

Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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Principal's Message

We Are Whitefield! We are WinterKids! We are going for the gold!

You may have already heard that for the next four weeks all staff and students at WHES will be participating in an exciting program titled WinterKids. WHES was one of two schools selected from Lincoln County and one of thirty-two schools selected from all over the state to participate in this program which focuses on getting kids outdoors and enjoying the educational, social and physical opportunities present in a Maine winter. We held our opening ceremony on Monday afternoon that featured guest speaker Anthony Anderson and an entrance from our Wildcat mascot who lit the ceremonial fire. Each week has a focus point with this week's being Outdoor Physical Activity & Science. Week Two's focus is Nutrition & Math followed by Week Three Family Engagement & Art (some really exciting plans for bringing families in to participate with students and staff will be forthcoming shortly) and our month of programming concludes with Week Four's Winter Carnival & engineering / Technology. Throughout the entirety of the WinterKids experience the school will be earning points toward a competitive challenge with all of the other schools participating throughout the state with the potential for the winning school receiving a grant of \$5,000 (2nd place \$3,000 & 3rd place receiving \$1,500). While the prospect of earning one of these grants is enticing, the true importance is to help our kids recognize and appreciate the vast natural resources we have here in Maine that can promote health, wellness and, yes, fun! I hope you all will find multiple opportunities to support and participate in this exciting project and help WHES Go For The Gold!



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.

Kitchen: Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were good to you all. January's Harvest of the month is potato. That is an easy menu addition. I will plan on having fresh mashed potatoes this month on our menu. Maybe even a new colored one!!! We will be having our monthly hot breakfast on the 17th. The menu will be egg patty, home fries, applesauce and milk. I would encourage you to allow your child to participate in this because starting the day with a hot breakfast is the best way to start a day! We have some new offerings this month on the menu as well. Pulled pork and baked chicken. This chicken is full size pieces of real chicken. We will be offering baked chicken and bbq chicken. I hope the students enjoy these new menu items. And a reminder, if you would like to apply for free or reduced meals, an application is available any time for you. If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to reach out to me.

And as always, thank you for your continued support of the Foodservice Program at Whitefield Elementary.

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 we started our activities for the #WinterKids program by enjoying a nature walk with our 4th grade buddies, as well as making sleds to bring the stuffy of their choice sledding! Lots of fun was had by all!! **Read With Me** will be Feb. 23rd! Just a reminder that students need to have the warm gear to go outside and either slippers or shoes to wear in the classroom.

Beck: The K Krew started off this week with a winter walk with Mrs. Brewer's class. We did this as part of our #WinterKids Celebration. We had a great time. We have all kinds of activities planned this month. PLEASE DRESS KIDS WARMLY as we will be outside every day. Have a great weekend!

Lamothe: I have been out all week sick with the flu. A special thank you to all the subs who helped make the children's week productive! I'm looking forward to being back on Monday!

S. Brewer: Grade 2 has been participating in #WinterKids. We have been on a winter senses walk, took our little "friends" sledding after making them winter gear in the Maker-Worker Room and we weighed our winter gear on Nurse Kendra's scale. Please remind your kids to bring WARM WINTER GEAR EVERYDAY!!! Many are forgetting mittens.

Grades 3-5

Northrup: A math review packet was sent home today with your child. PLEASE look this over with him/her. We will have our chapter 3 test on Monday, Jan. 13th. Also, READING LOGS continue to be due EVERY Friday. #WINTERKIDS activities in third grade this week included: footprint tag, Simon Says, and 4 corners. Student of the Week- Brooklyn

Trask: The class is reading, "Farmer Boy". Throughout this book, they will continue to work on comprehension. Students will be giving opinions and supporting them with information from the book. Please have your child read and study the multiplication facts every night.

M. Brewer: Students have been enjoying participating in the #WinterKids activities this week. Following the Science theme for the week, we learned about why snow is white, why bears hibernate, why it is cold in Winter, and where the coldest place on Earth is. We learned about homophones in Literacy. We took our Math NWEA this week as well.



PBIS News- Welcome back!!!! This week in PBIS I'd like to congratulate our December award recipients. Thank you to all the parents and community members that came out to support all of our students. We have had a number of students pooling their Wildcat Cards to buy pizza from the PBIS store. It's amazing to see students work on individual goals and then collaborate with their peers to reap the benefits of this work. This month's PBIS assembly will be on January 30th at 1:30.



Art and Learning Commons

Martin: The art room is in need of spray bottles for painting snow this month. Anything that you can dig out from the closet would be appreciated!

Howard: What an exciting week - students have really worked hard during #WinterKids. Some classes have used the Makerspace Room to do some of their projects, i.e. dress your stuffy for sliding. We worked on the Engineering Design Process - specifically the Imagine & Plan phases - being able to take multiple ideas and put a list together on how to make the idea work.

I have been reading books to lower grades to highlight illustrators and we learned that some authors are the illustrators of the book as well. We have books on display about Winter - encourage your child to sign one out.

Please be on the lookout for a flyer explaining the January Junk Drawer Challenge that some classes will be participating in. Have a safe weekend. #WHES_Winterkids!

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

Middle School News



McCormick: 8th grade made sleds out of boxes and raced them to see whos was the fastest! Ask your student how they did!



Capen: In English, students are

continuing to read their Social Issue books. They are really liking this unit! Ask your child what book they are currently reading and what social issues the characters are facing. Some of the favorites from the unit are *The Crossover* and *One for the Murphys*. My 7th graders are continuing to write their fiction stories. In 8th grade we just started our literary analysis writing unit, first focusing on writing about theme.

Crowell: 6th graders are working hard with their persuasive writing. Ask them about the issue they have chosen to research. They are also studying a specific social class in our Ancient Egypt studies. Groups will be presenting to the class on Friday. In math, 6th graders are working with converting units of measurement and interpreting unit rates.

7th graders are (believe it or not) having a blast with pi. We have learned how to find the circumference of the circle and all about diameter and radius.

8th graders continue working with slope, but have added in how to create graphs with various scales.

Resource News

Brann: We look forward to joining classes as they participate in the #WinterKids challenge! Please continue to support students when completing homework assignments.

Grady/Richards: The students have been reading a lot of mysteries here in Title 1. At home, they could create their own mysteries by coming up with clues, and having family members try to solve them. Make learning fun and engaging, and the outcome will be amazing! Have a wonderful weekend!

PE



Simpson: We are so excited to be chosen as a #WinterKids school! Please follow us on Twitter #WHES_WinterKids and on Facebook. Please save the date for January 22nd, during our Family Engagement Week, as we will be teaming up with Hidden Valley Nature Center to host a family event. We would love to have you there! Most importantly, please remember our goal is to get kids outside EVERY day this month! They will be expected to participate no matter how they are dressed. Please make sure your child has appropriate gear available to them each day and let them know you are expecting them to wear it! Boots, hats, mittens, ski pants and winter coats. You may want to think about

sending MORE than one pair of gloves or mittens because we will be going outside more than just their scheduled recess time. Some highlights from our week in PE class are: learning about heart rates, playing hockey outdoors, and snowshoeing!



Have a great weekend!