



Principal's Message

WHES Summer Reading Incentive Program

*I want to call to the attention of all WHES parents the great program being initiated this summer for all interested students. The program is the **WHES Summer Reading Incentive Program** and it seeks to encourage students to pursue reading all throughout the summer. Designed in cooperation with the WHES PTA and the new Whitefield Library, the summer reading program seeks to combat the skills regression that can occur for students when they stop exercising their "Reading Muscles." Simply put, students who do not continue to read over the summer vacation will lose a measure of their reading skills that they've worked so hard to build over the school year. This is true for students of all ages which is why our program is open to all K-8 students. Beyond the benefits to a student's reading ability, there are also some very practical incentives available to participants as well. First, students can log their reading times and make themselves eligible for the Freemasons, "Read to Ride" Program in which students who've met their summer reading goal can submit their name into a pool with a possibility of winning a new bicycle. Reaching their reading goal will also lead to a student receiving a \$10.00 gift certificate to our Scholastic Book Fair (sponsored by the WHES PTA) as well as receiving an invite to a "Summer Reading Party" that will celebrate each student's accomplishment. This will be held shortly after school begins in August. Wonderful reasons to commit to reading throughout the summer vacation!*

The way this program works is that students who wish to participate will receive a summer reading goal from their current classroom teacher. This goal will be personalized for the student and could be minutes of reading per day or week, pages read per day or week or books completed over the summer. Parents will assist in keeping the student's reading log to verify their reading activity and then logs will be collected when school begins in the fall. It is as simple as that! To facilitate the students' efforts over the summer, the new Whitefield Library and the WHES School Library will have summer hours to allow families to check out books. This will be a great summer to READ Whitefield!

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: The Whitefield town food pantry is open the first Friday of every month from 10am - 3pm and the third Saturday of every month from 10am - 12pm.

Flocking for Food: The flock will be moving again today....they have been very busy as the weather is finally starting to cooperate. The birds don't mind the rain but they do get chilly when it's cold out!!! Thank you everyone for your cooperation.

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.svsu.org/o/whes/page/whitefield-collaborative-problem-solving-project>

Grades Pre K- 1

Pre K: Thank you to all the families that attended our last Read with Me. Reminder that PreK will be closed on June 6th and 7th.

Beck: The K Krew enjoyed planting pumpkins with the Marples on Friday! It was wet and muddy but well worth it. The Day of Caring BBQ was yummy and we all enjoyed our ice cream provided by Darlings. Thank you to Ms. McCormick and the “big” kids for helping us out! Have a wonderful weekend!

Lamothe: Grade 1 students have had an awesome week! We have received several compliments from staff members who have noticed our quiet hallway behavior. We will be celebrating our accomplishments on Monday with a brownie party. I am so proud of the growth these students have shown overall. We finished up our May Journals on Friday and will be starting our June Journal on Monday. They are anxious to write about summer plans! Be looking for their, “Just In Case” bags to be coming home in the next few days. Also, please be sure to return any classroom books in their RED Read Everyday bag. This Friday is the last week I will be sending books home. Star Student this week was Bennett. We need extra snacks for our snack bucket.

Grades 2-4

Brewer: Grade 2 planted sunflowers and vegetables out back by the greenhouse during Day of Caring. We then walked around the school picking up trash. We almost filled an entire trash bag. When we were done with that we came back inside and “washed” the school. We washed all desks and chairs in every classroom. We washed windows sills, door handles, windows and swept every classroom and the hallways. A HUGE thank you to Schuyler’s family for donating a ton of snacks and a case of Clorox Wipes.

Northrup: Third grade was very busy during the Day of Caring. We were responsible for the Dennis Cullenberg Memorial Garden located behind the swings on the playground. Thank you to all that helped with this “close to the heart” project. I am anxious to see all the flowers bloom in the weeks to come. NWEA testing is complete!!! Great Job 3rd grade!!! Congrats to Grace, Jaxon, and Audrey for receiving certificates during our May assembly. Student of the Week- Jaxon Wish List- baby wipes

Trask: Fourth graders are tired after a busy week of testing. Hopefully they can get rested this weekend. Next Thursday, the class will have their last trip to HVNC. They will be studying wild flowers as they hike to Dyer Pond.

PBIS News- Congratulations to all of our award winners yesterday in what was our final PBIS assembly. Thank you parents and community members who attended, it means a lot to the kids and our school to have a big audience. Finally, congratulations to our 8th grade class, your performance and words of wisdom will be remembered. Good luck to you all as you begin the next chapter in High School!!

Middle School News

Norris: Grade five was proud to be able to present Mrs. Abbott and the Whitefield Elementary School library with a hardcover copy of our newly published book “Earth Day”. Our class was able to share research on each animal, plant, and ecosystem to grades preK through 4 during school hours, and also to offer more sophisticated presentations in the evening of our recent Open House. The final copy was extraordinary.



McCormick: The Day of Caring went very well. It was great to see all of the kids out and making our community a better place. Please ask your student what activity their class did for this day.

Joslyn: Middle schoolers continue to work hard on their teen activist projects! Ask them how they are coming along.

Howard: What a busy week - 8th grade worked on statistics - how different graphs: scatter, five-summary, and box plots all show data differently and how they analyzed it. 7th grade began looking at 3D shapes and calculating surface area and volume. 6th grade finished the week with mean, median and mode of number sets. Have a great weekend.

Resource News

Brann: If you received an Extended School Year form, please return it to school as soon as possible.

Grady/Richards: If you are uncertain at what level your child is at, have them choose a book, and ask them questions about it after. Some students can read at very high levels but struggle with comprehending what they read. Have a great weekend!

Art - Library - Music - PE

Abbott: I am sure most of you are aware by now, but this is my last year as the librarian/K-4 Technology teacher. I have absolutely loved the last few years here in the library and I will miss that piece of my position tremendously. However, as the technology needs of the world grow, I find myself wishing to return to a regular classroom setting. This is why I have chosen to move to an ed-tech position in the building. I am excited to start my new adventure here next year, with the students and faculty I love!

Please keep looking for those overdue books!!!!

Simpson: We had a great time at the trampoline park! Have a wonderful weekend!

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.

Have a great weekend!