



Principal's Message

Memorial Day & WHES Day of Caring

As we move toward the Memorial Day holiday, the “unofficial beginning of summer,” it is key to take time to recognize, reflect and remember those veterans who have served our country or who are serving right now. It is easy to forget that the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States were not granted without great sacrifice and commitment. Recently, our students in grades 5-8 assisted the members of the American Legion Post from Augusta to place flags on the graves of individuals who served our country throughout Augusta (some of our middle school students attended to the same task here in Whitefield). In speaking with the leaders of the Legion post, I was struck by their gratitude for receiving assistance with this enterprise. I was told that they now struggle to find enough volunteers to help accomplish the goal of making certain that each veteran would be recognized with a flag on their grave before Memorial Day. I reminded them that our students’ gesture paled when considering the dedication of our service men and women, past and present.

The entire WHES community will participate in our 5th annual Day of Caring program on Friday, May 24th (weather permitting). Fulfilling the mission of giving back to the community for all it offers us, students, parents and staff will participate in activities to support and better our community. As this is my first school year in Whitefield, it is be my initial opportunity to be a part of this great event. With that being said, I have always seen the publicity about Day of Caring and feel honored to now join in. Congratulations and thanks to Karen McCormick for spearheading and organizing this special event. Look for an army of “Carolina Blue” t-shirts out and about the community on Friday!

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 is out!!! They already landed on two houses this past week and the third is currently pending. Thank you again community members for taking such good care of our birds and supporting the school food pantry.

Health: There has been a confirmed case of Measles in the central Maine area. Please familiarize yourself with signs and symptoms to watch for. The child was vaccinated, so everyone needs to be aware.

Measles is an acute viral respiratory illness. It is characterized by a prodrome of fever (as high as 105°F) and malaise, cough, coryza, and conjunctivitis followed several days later by a maculopapular rash. The rash usually appears about 14 days after a person is exposed. The rash spreads from the head to the trunk to the lower extremities. Measles can cause severe health complications including pneumonia, encephalitis, and death. Measles is transmitted when an infected person coughs or sneezes; infected people are contagious from four days before their rash starts through four days afterwards. After an infected person leaves a location, the virus remains viable for up to two hours on surfaces and in the air. Vaccination is the best method of protection against measles. The incubation period after exposure to onset of symptoms is typically 10-14 days, but can be as long as 21 days.

PTA News: The PTA Plant Sale will be Saturday, June 1st from 9:30 am-noon in the school parking lot. We are selling vegetables, flowers, and herbs. All plants have been grown by the after-school garden club and will help fund our school garden.

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>

<p style="text-align: center;">Grades Pre K- 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Grades 2-4</p>
<p>Pre K: Pre-K would like to thank Logan for bringing in the tadpoles. This will be a great opportunity for the children to see the life cycle of a frog. We are also learning about planting, the parts of a flower, and vegetables from the book: <u>The Ugly Vegetables</u>. We will be making a "nest market" for the birds. If anyone has scraps of ribbon, yarn, felt, string and fruit containers from the grocery store please send them in. Together as a class we will make a market of the materials for the birds to pick out of to make nests.</p> <p>Beck: The K Krew is now writing stories with a beginning, middle and end! Kindergarten will be taking the Developmental Reading Assessment next week. This will determine their reading level and will help us plan for next year. We could use paper towels in the K room. We have exhausted our supply. Have a great weekend!</p> <p>Lamothe: First grade has worked hard to increase their independent read to self time. They are able to do silent sustained reading successfully for 12 minutes! We practice this skill daily. The children are becoming great writers. This week we wrote about flowers and what they need to grow. This tied in nicely with our Day of Caring project which was planting flowers out in front of the school. Our focus this week in Math was fractions. They are able to identify and describe one half and one fourth of a circle or square. We are in need of extra snacks for our Snack Bucket. Star Student this week was Max. Happy Birthday to Stella on the 23rd!</p>	<p>Brewer: This week we continued exploring how even though all plants need water and sunlight, they don't all need them in the same amounts. We solved the mystery, "Where do plants grow best?" by playing a game called "Plant Survivor." In math this week we are reviewing word problem strategies and telling time. Our word of the week is dawdle. Ask a second grader what the word means. Our vocabulary has expanded by 32 words with our word of the week. It's so fun to hear the kids use these words regularly. We are in need of extra snacks and Clorox wipes. Thank you</p> <p>Northrup: The year is winding down, but we are STILL hard at work in third grade. Homework continues to be due daily!!! We will begin Chapter 6 in EDM on Tuesday. Our new topic in social studies is government. In writing, we are working on backing up our opinions with reasons. Thank you to Ms. McCormick for organizing another productive and exciting Day of Caring. Student of the Week- Canyon</p> <p>Trask: Next week the class will be taking the NWEA's Please have your child get plenty of rest and have a good snack.</p> <p>In math, the class has started Division. There will be growing pains. Division is a challenge. I believe that with practice everyone can master this concept.</p>

PBIS News- This week we will be gearing up for our last PBIS assembly which will be held May 30th@ 1:30. Come celebrate the accomplishments and hard work these students have exhibited over the past month. Also, a reminder for

those students in grades 6-8 - we will be having SASSMM come in to deliver educational programs the last week in May. These programs were discussed in the previous newsletter. If anyone has questions about the educational programs please feel free to contact me. msoule@svrsu.org.

***All 8th grade students need to have their registration, course selection, and medical forms sent to the High School of their choice for the Fall semester. If you have any questions regarding any of these items or need to set up a shadow day please contact me as soon as possible, we are closing in rapidly on graduation time!!!



Middle School News

Norris: Our trip to Boston was full of adventures and learning. We visited the home of Paul Revere and learned about the “true” story of his famous ride. We visited the Old South Meeting House and participated in a spirited debate over the tea tax. Quincy Market offered so many treasures to purchase - food and souvenirs. All in all, an excellent trip. PLUS this week our Earth Day book arrived from the publisher. It is spectacular and is still available to purchase a copy! We presented the school library with a hardcover copy. Finally, we all have learned the poem “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae, and the American Legion gave each student a poppy to remind them of the service of our military men and women.

McCormick: It has been a super busy week. We have almost been taken over by plants and I am certain that, in the science room, there is more than the average amount of oxygen floating around in the air! On Tuesday grades 5-8 helped out the American Legion Post 2 in Augusta. There we placed flags on 1085 graves. Our group was able to help decorate the following cemeteries: Holy Family, Old St. Augustine, Mt. Hope and Mt. Pleasant. It was a windy day but our students made Whitefield proud with their hard work and focus.

Joslyn: Nearly 2000 veterans were respectfully honored by Whitefield students as they searched for and found their markers throughout 4 cemeteries in Augusta. 5th-8th graders searched plot after plot identify deceased veterans' markers in order to place a flag and a tribute of "Thank you for your service" on each site. Contributing their service to this Memorial Day tradition was extremely appreciated by the American Legion Post, which cares for these gravesites.



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Howard: 8th grade has begun preparing for Recognition Night - it is June 18th at 6pm

In math, 8th grade is working with scatter plots and analyzing the data. We will work on two-way tables and probability next week. 7th grade is calculating volume of prisms: rectangular and triangular. 6th grade is working on mean, median & mode as well as volume of prisms.

Thank you to the students for their hard work on Day of Caring - they are the best! Have a great Memorial Day Weekend.

Resource News

Brann: We have almost completed the NWEA. Students and staff are pleased with the progress that has been made. Enjoy the long weekend!

Grady/Richards: Summer school forms were due by May 24th. I'm excited that transportation will be provided. If you have not returned the form and would like your child to attend please let us know as soon as possible. We will send paperwork home confirming as soon as we receive it from the central office. Also, we will be doing DRA testing starting next week, so your child may not have new homework sent home. Please continue reading with them so they can continue to grow as readers. Have a wonderful weekend!

Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: Projects are wrapping up in the art room as we get closer to the end of the year. Within the next few weeks please look for an art folder with your kids work from the second half of the year.

Abbott: Please keep looking for any overdue library books! The last day for checkout is June 7th.

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

Simpson: Jump-a-thon Kids - Please have your permission slip for the trampoline park returned by Wednesday, May 29th.

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. K-4 will also attend to learn about the band instruments and singing in a

chorus.