



Principal's Message

MEA Testing

*Beginning last week and moving through the month of April, WHES students in grades 3 - 8 will be taking a major academic assessment called the MEA (students in grades 5 & 8 will also be taking a specific assessment in science). This testing window is applied to students across the state as all students, except in certain situations, are required to participate in this assessment. The MEA measures academic proficiencies in both English / Language Arts (this includes Reading) and Mathematics. Students do not pass or fail this assessment but have their results shown as a **Scaled Score** and a **Proficiency Level**. Because this assessment is given to students across the state, we are able to determine how our students are progressing through a wide array of ELA and Mathematics standards both in terms of the standards themselves and as they compare to grade level compatriots across the state. Analyzing these results are important as they guide our work within refining our curriculum and implementing ever more effective instructional strategies.*

As our students take part in this major assessment, we speak to students about giving their best effort, the same message we try to impart as students approach any work here at school. I have been particularly impressed with the diligence of the several grades who have already started the tests and feel confident that their results will genuinely reflect the levels that they have achieved. While we won't see the results of this assessment for several months, it is one of the many ways we use to measure student growth. Please encourage your children, when it is their time to take this assessment, to make sure their effort is strong...a reflection of their genuine ability.



Parent/Teacher conferences are coming!! They will be held on Wednesday, April 10th and Thursday April 11th from 3 - 6:30 P.M. Classroom sign up sheets will be sent home soon! The **BOGO book fair** will be open during conferences as well - please stop in!

Office: There is a table in the lobby for lost and found. There is lots of misplaced winter gear there. Any lost and found items remaining at the start of April vacation will be donated to charity. Please encourage your child to check out the lost and found table.

Food Pantry: The **CLOTHING** pantry is **FULL!!!** We do not need any further donations of clothing at this time. We appreciate all of the generosity!

Flocking for Food: Spring is coming!!! Look out for the FLOCK!!!! All proceeds from the flock support our food pantry as we move into Spring. Again..we thank you for your donations!

Gifted and Talented Notice*

Spring referrals for the Gifted and Talented Program are being accepted from Friday March 29th to Friday April 12th. If you feel your child excels or has the potential to excel beyond his/her age level peers in academics or art/music (VPA) you can make a referral for the Gifted and Talented Program. A referral can be made by a teacher, staff member or parent. We do recommend, however, you consult with your child's teacher before making a referral. Please contact Hollie Hilton, the Gifted and talented Coordinator, at hhilton@svrsu.org for a referral form for either academics or visual art/music (VPA).

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: Yay, we can finally leave our ski pants home! Don't forget Read With Me is next week. We would love to see more parents join us. Please make sure you are checking folders daily. Parent Teacher Conference notices have been sent home. please pick a time and send back in. Enjoy the warmer weather this week maybe some rain but higher temperatures.

Beck: Please send a healthy snack with your child EACH day. Ski pants are not needed (unless we have a big storm) anymore. Please do send boots, jackets, mittens and hats though. The K Krew enjoyed the play: The Big Bad. They knew many of the actors since they are our Book Buddies!

Lamothe: Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. Look for a sign up sheet to be coming home with your child next week. Please check Take Home Folders each night for your child's school work and important notices. Students may keep their sneakers/slippers here at school. No boots are allowed in our classroom due to the mud conditions of our playground. Star Student was Stella.

Grades 2-4

Brewer: We no longer need snow pants but we definitely need mud boots for the playground. Parent teacher conference sign up slips will be sent home next week. Please return them as soon as possible. We have begun our Poetry Unit. The kids are having a great time creating alliteration with their names.

Northrup: We finished MEA testing today and celebrated with a recess and ice cream sandwich. We are back to our regular schedule next week. Student of the Week-Tucker

Trask: Next week the class will be taking the MEA tests. Please have them get rested each night since the tests will take all week.

I will be sending home a sign-up sheet for Parent/Teacher conferences in the near future. Please be looking for them in your child's mail.

PBIS News- Random Acts of Kindness have been flooding the bulletin board this week as we have hit the final day and will be drawing a winner for a Dunkin Donuts gift card. As we head into Spring please be mindful of playground expectations and rules. We are all excited to be outside and see something other than snow, however, we have mud and water that we all need to be mindful of when we are outside. I would like to thank all of the 8th grade students who attended shadow days for Erskine, Lincoln Academy, Hall-Dale and Gardiner. If you or your child would like to do a full shadow day at a preferred high school please feel free to contact me. Please make sure you have either submitted registration packets to the high school you have chosen or have given me the packets to send off. Again any questions feel free to contact me. (msoule@svrsu.org)

Middle School News

Norris: 48 days until we leave on our trip to Boston. We are working our way through Longfellow's poem about Paul Revere's ride, and the other day we read it, section by section, all the way through. When complete, the class was amazed at how well they had done and how much they already knew of the story. "Hardly a man is now alive who remembers that famous day and year!"

McCormick: It is a great time of year to start to get outside and to be active. Don't forget to pay attention to details and get work done too. 7th and 8th grade Maine Studies Region Game Boards are due on Tuesday. Please have your student tell you about their game.

Mathews: All middle school students have been taking the Maine Educational Assessment over the past few weeks. In the ELA classroom our testing includes Reading, Writing & Language, and an Essay. I appreciate the hard work students

Howard: 6th grade completed their MEA math assessments - they were focused - great job. I wish them lots of fun and learning at Kieve next week. I will join them on Wed. 7th grade has continued working with algebraic equations and solving for the unknown - practice has built confidence. 8th grade has now learned about point-slope form - the fourth way to solve a linear equation. We will work on comparing two linear equations and their relationships next week. 7th & 8th grade will do their MEA Math assessments next week. Please remind student to charge their laptops each evening in preparation and get plenty of rest.

8th grade students wanted to say thank you to all those that attended the Aunt Gin's Dinner fundraiser - we appreciate your support.

Resource News

are putting into this process. Next week, 6th graders will head to Kieve! 6th grade parents, please send your child with plenty of warm clothes, layers, hats, mittens, etc. so they can remain comfortable if the temperature drops.

Brann: We will begin week 3 of MEA testing with grades 3-8 next week. This will be the last week and then we can get back to our regular schedule!

Grady/Richards: Readers become a part of a world outside of their own. Connect with a good book today. Have a wonderful weekend.

Art - Library - Music - PE

Abbott: SCHOLASTIC **BUY ONE GET ONE FREE BOOK FAIR** will be in the library from 4/8 - 4/11!!! It will be open to community and family members on 4/10 and 4/11 after school until 6:30 pm. Stop in, buy a book for yourself, and donate one to the Whitefield Library!

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

Simpson: 6th Grade Parents - keep an eye out for the Track and Field Day permission slip that will be coming home soon!

Have a great weekend!