



Principal's Message

Important Middle School Program

We have an important and timely program being offered for students in grades 6-8 this month. During the last week in May we will be having Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine (SASSMM) coming to speak with students in grades 6-8 about a variety of topics that are pertinent in their lives. SASSMM provides educational support professionals who deliver classroom-based, age-appropriate primary prevention education that is aligned with the Maine Department of Education Learning Results, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education and Response Model Policy, and Key Concepts for Prevention of Sexual Assault. Their educational model will consist of four sessions delivered over four days for all students in grades 6-8. Students will be with their grade level in breakout sessions to discuss the following content areas:

Session One: Personal Boundaries: *In this session students are introduced to the concept of sexual harassment through the lenses of consensual flirting and personal boundaries. Students will investigate: their own personal boundaries; respect for personal boundaries; the consequences of crossing another individual's personal boundaries, and understanding empathy and accountability.*

Session Two: Gender Norms: *In this session students engage with typical definitions of femininity and masculinity, and how these social norms are limiting and harmful to people who do not fit the "gender boxes". Students develop media literacy skills by discussing unrealistic representations of men and women. The educator also introduces the ideas of gender identity and sexual orientation.*

Session Three: Tolerance and Empathy: *This session will continue their discussion of LGBTQ+ identities and gender norms by watching PBS clips featuring gender non-conforming students around America. The educator will ask students to engage with their own reactions or discomfort to gender non-conforming behavior. The activity "Cross the Line" gives students a chance to connect safely with other students and build empathy.*

Session Four: Sexual Harassment: *Student will understand the definition of sexual harassment, some examples of what behaviors it can include, and debunk some common myths. Through the clip of the incident on American Idol, students will see televised example of sexual harassment, exploring how this is normalized in our culture and often takes the form of jokes. Finally students will test their knowledge by engaging with scenarios.*

You may choose to opt your child out of participating in any or all of these sessions by providing a letter stating this to me or Meagan Soule, WHES Student Support Specialist. I would encourage any/all parents to contact either of us if you have any questions concerning the curriculum and/or content being delivered. I believe this is very important subject matter which our students need to gain a greater awareness and knowledge base of. Our school is fortunate to have available to us the services SASSMM for this vital task.

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 continues to make its way around Whitefield!!! Loving the sunny days to work on their tan!!*

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!

Grades Pre K- 1	Grades 2-4
<p>Pre K: Pre-k is finishing their last week on Unit 5 - Shadows and Reflections. The last Unit for the remainder of the school year is Unit 6 - Things That Grow. We are beginning to add by counting on and drew pictures of our dreams from the story <i>Dreams</i> by Ezra Jack Keats. Enjoy the weekend!</p> <p>Beck: The K Krew's Poetry Book is coming along nicely! Each day we are adding a poem to the book. We practice reading the poem together and draw or create a picture to go with the poem. This will be a great book for us to read over the summer and share with our family! In Math we are working on adding and a bit of subtracting. Some of us are struggling with keeping our hands and feet off others and sharing. May and June are tough months because the weather is so nice and TBall and baseball have kids busier and going to bed later. Please help us out by making sure routines and bedtimes stay as close to normal as can be. Have a great weekend!</p> <p>Lamothe: NWEA testing is next week for first grade. Happy Mother's Day to all our first grade Moms!</p>	<p>Brewer: We are working diligently on subtraction with regrouping. These kids are getting quite proficient. Please ask a second grader the 4 rules that all polygons follow. We are doing a small unit on fiction writing. Thus far, we have done the 4 parts of our writing program: Personal Narrative, Informational Writing, Opinion Writing and Poetry. The kids always ask for Fictional writing, so I always teach it. They are doing such a great job with their character development. Grade 2 has such creative minds. Miss Hurley finished her student teaching and we wish her well. She did such an outstanding job. In Mystery Science, students learned the importance of sunlight for plants, which is collected by their leaves. Knowing how plants respond to sunlight, they built Grass Heads. We will post pictures as they sprout. Next week on Mon-Wed, students will be taking the spring NWEA assessment. Please make sure they come to school well rested and with a good snack!</p> <p>Northrup: We will have our chapter 5 math test on May 20th. A review packet will come home on the 17th. Also, we will have NWEA testing the week of May 20th. There will be NO spelling for that week. Have a Happy Mother's Day this weekend!!!</p> <p>Trask: Next week we will be visiting HVNC on Thursday. The kids will be studying Macroinvertebrates, wetlands, pond life ,and looking at woodland flowers. Please make sure your child has boots for our investigations around the pond. On Friday, at 1:30 in the library, the class will be presenting their slideshows of Maine animals. Parents are invited attend.</p>

PBIS News- This month we will host our last PBIS assembly of the year!! Let's make it a great one!! We will have our assembly on May 30th at 1:30. Come celebrate the success' of our students.

Middle School News	
<p>Norris: "Protect Our Species - Earth Day 2019" has been sent to the publisher. This book is colorful, well written, and full of very interesting information. Everyone worked hard on their section, and we are looking forward to receiving the final copy. Math with fractions has been "tasty" as we learn using edible manipulatives. Leaving for Boston next Friday morning !!!</p> <p>McCormick: 7th grade has been experimenting with ways to make kelp taste better. Ask a 7th grader about their work in this area. Ask a 7th or 8th grader about extracting DNA. They can share some amazing facts.</p> <p>Joslyn: As you can well imagine, Whitefield School was much different 35 years ago when I introduced myself to my first group of 6-8 ELA classes. With all of the changes over the years, it is gratifying to observe what has NOT changed here; kids are still "kids" as caring adults greet them every Monday morning. It is with respect and pleasure that I have this opportunity to be a small part of the "greeting" of today's 6th-8th graders, and I will say, they have been most "merciful" as I fashion my way back into the routines of teaching and learning. Tuesday, the 6th graders were SUPERSTARS at the Track & Field event (offering tons of encouragement, stepping up to the physical challenges of round after round, and displaying the utmost respect towards peers and adults). Meanwhile, back on the academic side, the main curriculum challenges continue, and expectations remain the same as Ms. Matthews</p>	<p>Howard: Geometry is the unit all classes are working in. 8th grade just completed working on surface areas and changes in dimensions. 7th grade is working on 3D shapes and views seen from different angles. 6th grade has been practicing finding area of various shapes: trapezoids, triangles and parallelograms. We will all continue to work in geometry to build on these new concepts. Have a nice weekend.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resource News</p> <p>Brann: We are gearing up to take the NWEA over the next few weeks. Students will have the opportunity to view the progress they have made this school year! Please assist with making sure students sleep and eat well. Thank you!</p> <p>Grady/Richards: Please remember to</p>

had established. Each week, ELA students are expected to learn new vocabulary, diligently engage in reading and responding to literature, and develop a clear understanding of particular forms of writing. Currently, writing entails researching the topic "Teen Activism" and writing an informational piece for a focused audience...difficult writing format for adolescents, but an engaging topic! I'm anxious to see their results. Please be in touch with any questions or concerns as these next busy weeks unfold.

return the summer school forms. Read something about nature here in Maine and then take a walk with your child to see if they can find things that are related to the book! Make reading fun and engaging! Have a great weekend.

Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: Pre-k thru 8th are painting rocks for the day of caring. When they are finished they will be going into a memorial garden that is currently being planned as well

Abbott: ATTENTION 4TH GRADE FAMILIES: Please join us in the library on Friday, May 17th at 1:30 for an opportunity to see your child's Maine Animal Slideshow Presentation!

The **Whitefield Library** opens for the season on Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 with an ice cream social and children's story hour, from 10:30 to 11:30. This years hours are Wednesdays 10 - 12 and 5 - 7 and Saturdays from 10 to 2.
Come visit the library!

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

Simpson: Reminder: Jump Rope for the PTA money is due next week! Your PK-4 child should have come home with a score card from PE class this week, unless they were absent and missed their jump-a-thon.

Have a great weekend!