Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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<u>Principal's Message</u> Grounds Evacuation - Tuesday, November 5th

The students and staff of Whitefield Elementary School will conduct a **Grounds Evacuation** drill on Tuesday, November 5th at 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting). During this drill all WHES community members will evacuate the building as is typical in our fire drills that we hold throughout the year. The difference between the standard fire drill and the Grounds Evacuation is that after gathering for attendance a command is given and students and staff then vacate the campus to the Calvary Bible Baptist Church (our next door neighbor). We will accomplish that by walking our population down Rt. #126 to the church. While we have a clear entry to the church's grounds over the playground, we will use the roadway because we have to practice an evacuation route that would be available to us any time of the year. The Grounds Evacuation would become necessary if we had an emergency here on the school grounds that would jeopardize everyone's safety to remain on the campus. As with all our emergency drills, we prepare for the worst case scenario hoping we'll never have to use the practice in earnest.

The Grounds evacuation drill is not a surprise occurrence. We allow students and staff to get appropriate clothing on and we alert all parents so no one will be alarmed to see the full school population walking down 126!

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: Any kind of donations would be helpful!



Flocking for Food: The flock has struck again!

<u>Health:</u> Thank you to Lincoln Medical for helping us with the flu clinic!

<u>Kitchen:</u> 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!

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: Pre-K has been having a lot of fun learning about the colors of fall! We have also been working on lacing shapes and exploring geo boards. Just a reminder that Read With Me will be taking place NEXT Thursday, Nov. 7th. Also as the weather is beginning to cool off, please be sure that your child has a warm jacket, a hat, and mittens to wear outside! Please send in your Activity Calendars. Congratulations to Maria B., Connor P., and James R. for getting awards today at our October Community Meeting!

Beck: The K Krew made spider webs on their chairs this week with yarn. It was a great way to finish up our spider unit. We celebrated Halloween with a party on Friday along with an assembly and breakfast in the morning! Please watch for a note about our Food Pantry coming home next week. Have a great weekend. The K Room could use some paper towels!

Lamothe: What a busy week in first grade! We started learning about "Magic E" and how it's silent but can make the vowels say their name. Our spelling words were the long a sound. In Math we worked on 1 more or 1 less for numbers 1-100. The children understand the meaning of the equal sign and can determine if equations are true or false. We made candy corn, spiders and Ghost Riddles to decorate our classroom. Many thanks to the parents who sent in goodies for our party. Congratulations to Lilah, Johnathon and Lennox! They received an award at our school wide October Community Meeting. Star Student was Alex. We are in need of plastic spoons. Happy Halloween!

S. Brewer: Another busy week. Second graders can add multi-digit numbers with regrouping!! Thanks to all the parents who sent in goodies for our Halloween Party. It is greatly appreciated! Congratulations to Stella J for winning a bike and helmet through our summer reading challenge. We are in need of plastic spoons. Have a great weekend!

Grades 3-5

Northrup: Thank you to all that contributed to our Halloween party. We have almost finished chapter 2 in EDM. The kiddos are doing an amazing job with multiplication/division number stories. Remember to practice facts at home. Congrats to Brian B., Brooklynn and Chiara for receiving recognition during our October assembly. Student of the Week-Caroline

Trask: Next week the class will visit the HVNC. We will be studying Lichens, Fungi, and Mosses. Part of our work will be to understand photosynthesis and decomposition. Students will also review their work about trees from last month.

Congratulations to Audrey .T, Jacob R., and Bristol J. on their recognition awards this month.

M. Brewer: We started Chapter 2 in Math this week! Throughout this unit, we will be working on multiplying whole numbers. We are nearing the end of our Narrative Writing unit. Students have been learning about ending their stories. We watched Homeward Bound as a reward for our improving behavior, and after we discussed what would have made a poor ending for that movie. We also finished our first Science unit on the Web of Life. We will be reviewing material from this unit, and taking an assessment of this learning next week. Congratulations to Bella W, Holden, and Alyssa on their awards this month.

PBIS News- October was bullying prevention month and we had some amazing posters and activities created by 4th and fifth grade students. Our monthly PBIS assembly was amazing. We started off with offering a pancake breakfast to students. We continued with the 8th grade class performing a skit that emphasized having a "Positive" attitude. We were able to capture some great moments today!! Thank you staff, for all your hard work!!









Middle School News

McCormick: It has been a busy week. We have been working hard on standards. 6th grade is working on a mineral identification lab in science. 7th grade harvested their first batch of lettuce for the cafeteria. 8th grade has been learning about the atom. They enjoyed playing Periodic Table Battleship this week. In social studies, 7th and 8th graders are still working on the Civil War. We are going to be doing Veteran's interviews soon as well.

Capen: We are finishing our first units in reading this week and gearing up to work on a project to demonstrate our understanding of the reading standards learned.

In writing, 7th graders are publishing their scary stories to share with the class.

8th graders are becoming journalists! This week we are focusing on taking everyday moments and finding a news story!

Remind your child that he/ she should be reading every night and should be studying for their vocabulary quiz that is every Friday. Thank you for your continued support!

Crowell: This week, 6th graders were introduced to ratios. 7th graders have moved into a unit on proportions and identifying the constant of proportionality. 8th graders are plugging along creating dilations on a coordinate grid.

Resource News

Brann: K-5- Please be sure your child is reading his/her nightly books/chapters. Gr. 6-8 students should be reading their chosen books 30 min/night for Ms. Capen. Thank you!

Grady/Richards: Read with your children often. Choose books that are not too difficult so that they can work on comprehension and fluency. Have a wonderful weekend!

Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE

Martin: The holidays are right around the corner. K-8 is in full swing with art projects to be displayed for the concert on December 3rd.

Howard: This week I began to introduce to students the Engineering Design Process so that when they are creating they are able to formulate a plan, create, test and evaluate their work. This is a great process for students because it can transfer to other subjects and their daily lives. We will be using this format throughout the year.

The Fall Book Fair is coming - I will provide more information in the following weeks. In class, we have looked at books that have a specific subject (Autumn). In our Digital safety, we have completed learning how to create safe passwords and the difference between personal and private information.

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

Simpson: Thank you to all of our parents in Grades 5-8 for making our fat tire bike unit a success! With your support, our students were able to get outside and get dirty while having fun exercising. I appreciate all you do to support these new opportunities!

Have a great weekend!