

Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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Principal's Message END OF THE YEAR FOCUS

We are five weeks from the end of the school year and I have spoken to both students and staff alike regarding how I'd like everyone to focus on the final weeks of school. My philosophy has also been that, as educators, we need to do our best to fill the time we have with students with meaningful educational experiences. That focus is for two major reasons. First, we have a limited amount of time with students each year and are expected to accomplish much during that time; facilitating growth in academic, social, emotional and physical domains. Second, and from a much more practical perspective, our time with kids will run smoother if we stick to our standards and expectations, having the days run as normally as possible even as the days get longer and the weather (hopefully) gets nicer. When students perceive that structure is diminishing it tends to ramp up unwanted behaviors and everyone suffers. That is not to say that we won't be having special events between now and June 19th (our final day of school). As a matter of fact, weather permitting, we will engage in our 5th Annual Day of Caring this coming Friday (May 24th). We also have Field Day (June 11th) coming up as well as our Awards Assembly/Parent BBQ (June 14th). Our yearly activities culminate on the evening of June 18th when, at 6:00 PM in the WHES Gym, we will celebrate our Class of 2019 in our 8th Grade Recognition Program. All of these activities and special events are an integral part of the end of the school year experience and we regard them as such, but please join us in stressing to your children that we're working hard to maintain our focus and expectations right up until the final day. By doing so, we will accomplish much and end the school year on a high note.

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: Lunch and dinner items are running low. We would appreciate any donations of soups, pastas, etc. Thank you!

Health: Please see the attached information sheet regarding ticks. I have had several children bring me ticks that they have found on themselves. Ticks are known to carry bacteria that can cause serious infection. Be thorough when checking your children and selves for ticks.

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: Important information: Day of Caring is next Friday. We will be heading to plant pumpkins, so please remember we need the permission slips in order for the children to participate. Last Read With Me is May 23rd. The book is *When Spring Comes*. Please join us for the story and activity. This week the children have been sorting, counting and comparing collections. We also practiced matching upper and lower case letters.

Beck: The K Krew has been busy this week working on letter sounds and figuring out math problems. We will be writing our 3 page stories this week too. NWEA testing on the laptops is over. We will be taking a Developmental Reading Assessment soon to see what our reading levels are. Please send a snack each day with your child. Have a wonderful weekend!

Lamothe: Even with the end of the school year in plain sight the first graders are still busy at work. We worked on common, proper and possessive nouns this past week. In our writing we included conjunctions (and, but, because, or and so). During Math time we used our base 10 blocks to add within 100. We are taking a lot of pride in our nice, neat handwriting. Star Student this week was Aiden. Happy Birthday to Charlotte on the 15th.

Grades 2-4

Brewer: Thank you ro Mr. Cote for being an amazing Whitefield Tour guide. We had a great trip around our wonderful little town learning all kinds of history.

Northrup: We will have our chapter 5 math test on Monday. Please go over the review packet with your child. Also, we will be NWEA testing Monday-Thursday. Mr Deblois finished reading the book The BFG to our class. We celebrated with the movie and popcorn on Friday. Student of the Week-Grace

Trask: The kids had a great day at HVNC. They found and observed a variety of Macroinvertebrates. Many found and observed other forms of animal and plant life in the pond. After observations were made the class read a short, informative, sheet about their favorite creature and shared facts with the class. On the walks in and out of HVNC, our instructors pointed out many woodland flowers and plants. Each plant had a follow-up of interesting information.

Middle School News

Norris: Grade 5 is exploring historic sites in Boston on Friday. We will be visiting the Paul Revere House, the Old North Church, Quincy Marketplace and the Old South Meeting House. Thank you to all our parent chaperones, to all those who bought Valentines and wore hats in our fundraisers, and to the students themselves who worked for weeks studying the history behind the Boston Tea Party, Paul Revere's ride and the Sons of Liberty. Excellent effort !!

McCormick: Don't forget that grades 5-8 will be traveling to the American Legion in Augusta on Tuesday, to lay flags on veteran graves. A pizza lunch will be provided by the Legion. If your child can not eat pizza, please provide a bag lunch.

Joslyn: The students just finished taking the Spring session of the NWEA testing for ELA and from my observation, they worked very diligently to show the progress they have made over the year. Also, they have done a lot of research and note-gathering in preparation for the Teen Activists writing assignment. Some students are ready to write draft 1 of the essay (or chapters for their book in 8th grade)! We'll try to have a finished product by the end of next week!

Howard: Reminder that we have a field trip to the American Legion on Tuesday to help place flags and clean up for Memorial Day at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

8th grade has completed working with shapes and is now learning about Probability. 7th grade is using what they know about area to find the areas of composite shapes (a polygon that can be broken into two shapes). 6th grade has completed working with area of shapes and will be working on volume and surface area. Have a great weekend.

Resource News

Brann: Evenings are exceptionally busy this time of year, with families attending spring sports and other activities. Please assist us with helping students get much needed rest whenever possible. We want to maximize learning time. Thank you!

Grady/Richards: Please continue reading with your children at home. Summer school forms went home last week. If you are interested, and have misplaced the forms please let us know and we can send another home. Thank you! Have a wonderful weekend.

Martin: What's happening in the Art Room:

Kindergarten and first grade will be finishing up their self portraits. We talked about the placement of our eyes, ears, nose and mouth. They learned that our eyes are actually in the middle of our heads, not at the top. They also learned that our faces are oval shape not circular. It was such a fun experience!

Abbott: Thank you to all the 4th grade families who came in see their child's slide show presentation!

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

Simpson: Thank you to all the parents/students that participated in our Jump for the PTA fundraiser! If you forgot to send your money in, there is still time. Please send it in by Monday, so your child can be included in the reward activities! Congratulations to Cassidy Brann, our 4th grade T-shirt design winner. All students who raise \$50 or more will receive a t-shirt with her design on it!

Morgan: There will be a middle school Band and Chorus concert on **Tuesday, June 4th in the gym at 1:30pm**. Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend. My K-5 students will attend the concert to learn about the band instruments and singing in the chorus. My 3rd grade students have been learning about the instruments families and are excited to hear them live.



Please join the **Whitfield Town Library** for OPENING DAY, Saturday, May 18 (10-2). We will be hosting an ice cream social to celebrate. Sign up for a free library membership; available to all Whitefield residents and surrounding towns. Children's Story hour ("Stories Around the World") kicks off @ 10:30! Don't miss it!

Have a great weekend!