



Principal's Message

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI)

Contained within this year's school schedule is a block of time at the close of four school days (all except Wednesday - Early Release Days) that all students and staff participate in RTI. Students get identified for RTI when a foundation skill area is judged, via assessment data and staff observation, to be deficient. Our RTI program is primarily focused on addressing needs for students in the core areas of reading and mathematics. Once students are identified for RTI, plans are then constructed to target the students weak areas with an intent to build up these content skills. Generally students will work with a staff member, either individually or in a small group, in six week increments at which point staff will assess progress and plan ahead. Having RTI time aids the classroom teachers whose time in class is greatly stretched and provides targeted instruction for those students who simply need some additional assistance to progress. During weekly RTI times, the students who do not need this extra assistance are engaged in a variety of activities to enhance their education and experience.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DATES SET

*Our fall Parent/Teacher Conference dates have now been set for the afternoon/evenings of **November 25th & 26th**. All parents will be receiving scheduling information directly from classroom teachers, which should assist you in arranging for conference time. Conferences are available to be scheduled on those two days between the hours of 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. All teaching and professional staff members are available to meet with parents during those sessions, so please feel free to contact any staff member you'd like to meet with and receive a conference time.*

Save the dates: WHES Parent/Teacher Conferences November 25th & 26th

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: Please consider donating!

Flocking for Food: Thank you China Middle School for taking care of the flock and for the generous donation to our food pantry. We will be sending them on their way to your chosen destination. Flocking is one way that we help supply our food pantry, backpack program, and snack pantry. We are always looking for donations as well, and appreciate any and all types. Thank you again for your support!!!

Health: Mark your calendars for November 1, 2019! Whitefield Elementary School will be hosting a flu shot clinic in partnership with Lincoln Medical. This clinic will be for students, family members, and any community member as long as the paperwork is filled out and turned in to the school by October 31, 2019. Please check backpacks for the information and stop into the school for extra sign up sheets!!

Sports: Soccer is coming to a close, and Basketball will be starting soon! There will be a signup sheet on the board across from the Library. Please get in touch with me if your child would like to play basketball, 5-8 grade. We are still in the market for boys basketball coaches, Varsity and JV. Please get in touch if you know anyone who is interested. Applicants can apply online at the RSU 12 website.

Also, order your fully customizable Whitefield Wildcat clothing and accessories here:
<http://elliottofficeproducts.azurewebsites.net/DownloadableContent/WhitefieldWildcatSwag.pdf>

Kitchen: October is coming to an end rather quickly! I am looking forward to our special breakfast next week for Halloween. I do hope your child will be able to participate, but if not for this one, maybe the next one. And just a reminder to parents, the cost for this breakfast is the usual cost for breakfast.

If any of you have not filled out your application for free or reduced lunch meals, you can still take advantage of that opportunity. I can send an application home, you can stop by here to get help filling one out, or in the comfort of your home, you can fill one out on line. This is all confidential information. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. You may also sign up at myschoolbucks.com for a FREE service to monitor your child's account here at school. You can sign up for an alert for low funds in their account, and for a small fee, you can make a payment online. You can also send money in with your child, and there is no fee for that.

On another note, we have been awarded participation in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program. Starting in a week, we will be serving either a fresh fruit or fresh vegetable to the students here at Whitefield School. There is no cost associated with this, so that the students may be introduced to a new fruit or veggie. This is an exciting edition to our food service program here, and I am excited to be part of it.

Again, I want to thank all of you who support the foodservice program here at Whitefield school. I hope your kids are enjoying the meals.

Thank you,
Vicki

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 busy learning about beginning letter sounds, as well as working on rhyming words. Just a friendly reminder - if your child wears boots to school please pack sneakers for them to change into. Have a great weekend!

Beck: The K Krew has put out the word and we have heard back! We have received postcards from Greenville, Maine (Brynna's grandparents) and from places like Tennessee, Chicago, NY, CT and Texas (Hailey's relatives: Uncle B. and Tutu). If you know someone who is traveling, please have them send us a postcard here at Whitefield School. In Writing we are working on Labeling. In Math we are counting. Have a great weekend!

Lamothe: We have been working on our pumpkin unit this week. Some of our activities included decorating a little pumpkin with Mrs. Howard during our Maker/Worker class, making our own Pumpkin Life Cycle Booklet, predicting how many seeds are in our classroom pumpkin, (I will be cutting it open next week and we'll count seeds) and using pumpkin counters for adding two numbers. We have completed our study of all the short vowel sounds and will begin the long vowels next week. The students enjoyed a nutrition presentation from SNAP Ed. The focus was pears! They loved doing the taste test! We will be having a small Halloween Party next Thursday, October 31st. Information was sent home today with your child. Reminder... please check your child's Take Home Folder nightly. I have found that papers and notes are being overlooked when they are being sent home. Star Student was Lilah.

S. Brewer: We have come so far in our writing. Second graders are working on great leads, powerful endings and stretching out small moments with details. In math we are adding multi digit numbers and becoming quite proficient with basic facts. In reading we are focusing on comprehension. Contractions are becoming a second grade favorite. Ask a second grader to tell you all about contractions. We enjoyed a nutrition program through SNAP ed. this week. The kids really enjoyed the presentation. Our Halloween party will be Thursday, October 31. More information is in the take home folder.

Grades 3-5

Northrup: Third grade had a visit from Lindsey Williams on Tuesday. She is the SNAP Ed. Nutrition Educator for Lincoln County. K-4 will be partaking in this program the 4th Tuesday of each month. Children will be learning about fruits/vegetables and healthy eating. We sampled pears on Tuesday.. YUM! A magazine and flyers were sent home with some healthy recipes and games for all. Our Halloween Party will be on Oct. 31. Please see the sheet that was sent home today with more information. Student of the Week- Hailey

Trask: Fourth grade has started reading, "Little House on the Prairie". The class will continue to work on comprehension and improving their vocabulary skills. There have been questions about homework. The assignments are posted on- line. Also, most nights there is math homework. If there isn't any math then please review multiplication facts, study spelling words, and/or read for twenty minutes.

M. Brewer: Fifth graders finished Chapter 1 in their Math books! We are now skilled at reading, writing, ordering, and comparing numbers from millions to hundredths. In Science, we learned about how plants, animals, and decomposers interact within an ecosystem. We have also been working hard in specials, and have earned a celebration for these efforts!

PBIS News- As October ends we are able to reflect upon Bullying Prevention month in a positive way. We have done small group activities, posters, banners, pictures, and videos to set the platform for how we at Whitefield School support Bullying Prevention strategies. Our monthly PBIS assembly will be held next week on October 31st, starting between 8:30-8:45, due to the special breakfast that has been planned. Please come and support all our award recipients next week.

Middle School News	
<p>McCormick: We need help putting up the new greenhouse! If you have experience with building, we would love help getting the ends completed!</p> <p>Capen: 6th Graders are continuing to work on their character study, specifically talking about motif and theme. 7th and 8th grade are continuing to learn about characterization in reading. Specifically, they are learning about author's technique and goals. 8th grade is starting their journalism unit in writing. Ask them about Mr. Deblois' visit to our classroom! 7th graders are writing scary stories to kick off their fiction writing unit. They are having a lot of fun!</p>	<p>Crowell: 6th graders are finishing up their Unit 1 in math and will be taking their unit test. But first, they are designing a tent - finding its surface area and volume. 6th graders are reading their polished narrative stories to the 5th graders on Thursday. They are very proud of their work. They have also begun studying about Mesopotamia. 7th graders have begun unit 2, focusing currently on proportional relationships. They kicked off the unit making lemonade with different proportions of powder to water and experimenting with how proportions work. 8th graders have begun unit 2 focusing currently on dilations and scaling.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resource News</p> <p>Brann: Keep reading with your children at home! They will be excited to share what they know!</p> <p>Grady/Richards: Play games like sight word memory, BINGO, and go-fish with your children. They have so much fun they don't even know that they are learning!!! Have a great weekend!</p>

Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE

Martin: K-7 are finishing up their fall projects and heading right into winter projects, which will be displayed for our Holiday concert!

Howard: We read some Autumn books this week and continued to work on Digital Safety (Passwords and Phishing). Older students completed the Growth Mindset program at Khan Academy and are working in the EverFi Ignition Course on Digital Wellness & Safety. Students will earn a certificate at the end of this program.

During MakerSpace time, students created paper circuits, structures with straws, and some did a challenge that required restrictions (i.e. small enough to fit in a backpack, two items from the teacher and three items of student choice). Some students were able to decorate small pumpkins that were grown in the Marple's Field this past summer. Have a safe weekend.

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

Simpson: Fat tire biking is off to a great start! Please see the attached flier regarding a cross country ski clinic at HVNC.

Morgan: Believe it or not, next week I will be starting to rehearse songs for our winter concert! Band is off to a great start with grades 5-8. Please remind your child to remember their instrument on Tuesdays for our scheduled classes. For beginners, I recommend practicing their band instruments at home for 10-15 minutes at least three times a week.

Have a great weekend!