

Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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Principal's Message **A Season for Caring**

The last two weeks prior to our holiday vacation have been filled with festivities. The primary teaching team (Gail Beck, Kathy Lamothe and Sarah Brewer) organized a Christmas / Holiday Spirit Week with Ugly Sweater Day, PJ Day, Holiday Cheer Day, Holiday Hats Day and, culminating the week, Festive Friday! Vicki Dill, the WHES Kitchen Manager, has set a new record for both decorating the cafeteria and delivering cheer to all staff members. Our students and staff, under the direction of WHES Music Teacher Scott Morgan, presented a highly entertaining Winter Concert and the gym was turned into a student art show under the guidance of WHES Art Teacher Amanda Martin. With all of these wondrous events it has been a most enjoyable period leading to a long vacation.

The season is also one that calls us to think about giving and caring. Our recent requests for support for the WHES Food & Clothing Pantry has resulted in a great influx of both material donations as well as monetary ones. These generous acts assist us in providing assistance to WHES families in need. This year our Giving Tree program resulted in every request being granted by parents, staff and community members. A much more joyous Christmas will be realized by so many because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of this community. Since September I have been involved with a new community group called "Whitefield Cares!" This volunteer group, lead by Whitefield Selectboard member Lise Hanners, is focused on identifying and communicating resources to assistance members of our community. The group has worked diligently to create a new website and has an extensive resource listing that can connect citizens to assistance that might be necessary both in our community and in the surrounding area. The group reflects the true spirit of giving and, most importantly, caring. Their website is: <http://www.whitefieldcares.org> and their email address is: info@whitefieldcares.org.

Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays and a great New Year.

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 been seeing more and more children come down to utilize the food pantry snacks for snack time. Please remember that your child has a snack time each day and should be bringing in a snack.

Health: We are hoping that Winter break will kick some of these viruses out!! Remember to practice good hand hygiene, it is the number one way to prevent the spread of germs!

Kitchen News: Greetings to you all! We are at our Christmas break already! Time is flying by here at Whitefield School. We are still hosting the monthly breakfast, and in January, on the 17th, we will have another hot sit down breakfast. This is an important meal for our kiddos, and I am thrilled with the participation we are having with this. Thank you to the staff for your help and support on these days. It is wonderful to see all the staff in the cafeteria on our big breakfast days. I appreciate it. As we round the corner into a new year, please remember you can access your student's account online at myschoolbucks.com. This is an online tool to help you manage their account and offers the ability to pay on line as well. If you have any questions about this program, or anything else to do with the nutrition department here at Whitefield School, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our program. We strive to make mealtime fun and happy. I would like to take this time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. See you in 2020.

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 had a great time making a pinata in art class and BASHING it open to see what wonderful surprises were hidden inside. Have a great vacation!!

Beck: The K Krew had a wonderful week dressing in Christmas attire, and being read to by the 5th graders. We enjoyed cookies and had fun playing in the snow. Have a wonderful holiday and I hope everyone has a restful break.

Lamothe: There will be no Spelling words or RED folders sent home over Christmas break. Thank you to the parents who sent in cookies for our cookie swap party. Happy Holidays to all our first grade families.

S. Brewer: We had such fun learning about other countries and their holiday customs. Ask a second grader which country was his/her favorite. Have a restful vacation and I'll see you in 2020.

Grades 3-5

Northrup: Happy Holidays! Have a wonderful and restful break !! READ READ READ!!! Thank you to all that sent in goodies for our party. Congrats to our award winners at the December assembly- Caroline, Ava, and Schuyler. Student of the Week- Brian B.

Trask: I hope everyone has a restful holiday. Please read over vacation and review the multiplication facts. Thank you to all that have donated goodies to the party.

M. Brewer: We have had a fun week reading, writing, and talking about holiday traditions. Students especially enjoyed writing Christmas Carol MadLibs. We completed our study of figurative language this week. Congratulations to our award winners Gabe, Ashia, and Eva!

PBIS News- Congratulations on all the winners at this month's assembly. Have a wonderful vacation!

Middle School News

McCormick: 7th and 8th grade have begun presenting their Archives projects on the Civil war. We will finish these after break. Have a nice vacation!

Capen: I hope all of my students have a fun and relaxing winter break... and are able to find a lot of time to read! Enjoy!

Crowell: 6th grade students have an Ancient Egypt tomb project due on Friday, Jan. 3rd.

I wish all my students and families a wonderful holiday break. Gets lots of rest and relaxation. Have a little fun too!

Resource News

Brann: Please read over the holiday break! Enjoy time with your family, as well.

Grady/Richards: New and used books can make great gifts. Please remember to read over vacation. Happy Holidays!!



Sewing Club - this club will meet on Tuesdays from 2:30-4:00 for six weeks in the Maker Space room. Sign-up sheets are available in the Learning Commons that contain more information or you can contact Mrs. Howard at choward@svrsu.org.

Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE

Howard: What a fun week - students decorated 3D printed snowflakes, and created holiday items. Middle school students completed their EverFi Digital Safety program and began the Vault Unit (money). After the break they will begin a Coding Unit as well. We will also begin the Stock Market Game.

The Learning Commons will also do a **JANUARY JUNK DRAWER CHALLENGE** for all classes. A flyer will go home when students return to school.

We have many new books in the Library and these will be on display and highlighted during Book Talks in January. Have a safe and restful holiday break.

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

Simpson: I hope everyone has a safe and fun vacation! See you in January!

Have a great vacation!