



Principal's Message

Focus on Issues Facing Kids Today

At the beginning of each school year staff of RSU #12 are required to take a variety of on-line courses focused on key issues relating to school and school children. These issues (Bullying Prevention, Cyberbullying, Sexual Harassment Prevention, FERPA, Suicide Prevention and others) highlight the stressors and dangers that exist in the world for children today. While many of us have been presented with these concepts and needs before, the importance of having this knowledge and awareness at the forefront of our thinking is significant. Through the coming months I will use my space here in the Wildcat Weekly to focus on some of these key topics / issues as I believe strongly that parents play an important role in recognizing and responding to the safety issues presented to children today. Hopefully these upcoming articles will shed light on these issues and provide appropriate strategies for you to consider.

Whitefield Cares

*An energized group of people here in the community is gathering on Thursday, September 26th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the WHES Learning Commons, to begin a process of identifying community services, both that exist currently and those that would be helpful in the future. This first meeting will be to discuss exactly what services would be useful to the families of Whitefield and whether or not those services currently exist in this community. The group will hold a second meeting on Tuesday, October 8th to develop a comprehensive list of community services and how this list can be effectively disseminated to the community. **Whitefield Cares** is an effort intending to benefit the entire community by raising awareness of both needs and services and how best to deliver them to people here in town. I encourage all WHES parents to consider attending these meetings and be a part of this most important process.*

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.

If you have not turned in your parent packet, please do so ASAP. If you need another packet, please call the school.

Food Pantry: Please consider donating!

Flocking for Food: The flock continues to migrate around town!!! Thank you everyone for supporting the school food pantry. Stay tuned for more flock movement, as they are going to merge with another flock soon.



Health: If you don't snooze you'll lose! Check out the bulletin board facts in the entryway at school.

Consistently getting quality sleep will improve your student's mental, emotional, and physical performance. It improves their immune system, balances hormones, boosts metabolism, and improves brain function.

Sports: **The new soccer goals are in! We will be setting them up very soon. We have 6 home games coming up starting next week. Don't forget to shop our catalog of Whitefield Wildcat Swag. There are many items to choose from and all profits benefit the sports program. You can check it out by following this link:**

<http://eliotofficeproducts.azurewebsites.net/DownloadableContent/WhitefieldWildcatSwag.pdf>

Kitchen: Greetings from the Kitchen! If you haven't done so yet, please fill out and return your application for free or reduced meals here at school. If you qualify for free lunch, your student will receive a free breakfast each day as well. This helps our school qualify for more federal funds so different foods can be offered to the students. If you have any questions or reservations about filling out that form, please contact me here at school and we will talk about it. I appreciate the support of everyone, to the food service department here at Whitefield school.

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- 2

Pre K: This week in Pre K we have been learning about what makes a good friend and how to treat our friends. We are continuing to work on our listening rules, quiet voices, listening ears, watching eyes and calm bodies. Ask your child about their attent-o-scopes and how they use them! Just a reminder, as fall has finally come, please be sure your child has a jacket or sweatshirt to wear out to the playground.

Beck: The K Krew made applesauce last week. YUM!

We painted apple trees and cut out apples to go on the trees. We received the first package from our penpals in Virginia! They sent us a book about animals in Chesapeake Bay, some wonderful artwork and a picture of their class. We will be sending a package back very soon!

Lamothe: The first graders have had a busy week! We have completed our NWEA testing. Our Literacy Block will begin on Monday. In Math we reviewed numbers 1-20 along with recognizing that addition means putting two groups of numbers together. We have focused on the word endings of *an* and *at*. Many are already putting together letters to make cvc words. In writing we discovered we are all great story tellers and that we can write our thoughts down on paper to make a story! Happy Birthday to Chloe and Max on September 16th!!! Star Student Ellis.

S. Brewer: This week in grade 2 we worked on developing our settings for our personal narratives. We finished our NWEA testing, worked with odd and even numbers, discussed how we are all unique (social skills) and worked with verbs. In science this week we continued our unit about how water shapes the earth's surface. "What's strong enough to make a canyon?" was the mystery we solved. Be sure to ask a second grader. Through a hands-on activity we saw evidence of how water is strong enough to carry rocks, sand, and dirt, and leave behind landforms like canyons.

Grades 3-5

Northrup: Another busy week in third grade! We finished NWEA testing, started reading groups, and finished work on our first writing assignment. During our restorative circles we have been discussing the 5Ps and how these are important to our everyday lives. Students should be bringing their folders each day to school along with the assigned homework. Student of the Week-Blake
Enjoy the warm weekend!!!

Trask: In Fourth grade students are starting with homework each night. Even when they may not have a specific subject or homework paper, they should read for twenty minutes, study spelling words, and/or practice their multiplication facts. Please check the on-line homework log for the classroom.

M. Brewer: We have been continuing to work on building a positive classroom atmosphere, and been having conversations about what a positive classroom atmosphere looks, sounds, and feels like. We also started our first "Number Talks" this week. These are quick 5-15 minute exercises aimed at increasing our mental math and computation strategies. Students also completed their fall NWEA tests this week. Book order flyers are available online at the link below. Class code is PCMQM.

<https://editions.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=606423>

PBIS News- This week we have continued more discussions with students about "Respect". Students have done an amazing job showing respect to each other within the classroom and outside on the playground. They have been able to provide examples of respect and continue to increase their awareness of how we receive and give respect. Our first PBIS assembly will be held next week on September 26th @ 1:15. We will be rolling out the red carpet and having our award recipients in the VIP section!!!

Middle School News

McCormick: Ask your 7th or 8th grade student about their Civil War identity. They are finishing their autobiography on their person. We have been enjoying learning about the different parts of being a Civil War Soldier. 8th grade continues to learn about matter in science. This week we are working on learning about the physical property of density and how it is measured. As an 8th grader how two cubes with the same volume can have a different mass. 7th grade is balancing their learning on cells with learning about the aquaponics

Crowell: 6th Graders are plugging away at narrative writing. They have been working at building their stamina for writing and I am so very proud. In Social Studies we took a test this week showing how well we understood the Stone Age and most importantly the Neolithic Revolution. We will celebrate our unit on Monday by living a little "paleo" ;) 6th graders have been reviewing how to find the area of quadrilaterals. They have determined how to find the area of parallelograms and triangles. 7th graders have begun creating their own scaled drawings

system. Ask a 7th grader what the difference between a prokaryotic cell and a eukaryotic cell is. 6th grade finished up their learning on the earth's layers and are now learning about the lithospheric plates. Ask a 6th grader how many major plates the earth has.

Capen: This week in ELA we are working on improving our reader's notebooks to really reflect our best thinking. We are also continuing to focus on getting books in student's hands that are good fits, ones they can really connect with. We are forming reading clubs based on the genre of books the kids are reading. In writing we are continuing to work on our "Who Am I?" projects and building our writing stamina!

this week.

8th graders have been reviewing to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions.

Resource News

Brann: I'm pleased with students keeping pace in their classes! Please remember to read every night. Prodigy and Moby Max are also fun ways to practice math skills at home.

Grady/Richards: NWEA's are complete and schedules are getting back on track. Please remember to ask your child if they have any Title 1 homework to complete. Have a wonderful weekend!!!

*******School Store Grand Opening next week -
Wednesday, Sept. 25th - many items for sale -
we will be open from 7:50-8:00 a.m. when students arrive!**

Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE

Martin: Art classes are in full swing. 3rd grade will be spending a lot of time this year on the elements of art (form, space, value, color, texture, shape) and why they are so important. We will be finishing up our unit on line, pattern and shapes this afternoon.

Howard: A great opportunity for 7th & 8th-grade students of Whitefield - the Whitefield Library is hosting a YA Book Club on Wed., Sept. 25th from 6-7 p.m. The club will discuss books using Sight in various ways and look at *The Language of Flowers*, by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

Common Sense lessons this week deal with Pause & Think Online - how much time do you spend online and are you safe, responsible and respectful. The MakerSpace room received some shelving, so students have helped with organizing some of the materials - in the best way - so that everyone can use the space. Awesome help students.

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

Simpson: It's almost that time again! Grades 3-8 will be participating in the mile run within the next two weeks. Students should be prepared with comfortable clothes, water (for after they finish running and are waiting for classmates), a change of clothes and deodorant for after they run, a change of shoes/socks and an inhaler if they need it. I do allow middle school students to listen to music while they run, if they can do so without becoming distracted. Please remind your student to give their best effort!

Morgan: There will be an information night about 5th grade beginning band on Wednesday, September 25th from 4:45-5:10pm in the music room.



Have a great weekend!