



## Principal's Message

### **WHES Begins Monthly "Hot Breakfast Program"**

*Beginning on October 31st the WHES School Nutrition Program will hold the first "WHES Hot Breakfast Program." Available to all students and staff, this special breakfast will offer a seasonally-oriented menu and classes will eat in the gym, picnic style. It is a chance for the entire school community to gather together and enjoy a unique hot breakfast offering. Daily breakfast offerings at WHES are a typically bagged "grab and go" fare that are taken back to the classrooms. This new monthly offering will consist of a hot breakfast entree with fruit and milk. On Halloween morning the menu will feature pumpkin-chocolate chip pancakes with maple syrup, a fruit choice and milk. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will be covered for the cost of this special breakfast, for students not enrolled in that program the cost for participating in this breakfast is \$1.40. Students can bring in that money ahead of time and it will be deposited in their account or monies can be brought in on the day of the monthly hot breakfast program. Vicki Dill, WHES Kitchen Manager, is excited about offering this new program to all WHES students and hopes that everyone will participate. If you have any questions please feel free to contact her here at school. Menus are now being planned for upcoming monthly hot breakfast offerings!*

**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:** We have received some great donations and we appreciate them so much! If you would like to donate we would love it!



**Flocking for Food:** The flock has landed!!!!

**Health:** The flu season has started early this year. There have been positive cases in Maine already. If you and your children are willing and able to receive a flu vaccine I would encourage you to get one. We have immunocompromised adults and children in the building who need to have all the protection they can against the virus.

**Sports:** Soccer playoffs start this week and I am happy to announce that our team has won the **Sportsmanship Trophy** for the league this year! If you get a chance, congratulate a soccer player on their hard work with showing good sportsmanship. Also, don't forget to shop for Whitefield Wildcat clothing and accessories to support our Athletic program. Here's the link to our catalog-

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

**PTA News:** Thank you to all the families that purchased pumpkins!

**Kitchen:** Yes, we are going to have pumpkin chocolate chip pancakes for breakfast! This is a vision of mine, and I am really excited to kick this off. As Mr. Deblois stated, there will be a different "theme" if you will, each month. Pumpkin is our vegetable of the month, and what better way to celebrate it! So if your child would like to have a hot breakfast of pumpkin chocolate chip pancakes, please have them come to the cafeteria on Halloween morning for breakfast. I am giving thought to what to offer for November, that would be a Thanksgiving theme. Stand by for future notices! I hope your children enjoy this breakfast!

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:** In Pre K this week we have been learning about how to read people's emotions by observing their facial expressions. We have also been exploring people that make up our community, such as FireFighters, Police, Mail Carriers & Teachers. Ask your children about other people that make up your community. Just a reminder that Scholastic book orders are due NEXT Friday 10/25.

**Beck:** The K Krew had a great visit with the Fire Department! Thank you to Jesse Barton and his buddies for bringing down a fire truck and lots of goodies for the kids. The K Krew LOVED honking the horn and sitting in the driver's seat! Thank you to Miss Jen for setting up our visit. Have a great weekend!

**Lamothe:** Our Spelling words consisted of 10 Sight Words. The children are learning how these words can be incorporated in their daily writing. We are working hard on organizing our writing in our writing folders with a Finished and Unfinished Side, along with numbering our pages. In Math we have finished Unit 1 and will begin Unit 2 next week. This Math Unit works on adding sums 1-20 along with recognizing number words one to one hundred. Thanks to the parents who are reading at home with their child. The RED bags are making a difference. Confidence is building and I can see growth! Look for news of our upcoming Halloween Party to be sent home next week. Star Student was Ethan P.

**S. Brewer:** 2nd graders are working hard on addition strategies. They are becoming quite proficient. In writing we are stretching out our small moments by adding in the five senses to our writing. Their stories are becoming very detailed. We were introduced to contractions by a third grade guest teacher, Emelia Bartlett. She was my contraction queen last year. In reading we are working in small groups focusing on fluency and comprehension. Thanks to the parents that sent in classroom supplies. It is greatly appreciated.

### Grades 3-5

**Northrup:** Third grade has started chapter 2 in EDM. Homework will be coming home nightly in math. Reading Logs continue to be due each and every Friday. Thank you to all that have sent in supplies/goodies for the classroom. It is greatly appreciated! Student of the Week-Gavin

**Trask:** The class will be taking their chapter one math test. Each child has a practice test to review the concepts from chapter one. The assessment will be on Monday, October 21st. Please review with your child over the weekend.

**M. Brewer:** We are finishing up our first chapter in Math this week. We have been working hard on reading, writing, comparing, and ordering decimals. We will assess on Chapter 1 next week. Students continue to work on their personal narratives, with a focus on elaborating important parts.

**PBIS News-** This month we have continued to focus on Bullying Prevention. Students have participated in the Duck Tape Challenge, made anti-bullying posters, and reviewed strategies to support each other and prevent bullying. The PBIS store has expanded to include more incentives for students to purchase using Wildcat Cards. We will be celebrating student successes this month on October 31st between 8:45-9:00 due to breakfast.

### Middle School News

**McCormick:** 6th and 8th grade science students have worked on escape rooms this week. Ask your child to explain that process. 7th and 8th grade social studies students are currently working on a Civil War Museum Project. Ask your student to share their project details with you.

**Capen:** In reading we continue to work on our character study units. 6th grade is focusing on setting and time, and how that can influence a character. In 7th and 8th grade we are focusing on author's craft and how authors create purposeful moments to reveal important insights into a character. A reminder that all students should be reading 30 minutes a night. In order for students to become better readers they need to be reading!

In writing we are starting our fiction units. To kick off fiction writing we are doing a mini unit, within the unit,

**Crowell:** 6th graders are working hard at completing their Social Studies research papers. We will be having a writing celebration coming up once we have completed and printed our narrative final drafts. 6th graders have moved into finding volume this week in math.

7th graders had a visit from Joanne Tarr at Lapointe Lumber. She showed students scaled drawings of the houses she designs. Students got to see a very cool 3D design program and how people in our community use scaled drawings.

8th graders have been studying and reviewing their unit of rigid transformations and have taken the unit test.

### Resource News

**Brann:** Literacy Block is going well and we are pleased with the progress students are making. RTI groups are

focusing on spooky stories. The kiddos seem to be really excited to start this!

7th and 8th grade students started vocabulary study this week, looking at greek and latin roots. In class we have been practicing the meaning and playing vocabulary games. In addition to this, students should be studying at home to prepare for the quizzes on Friday.

beginning to see the purpose of explicit instruction and students are experiencing progress with specific skills.

**Grady/Richards:** Read a seasonal book with your child and make it a tradition! Have a wonderful weekend

### **Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE**

**Howard:** Thank you to Lincoln County News for stopping in last week to check out our Learning Commons space - they enjoyed seeing the Rocket Challenge with third grade. Students have begun to learn about the Engineering Design Process, which will help them in their problem-solving activities in the MakerSpace room, as well in their classes. This will be something we work on throughout the year.

The School Store Fundraiser will be ending next week - there is still no winner of the Golden Ticket!

During Library/Tech time students have been learning about fiction and non-fiction, dictionary use, and alphabetical order of books. They have practiced making safe, secure passwords and logging into their various accounts. Lower grades continue to learn about Media Balance and not sharing private information on-line.

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

**Simpson:** Fat Tire biking for grades 5-8 has begun. All middle school students are expected to participate on their scheduled days. Please help your student be as prepared as possible with a change of clothes, old/ extra shoes and plenty of gear for the cold weather. Don't forget your helmets!

**Morgan:** This week we are learning about counting and the steady beat with my K-5 classes. Band is off to a great start! Please remind your students to bring their instruments to band on Tuesday's.

***Have a great weekend!***