. The children enjoy their "READ To SELF" time when they are able to read the books in their book baskets. I'm pleased with their progress. Please remember to send in extra clothes to keep in your child's JUST IN CASE BAG. The playground is very wet and muddy.

Reminder... Take Home Folders need to be checked and cleaned out nightly.

Star Student: Kayden

HAPPY SPRING!

Grades 2-4

Brewer: We have been busy this week. Our Literacy Block continues to be very productive and the students are making great gains. In math we are measuring and estimating to the nearest inch and centimeter. Blake discovered there are 2.54 cms in an inch. In science we learned about melting and the solid & liquid states of matter, then we discovered why plastic was invented. In the activity, students tested the "meltable" property of candy. We are working on book projects. The students are creating a 3D diorama of characters, settings, problems and solutions of their chosen book. Our playground is WET! Please send in an extra set of clothing just in case. Hopefully we won't need snow pants much longer.

Northrup: We will begin MEA testing on Monday. It will last through Friday. Please be sure your child is at school everyday and well rested. No spelling next week. Student of the Week- Franky

Trask: The class is reading, "Danny the Champion of the World". This is a Roald Dahl book. Students will read, discuss, work on comprehension, and improve their vocabulary.

This is a book that includes humor, along with a message for kids and parents. Roald Dahl keeps the reader entertained in his books.

PBIS News- The weather is trying to cooperate and warm up for these kiddos to enjoy the outside!!! March is the perfect month to review Playground Expectations/Rules. Students continue to flood the "Random Acts of Kindness" bulletin board. We will be drawing a lucky winner during our next PBIS assembly which will be held March 29th at 1:30.

Middle School News

Norris: Grade Five is sponsoring a special HAT DAY fundraiser in recognition of the Red Sox Opening Day at Fenway Park. This will be on Tuesday, April 9th, and we encourage everyone to wear a hat (\$1.00 donation) and baseball apparel - any team is fine! We are celebrating this day in memory of Mr. Dennis Cullenberg - who was a passionate fan of the "home team".

"Protect Our Species" is the theme for Earth Day 2019. We are researching a wide variety of animals, plants, organizations and much more. Each topic has a link to protecting our species. Students will present their research, which includes videos, on May 2nd during our school wide open house.

McCormick: Ask your middle school science student about March Mammal Madness. We are in the middle of learning about some interesting creatures in a fun bracketology way. NJHS is looking forward to hosting a

Howard: 8th grade has continued to learn about linear slopes and how to graph lines when given equations - this has built on their understanding of slope and how Y changes based on the X. 7th grade has been working on basic algebraic expressions using all the properties of equality to solve. We will begin working with inequalities next week. 6th grade has been learning about variables - they are finding this challenging because they need to use the order of operations to help solve and are realizing how important it is to follow PEMDAS. All classes have been invited to participate in the NCAA March Madness Basketball Challenge - they look at stats and information in selecting their winning teams. Good luck to everyone. Have a great weekend.

Thank you to all the students who stayed for the Movie & Game Night - we had fun!

Resource News

Brann: MEA testing is in full swing and we are making sure individual students receive the accommodations outlined in

3 on 3 tournament to be held on April 5th. Look for details to be sent home soon.

Mathews: Students have started MEA testing this week and we will continue into next week. Please help your child prioritize sleep and healthy eating so they feel prepared to test. The 6th grade Kieve trip is scheduled for April 1st-April 5th. If you need more information please reach out.

their IEPs. Please encourage your child to be rested and ready to perform at his or her best!

Grady/Richards: It's going to be a rainy weekend...have your child choose a favorite book and read together! Modeling reading to your child is a great help. Have a great weekend!



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.

Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: What's happening in the Art room:

K- Learned about the artist Picasso. We made our very own Picasso guitars by cutting shapes and making a collage background.

2- We are learning about bees and how busy they can be. We are now in the process of creating our own hive!

Abbott: Students have been working hard at preparing for the MEA's. Once those are done, be on the lookout for the start of new projects for grades 3 & 4!

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

Simpson: Please see the attached document regarding Cross Country Skiing - from the Midcoast Conservancy.

Morgan: Tomorrow I will be at the Elementary Honors Music Festival in Brunswick with a few select students from Chelsea and Whitefield. Students will spend the day making music and then perform a concert for their parents in the evening.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR ARE ON SALE - Order forms went home with students on FRIDAY, MARCH 22 - **ORDERS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY APRIL 1ST.** ANY QUESTIONS, EMAIL Mrs. Howard at choward@svrsu.org.

Have a great weekend!