



## Principal's Message

### **March is Celebrate WHES Breakfast Month!**

We are going to be celebrating our WHES Breakfast Program during the month of March and hope that all students take part in the fun. Our goal in planning the festivities for the month is to increase student involvement in our breakfast program, as well as having an ongoing fun activity through the long month of March. Mondays throughout March will be **Special Treat Breakfasts** that will include an additional food or gift item in every breakfast bag each Monday. Wednesdays throughout March will be **Celebrity Breakfast Deliverers Day** with students having special guests from the community delivering breakfasts directly to their classroom. Our first celebrity day has had to be moved to Thursday, March 5th because of our celebrities' busy schedule. Every Friday during the month will be **Principal's Surprise Breakfast**, which will be served by me and will include a positive surprise in each bag. I hope you will encourage your children to participate in this special month of breakfasts to celebrate our school nutrition program. Students who do not typically purchase breakfasts at school can do so by adding some money to their school nutrition account.

One final, very special event during the month of March, will take place on Tuesday, March 17th and was brought to Vicki Dill (WHES Kitchen Manager) by two 7th grade girls. This will be the first **Dennis Cullenberg Memorial St. Patrick's Day Breakfast** and will involve the entire WHES school community. Mr. Cullenberg was a long-tenured teacher at WHES who passed away in November of 2018 after a brief, but intense, battle with pancreatic cancer. Mr. Cullenberg was well known to be a vigorous celebrator of St. Patrick's Day and every year made green pancakes for the students and staff at the school. In his honor, we will continue that tradition as part of our month-long breakfast celebration.

**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:** It is the end of February already! Are you ready for March? We are ramping up in the kitchen for a Breakfast Challenge, sponsored by Full Plate Full Potential. Our school has a chance to win \$500.00 if we can increase our breakfast participation the month of March! So to kick things off, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday Monday, March 2. Let your Cat in the Hat shine through! Several days in March, we will have surprises for the students that eat breakfast. One of the special days is Tuesday, March 17. This is to honor a teacher we lost last year, by serving green pancakes to the whole school. This will be our Hot Breakfast day. I will ask you to encourage your child to join us for pancakes and syrup on that day. This is also St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear your green! We have other surprises planned, so stay tuned for the fun to begin! Remember: One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish!

**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 enjoyed getting outside earlier this week to take advantage of the beautiful weather. We just started a new unit on colors and we are exploring color blends and fading. Congratulations to our monthly assembly award winners - Connor Penn for Courage, Brynlee Peaslee for Rocking Improvement, and James Ramage for Excellent Effort!

**Beck:** The K Krew is working on "estimation" this week in Math. We are practicing our sight words in Reading. A list of sight words will come home this week. The playground is quite muddy and wet. Please pack extra clothing just in case! Have a great weekend!

**Lamothe:** Our focus in Math has been subtraction 0-20. Flashcard practice at home would be helpful. First grade loves to write. We are finishing up our unit on fact and opinion. Please remember to send in RED bags on Friday's. I will send home new books on Monday's. Star Student was Lilah. Happy Birthday to Johnathon on the 28th.

**S. Brewer:** We have begun our unit on money. We are also working on basic addition facts. Some of the students are becoming quite fast at recalling them but practice at home would be so beneficial for others. We continue working on opinion writing with a focus on writing the endings. We will begin our final opinion writing project next week. Each student has chosen a staff member and will be writing to him/her and sharing an opinion on a topic of their choice. We continue with a strong emphasis on comprehension and writing complete sentences in Lit. Block. Have a great weekend.

**Grades 3-5**

**Northrup:** It's been a busy week in third grade. We have been working diligently on gathering facts about space for our Informational paper in writing. We are finishing chapter 4 in math and will be having our chapter test on March 9th. Reading groups continue to go very smoothly with kiddos making gains in comprehension. Student of the Week- Brooklyn WISH LIST- CLOROX WIPES

**Trask:** The class is finishing chapter 3 in math and will take a test next week. In this chapter the class worked on ordering decimals and fractions. In writing we have been writing opinion pieces and working on paragraphing.

**M. Brewer:** Students have been working hard on finishing their final drafts of their information essays. Next week we will begin our unit on research-based argument essays. We are also finishing chapter 4 in Math and will practice and assess next week. Congratulations to our award winners this month, Bella S., Alyssa, and Nykee!

*PBIS News-* Thank you everyone for coming out to support our award recipients braving the high winds and rain. As we move into March I will be discussing internet safety in classes, specifically online gaming with students. Here are 5 internet safety tips for kids: 1. Don't give anyone your password, name, address, the name of your school or any information about your family. 2. Don't talk to strangers on the **Internet**. 3. Don't agree to meet anyone in person that you've met **online**. 4. Never send pictures. 5. Don't download anything without parent permission.

**Middle School News**

**McCormick:** The 8th grade is excited to be hosting a Cornhole tournament in April! Keep your eyes open for upcoming notices. Our new hoop house is nearing completion. We will be putting the plastic on in a month. Thanks again to Andy Wilson and Baruch for all of your efforts in this area.

**Capen:** Reading projects have been finished and we will be starting a new unit next week. Have a great weekend!

**Crowell:** Thank you to all who have helped the 6th graders raise money to fund their trip to Camp Kieve coming up. We have officially met our goal!

6th graders have been soaking, pressing, rolling and weaving papyrus to make Egyptian messages. Check them out on our bulletin board and see if you can decode the message.

All middle schoolers have started a daily math practice sheet that is due each Friday.

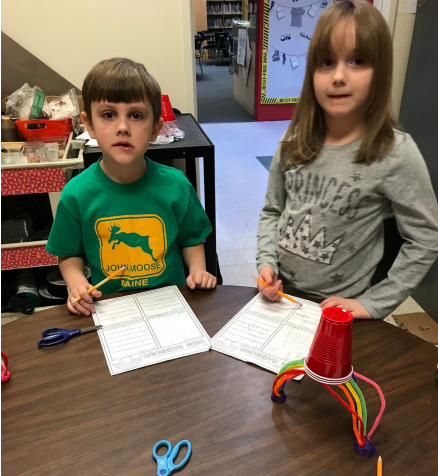
**Resource News**

**Brann:** As the 2nd trimester gets close to closing, please make sure to check in with your student to make sure all work is completed/redone. Have a great weekend.

**Grady/Richards:** How can we encourage students to spend more time reading? Set personalized goals! A study of more than 4.2 million students found that students with personalized goals set as part of a research-based reading practice program read 35% more minutes per day, read more difficult books, and had 4% higher literal comprehension scores than students who used the same program but without set goals.

## Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE

**Howard: REMINDER** - Grades 2-6 will be doing a Junk Drawer Challenge next week - an information sheet was sent home before the break with info. Students are asked to get permission to bring in 1-3 items from a junk drawer at their home. These items will be used in the challenge. MakerSpace - 1st grade had to design and build a rainbow that could hold weight and Kindergarten used pasta to create depth for their Winter Animal.



This was Freedom to Read Week - students were introduced to books that have been challenged or banned from libraries - for example: *Hop on Pop* by Dr. Seuss, *Draw Me a Star* by Eric Carle and *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl. Middle school classes had lively discussions about why books might be challenged and how they make their own choices in reading.

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

**Simpson:** This was our last week of skiing/snowshoeing with our Americorps volunteers and equipment from Midcoast Conservancy. We had so much fun and are very grateful to them for giving us this opportunity!

*Have a great weekend!*