



## Principal's Message

### May 2nd Celebration of Learning

I want to encourage all parents to join the WHES staff on the evening of May 2nd for our **Celebration of Learning**. It is an opportunity for the school to showcase programs and activities that demonstrate the depth and diversity of learning that takes place every day. Students, grades PRE K - 8, will be able to assist parents in understanding the goals and processes that exist within the learning demonstrations and to, simply stated, celebrate the combined work of both students and staff. Our program will have three separate components that will be interactive and engaging:

- **5:30-6:00 PM Learning Within the Classroom** This segment of our program will offer parents the opportunity to visit classrooms and see evidence of student work and programs they are participating in. Feel free to not only visit your child's classroom but other classrooms as well.
- **6:00-6:30 PM Experience the School Nutrition Program** This is a first time effort by our School Nutrition Department to provide an opportunity to sample from a wide array of foods that are typically served to students. This "tasting" buffet will take place in our Gymnasium (WHES Gym) with nutrition staff available to answer questions. School lunch programs have evolved dramatically over the past few years and I encourage everyone to take advantage of this chance to experience this new culinary direction.
- **6:30-7:00 PM Restorative Practices at WHES** The final segment of our celebration will take place in the gym and will focus on our Restorative Practices here at WHES. George Conant, our Restorative Practices consultant, will be joining us to provide parents with a brief overview of just what Restorative Practices are all about. He will follow that by running an interactive circle with some WHES students to demonstrate one of the key components to Restorative Practices. At the close of the program there will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

Our school slogan is: "At WHES, We Have Pride Inside!" and I think, by participating in the WHES Celebration of Learning, you'll see ample evidence of the pride both students and staff have in their efforts and performance. I hope you all join us on the 2nd!

**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:** Did you know that our town has its own food pantry? Whitefield Food Pantry is located at St. Denis' Church Hall (Rt. 126) and is open on the 1st Friday of each month from 10am - 3pm, and also on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am - 12pm.



**Flocking for Food:** The flock has finally landed!!! Be on the lookout they may be moving to your house soon!! Again we appreciate all/any donations that are generated from the flock as well as walk in donations for our growing food pantry.

**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 had a great start back after vacation. We are learning about shadows and reflections. We enjoyed making shadows of ourselves outside in the sunshine. Please come check them out during our Celebration of Learning on May 2nd. Congratulations to April's award winners: Blake, Attikus and Haven. Way to go!!

**Beck:** The K Krew has been busy this week getting back into the routine of school after vacation. We start our plant unit next week. Our writing is coming along very well. We have been practicing sight words and will soon begin our poetry books. Please send a snack every day with your child. Have a great weekend.

**Lamothe:** Our April Journal is almost completed. The children will be sharing them with you at our Celebration of Learning. We have started our unit on Geometry. We have been learning about different shapes and attributes through the use of pattern blocks. Happy Birthday to Daniel! Our Character Trait awards winners for April are Stella-Compassion, Anthony-Effort, Scarlett-Improvement.

**Grades 2-4**

**Brewer:** Welcome back. We are working hard on our Poetry Unit portfolios. We have completed Alliteration, Color Poetry and Shape Poems. We will work on Bio Poems, Rhyming Poems, Acrostics and Haiku. We will share them for our Celebration of Learning on May 2nd. In math we have been working on fractions and symmetry. We are in need of paper towels and extra snacks.

**Northrup:** Congrats to Bristol, George, and Jacob for receiving recognition at our assembly on Thursday. I enjoyed seeing so many of you at conferences. Please check folders nightly. Papers, homework, and flyers are coming home nightly and need to be reviewed. Student of the Week- Richie

**Trask:** The class visited the HVNC Thursday. We studied vernal pools and the many forms of life in them. Everyone Observed the differences in tree frog eggs and salamander eggs. Later the kids performed an orchestra of the various frogs in Maine.

*PBIS News-* Welcome back from what was a pretty soggy and chilly vacation, weather wise. This week we celebrated the accomplishments and success of students for the month of April. Students and staff recognized Ms.Mathews with personal letters, gifts, and an amazing slideshow presentation (thank you Mrs. Lincoln). Ms. Mathews will be missed, and we all wish her luck!!!! This is a big change for our current 6th grade class as well as grades 5-8. My office is always open for students if they should need extra support during this transition. May 30th@1:30 will be our last PBIS assembly!!!

**8th grade fundraisers - Students are taking orders for Popcorn from Coastal Maine Popcorn Co. in Boothbay - they will be taking orders until April 29th. Delivery should be about a week after that. Please contact an 8th grade student to place your order. Thank you for your support.**



**Middle School News**

**McCormick:** The 7th grade went to Boothbay on Thursday to harvest our Kelp. We started the kelp in our classroom and in December it was placed in Boothbay Harbor. When the seed left our room, the longer blades were 5 cm. Check out the picture of our Kelp this week! It was amazing.



**Howard:** It is great to see the students again - I missed them all. 8th grade is busy working on Geometry - volume of shapes and then surface area. This is hard work because they need to use specific formulas to problem solve. 7th grade has also begun Geometry, in that they are learning about geometric figures, i.e. classifying angles and creating various triangles. 6th grade is continuing work on Expressions and we are again reviewing the Distributive Property, which will allow them to solve equations with variables. Have a great weekend.

**Mathews:** 6th and 7th grade have wrapped up argument writing units with a focus on literary essays. They are preparing to move into informational writing. 8th grade is already hard at work in informational writing. Their topic of focus is teen activism. The growth these students have made this year is admirable and is showing in full force! I am very proud of their hard work. They should continue to read at home as often as possible and come prepared to class with a book. All students are currently reading a genre of their choice. I would like to extend a huge welcome to Mrs. Joslyn, who will be taking over the ELA classroom next week. The students have expressed excitement over having her step in.

### Resource News

**Brann:** It has been a productive week back from vacation. Students are working to keep pace with assignments. Please continue to encourage your child to read each night.

**Grady/Richards:** Summer school is a go! Please check for the paperwork that will be coming home soon. Have a great weekend!

### Art - Library - Music - PE

#### **Martin: What's happening in the art room:**

Kindergarten did a fabulous job painting their Mo Willems Pigeon party. They were so proud of their work!

2nd grade just finished their self portraits.

3rd grade is learning about color value.

5th grade just started their dog portraits. Super excited to see the finished product!!!

6,7 and 8th grade are painting their ceramic projects!

**Abbott:** Thank you to all the families who supported Whitefield School and Whitefield Library, by attending the book fair! 4th Grade is finishing up the year by creating a slideshow of their Maine Animal. Please stay tuned for their presentation date!

**Simpson:** Middle school parents, please see the attached flyer regarding our newest unit on Map & Compass. Also, Notice to 6th grade parents. Track and Field Day has been moved to Tuesday May 7th.

### A Note from the Whitefield Town Library



THANKS A BUNCH!

Whitefield parents are the greatest! The Whitefield Library received a tremendous amount of donated books from the School's Scholastic Book Fair. We can't thank you enough for your generosity. We hope to see you & your students at the library this summer. Remember, a library card is free & we now have new books to check out!

Here are our hours:

Whitefield Expanded Library Hours:

Wednesdays 10am-12pm & 5pm-7pm; Saturday's 10am-2pm  
(Beginning Saturday, May 18th!)

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



## ***Kindergarten Registration and Screening School Year 2019-2020***

***Who:*** Children who will be five years old by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and are not currently enrolled in an RSU 12 Pre-Kindergarten Program.

***Registration Information:*** Parents of students who are not currently enrolled in an RSU 12 Pre-Kindergarten Program may pick up registration information from the school's main office or request registration paperwork by contacting Mrs. Perkins at [aperkins@svrsu.org](mailto:aperkins@svrsu.org) or by calling 549-7691.

***Academic Screening:*** Students who are not currently enrolled in an RSU 12 Pre-Kindergarten Program will be screened on June 3, 2019. If you have not been contacted by Mrs. Perkins with an appointment time, please call 549-7691

***Students who are currently enrolled in an RSU 12 Pre-Kindergarten Program will not need to be screened because they have already participated in the screening process when they began Pre-Kindergarten.***

***Classroom Visit:*** Please contact Mrs. Beck at [gbeck@svrsu.org](mailto:gbeck@svrsu.org) to set up an appointment if you would like to meet her and see the classroom.

***Students who are currently enrolled in the Whitefield Pre-Kindergarten Program will participate in our annual Step Up day in June when they will meet Mrs. Beck and see their classroom.***

***Questions:*** Please feel free to contact us via phone at 549-7691 or by email. Mrs. Perkins can be reached at [aperkins@svrsu.org](mailto:aperkins@svrsu.org) or Mr. Deblois can be reached at [mdeblois@svrsu.org](mailto:mdeblois@svrsu.org).