



Principal's Message

Think Globally...Act Locally!

Watching the process of students building an awareness of issues facing the world today is always intriguing. Specifically, what sparks their interest? Sometimes it stems from a lesson they've completed at school, or a news article they read or have seen, or a conversation they've overheard or, even, a YouTube video they've watched. Whatever the catalyst, to see young people take that interest and invest their own time in trying to remedy the issue is a sense of stewardship that is very impressive.

Four 5th grade students (Chloe Anderson, Cassidy Brann, Jilian Desjardins & Eva Hayden) have become very concerned about the levels of plastic materials getting into our oceans. During our December PBIS Recognition Assembly they presented a video on the Great Pacific Garbage Island. This is an artificial island almost twice the size of Texas that has been formed of discarded materials, many plastic-based, that has scientists baffled as to how to respond. In their research, our students have located an organization that is actively engaged in removing plastics from the waterstream as well as educating citizens of the planet about better practices to reduce the use of plastics or preventing them from contributing to a greater problem. Our students want to take local action to try to positively impact this issue.

On Friday, February 7th, from 7:30-8:10 a.m., they are requesting parents to bring plastic bottles to school. These students will take them from you and place them in waiting trucks to be taken to a recycling center. If you can, please have these plastic bottles in bags for easy transit. Two important goals will be accomplished during their plastic bottle drive. First, the bottles brought to school will be properly recycled, making sure that they won't end up entering our waterstream. Secondly, the money raised from the drive will be donated to one of the services working to rid our oceans and waterways of problematic plastic materials. I heartily support these students in their efforts to **Think Globally and Act Locally**. Please consider joining them in their efforts.

BRING PLASTIC BOTTLES TO SCHOOL TO HELP OUR OCEANS!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH 7:30-8:10 A.M.

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.

6th Grade Student/Parents Meeting - Kieve Program Wednesday, February 6th 6:00 p.m. WHES Learning Commons



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 was our last week taking part in the WinterKids Program and we would like to say a big thank you to our P.E. teacher, Mrs. Simpson! Also, thank you to the parents that were able to come and enjoy some winter activities with us! Congratulations to Vaughan for receiving our character trait of the month award, responsibility, and Brooke for getting our excellent effort award!

Beck: The K Krew Winter Kids have been very busy this week. We have been spending a great deal of time sounding out words and working on beginning sounds for words. We have been reading our leveled books every day and we are really improving our stamina and fluency. We enjoyed watching the Drone demonstration on Winter Kids STEM day. Please dress children warmly...we have gone outside for events almost every day this month.

Lamothe: Thank you to the subs who have carried on for me with my students this week while I was home not feeling well! This has been a rough month health wise for many staff, myself included, and students. This bug is a difficult one to fully shake. The children have been busy this week with Winter Kids Activities. We all agreed that sledding was our favorite activity! First graders did a STEM Lego challenge on Monday, which they enjoyed. In Math, the students completed the last section of chapter 5 which involved addition word problems. We continue to work on fact and opinion as well as verbs. We did a study of cardinals on Tuesday and made a winter art project about them, which is hanging in the hallway. Congratulations to Dallee, River and Ethan who were recognized at January's assembly. Star Student this week was River. Thank you to Alex's Mom for sending in extra snacks, plastic spoons and wipes. It is truly appreciated!

S. Brewer: We are quite proficient time tellers. We played a great time telling BAAMBOOZLE game using our Promethean Board. Thanks, Clarissa, for introducing our class to BAAMBOOZLE. Our Opinion Writing pieces are fantastic. The students are certainly persuasive in their writing. My mind has been changed a few times already. We are working very hard on comprehension strategies within our reading group. We are in need of paper towels and plastic spoons and forks, Thanks in advance.

Grades 3-5

Northrup: A BIG thank you to Mrs. Simpson for all her time and effort in taking on the WINTERKIDS Challenge!!! We have had a blast!! Please be sure your child is getting enough sleep. Many kiddos are coming to school daily very tired. We will begin NWEA testing on Tuesday. Congrats to Max, Kelcie, and Emelia for receiving recognition at the January assembly. Student of the Week-Emelia

Trask: The Spelling list this week has been a challenge. Contractions were the focus. Dividing the words and putting in the apostrophe correctly proved a need for practice in this area.

In Math, we are continuing to work with fractions. The students are also converting tenths into decimals.

Please have your child practice the basic multiplication facts. This will help them with fractions, the upcoming multiplication, and division.

M. Brewer: We have been very busy in 5th grade this week! We wrapped up our Math unit on long division with one digit divisors. Next, we will expand our practice to 2 digit divisors. We also explored how we can use the sun and shadows to determine time of day and season. We made sundials and tested them outside.

PBIS News- This month students are working diligently to earn those Wildcat Cards!!! As January leaves and February moves in, I wanted to send out a reminder to 8th grade parents that we will be looking to visit Lincoln Academy on February 3rd. Erskine Academy shadow day will be February 10th. Please look for permission slips coming home from your child. Congratulations to all of the PBIS assembly award recipients. A huge thank you to the Whitefield students and staff members for all of the hard work done to make our WinterKids program successful.

Middle School News

McCormick: 7th grade science is working on learning about the circulatory system. They are learning the function of different organs and relating that back to the cell organelles. 8th grade is learning about forces right now. 6th grade explored the reason that we have seasons on earth. They are now learning about the lunar cycle. In the world of social studies, 7th and 8th grade began a WWI unit. They have explored the causes as well as the weapons used in WWI.

Thank you to the volunteers who have been working on the greenhouse! The greenhouse will be used to grow lettuce for the cafeteria.

Crowell: 6th Graders are having a blast soaking and rolling papyrus to create documents as the scribes in Ancient Egypt would have done.

All math students have been given a link to a great math resource called Mr. Morgan's Math Help. There are many resources for parents as well. Ask your child to show you more :)

Resource News

Brann: Parents - please continue to check in with your students. They have been making great progress!

Capen: Students finished their NWEA testing this week. They worked very hard and did great! Students are also finishing their second social issues book. A reminder that your child should be reading every night.

Grady/Richards: See how many words your child can read around the house. This can be fun when they play with a friend or sibling. Set a goal, keep track on a piece of paper, and then have a reward at the end. Have a great weekend!!!



Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE

Howard: Students have participated in many STEAM activities in their classrooms as we end our #WinterKids Winter Games Challenge. Our carnival was on Tuesday with a drone demonstration, marshmallow catapults, and physical activities outside. Kindergarten created Snow Art and 2nd grade & 5th created buildings using marshmallows and toothpicks.



Please check out all of our activities on our web page #WHES_Winterkids on our school website under the Menu tab. Have a safe weekend.

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

Simpson: Thank you to everyone for all of your support with Winterkids! We've had a great month with lots of fun outdoor activities. A special thank you goes out to Doug Richards, Jennifer Tibbets, Remy Henry and Murray Howard for presenting STEAM themed activities at our winter carnival!



Have a great weekend!