



Principal's Message

Reflections on the 2018-2019 School Year

As we reach the conclusion of the current school year I wanted to share some reflections / insights on the year about to conclude as well as some directions for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. With this being my first year in Whitefield, I can only speak about what has transpired this year and our plans for the future. I also will try to recognize individuals who have worked to make this a successful year.

- **Volunteers** *This year we had an amazing corps of volunteers coming into the school to tutor students, work in classrooms, provide support for teachers and students and, simply, add another dimension of positivity to the school community. As we head towards the 2019-2020 school year I would encourage interested individuals to contact Meagan Soule here at school and get involved in supporting our kids. Out volunteers make a significant contribution to this school!*
- **Students** *The WHES students have proven themselves as a group to be engaged and excited about learning and about being productive, positive members of our school community. They work diligently at being supportive to other members of this community and we have many, many examples of students demonstrating empathy towards one another. The greatest percentage of students understand the expectations at school and meet those expectations daily. When conflicts arise, the WHES staff has become extremely adept at intervening and finding resolutions to issues that benefit all individuals. Over the course of the year we have found that our disciplinary referrals have diminished and in our Student Survey, the majority of students responded that they felt safe at school and that they had a trusted adult available to them. Students are our reason for being here, but I think it is important to recognize that our students are taking their role seriously and are doing their part to make this school positive and productive.*
- **Staff** *I have found the staff at WHES to be dedicated to facilitating growth in all domains (academic, social emotional & physical) and are committed to their craft. Every school is always focused on getting better and educators will never say that our mission is complete and I see an attitude from our staff to continue their own professional growth to reach their best. Most importantly, the WHES staff considers the needs of the whole child, supporting children in so many ways that transcend the standard instructional framework. There is deep caring being demonstrated across the grade span here and by all staff members and our kids are the beneficiaries of this mindset. Believe me, we'll keep working and striving to do more and accomplish even greater levels of proficiency, but it is important to recognize the seriousness of purpose and the substantial dedication of the individuals who work in this school.*
- **Resilience** *Finally, it is impossible for me to reflect on this year without remembering the significant loss that was experienced with the death of Dennis Cullenberg, a man who had dedicated over three decades of stellar service to this school. It was, and remains still, a terrible, challenging time for this school and community. It is interesting to me that Dennis' final contribution to this entire community was that, in his passing, the students, staff, parents, alumni and community unified in sharing their sadness, grief and loss. A teacher to the very end, Dennis facilitated our own capacities to recognize and express our emotions, support each other and move through the challenges life presents to us in as reasonable and positive a manner as possible. We demonstrated our resilience and that will serve us all as we move forward.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for the support that has been demonstrated throughout the year. We have many goals for the upcoming school year, new staff coming on board and a resolve to continue to grow and prosper as a community. Please continue to be a vital part in our journey as all students benefit because of it.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all on August 28th!

Office: Wishing all our students and their families a happy and safe summer break. Good luck to all our 8th graders as they start a new chapter in their lives at high school.



Flocking for Food: This will be the last week for the Flock!!! We had a few Whitefield Graduates step in as our “Flock Technicians” this week to move the crew..THANK YOU!!! We will continue flocking again next year and will be adding a little twist!! Thank you to all the community members that supported the food pantry fundraiser. Again, we always take donations as well and look forward to coming back in the Fall.

Health: Please remember to pick up any medications your child has here at school by the end of next week. Also, if your child is entering 7th grade please check to make sure they have all the proper immunization boosters for the start of the school year. Any child planning on participating in a fall sport will need to make sure they have a current physical on file (within the last 2 years).

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	Grades 2-4
<p>Pre K: We are in full swing with end of the year activities!! Field Day was so exciting. Pre-K discussed what was their favorite, and it seems like the bounce house and slip n slide were the winners. Have a wonderful weekend.</p> <p>Beck: The K Krew did very well on their assessments! Their Kindergarten year is almost over and they are on their way to being first graders. Thank you so much to Ethan’s mom for coming in to volunteer on Friday mornings. Thank you to Pat Parks for coming in to listen to kiddos read on Monday afternoons. We were so fortunate to have Terri Soohy coming in each morning to help at breakfast/morning meeting time. Have a great summer with your children!</p> <p>Lamothe: As I look at my students this time of year and think back to where they were when they started last fall, I am in awe at the growth these children have made. They have matured and found a love of reading, which is so important. I appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing your children in the fall as they begin second grade.</p>	<p>Brewer: We had an amazing year together. ALL the students have shown such incredible growth. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Simpson for another amazing field day. Have an incredible summer with your children and PLEASE have them read, read, and read some more!!!! The summer reading challenges are a great way for your kids to stay motivated to read over the summer. Thank you for sharing your children with me this year.</p> <p>Northrup: Thank you to all the parents for their support and contributions throughout the year. Also, thank you to my amazing volunteers: Cari, The “PHOTOCOPY QUEEN” and Barbara Hayden for reading with my kiddos. I have enjoyed working with your amazing kiddos this year. All have made outstanding growth. Please continue having them read over the summer. You will see the benefits come Fall. Have an awesome summer!!!! See you at the beach!!!!!!</p> <p>Trask: I want to thank all the parents for their support this year. I especially want to thank the chaperones that came on our HVNC trips. Please have your children read this summer....at least twenty minutes per day. It is amazing how this helps a child in school. I hope that all of you have a safe and relaxing summer.</p>

PBIS News- Summer is right around the corner and offers students and families a time for some much needed rest and relaxation. I want to commend all the students and staff members for their continuous support and efforts on always encouraging others to follow our codes of conduct. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and comes back to school refreshed and ready for a new school year!!!

Middle School News

Norris: It was our privilege, and our pleasure, to be the class asked to supervise the elementary Field Day activities. We worked in teams, making sure that each child in grades PreK through 4 was safe while having a fun time. There were some hilarious stories shared after the morning was over, as each 5th grader recounted the challenges they overcame in getting other students to listen and follow *their* directions. This class did a terrific job, and we gave ourselves a “pat on the back” !! It was another opportunity for this amazing group of students to show how well they work together and support each other as members of a team - from Colonial Night to Earth Day presentations and ending with Field Day. Congratulations !!!

McCormick: What a flash this year has been! I simply can't believe that school is over already! This year we have several garden areas to take care of over the summer. Please contact me if you have a child that is available to help with weeding and water duty. I will be notifying people of the days and times. Thank you.

Mathews: Finished! 6-8th ELA students can feel very “accomplished” as they have completed a very detailed research, note-taking, drafting, editing, and more drafting project to finalize the Teen Activists Informational books, essays, and slide shows. Now it's “relax” time! Enjoy summer vacation.

Howard: All classes completed Statistics and Probability and learned different ways to simulate theoretical and experimental models. 8th grade analyzed their data, 7th grade created models and 6th grade calculated mean, median and mode with their data.

I have enjoyed working with all the students in their math development. I want to thank the staff for providing me with a wonderful experience as the Math instructor these past five years and will use this in next year's opportunity as the Learning Commons Instructor.

Have a safe summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall!

Resource News

Brann: Thank you parents for all of your support this school year! The students have made HUGE progress. Please READ over the summer months.

Grady/Richards: The days are winding down. Thank you for all of your support with our Title 1 program. Please continue to read with your children throughout the summer. Have a wonderful vacation.

Art - Library - Music - PE

Martin: It's been an amazing year. Have a great summer and looking forward to seeing you all in the fall!!!

Abbott: If you find anymore books during the summer, please drop them off to the front office! Have a wonderful summer break!

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

Simpson: Field Day was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents for your support. Have a wonderful summer!

Morgan: Have a great summer!



Have a great weekend!