

# Whitefield Wildcat Weekly



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## Principal's Message

### **#RSU12Cares**

*Keeping focused on the important things that we can control is all anyone can do at this point in time. We are instituting the #RSU12Cares handle to capture the thoughts and plans we are making to support all RSU 12 students and families. Making the hashtag handle is one way of gathering these items together. Feel free to use it as well when communicating about the schools in our district and our programs during this school closure.*

*Our meal delivery program throughout the district is going very well and we are adding families every day. Feel free to contact the school should you wish to have your family added to the delivery program. Please remember that the grant that is funding this program allows us to provide meals for any children in your family up to age 18, and they are not required to be attending WHES. Vicki Dill, our Kitchen Manager, continues to impress me with her creativity and unflagging energy as she's completely devoted to providing nutritious meals to as many individual children as requested. Ashley Burdick, newly hired, is demonstrating her true value as she supports all of Vicki's efforts. Talk about getting your baptism by fire! I would also be completely remiss if I didn't acknowledge and compliment the energy, good humor and commitment of our support staff personnel who make sure both meals and CLPs are delivered throughout the week. This is an amazing team who are pulling together for the greater good of our community.*

*April 3rd will be the second wave of Continuing Learning Packets (CLPs) and, as I mentioned in an email from earlier in the week, this will contain one week's worth of learning activities for our students. From that point on, each Friday will have us delivering a new, one week, packet. Students have no need to turn these packets back in to school at this time and we'll make a plan for that when the projected reopening of school is set. Like any new procedure, we continue to "tweak" our delivery process to enhance both the safety of our families and our staff members. To maintain the proper Social Distancing, **we now would ask that you not approach the bus when it arrives at your stop with meals and / or CLPs but wait and the staff delivery individual will leave the materials on the ground for you to pick up.** This will further minimize contact and potential contamination. Everything we deliver is in plastic bags so there is no danger in them being left for you. We still want you to come out to the bus stop just wait until the materials are dropped off for you. We greatly appreciate that more and more students and parents are anticipating the arrival of the deliveries and are waiting there for us. This speeds up the delivery process. If you are having difficulties meeting the bus, simply let us know so we can problem-solve.*

*I hope you all are well, emotionally and physically. These are trying times for us all but through our collective efforts we will get beyond this virus and all the chaos it has created. Keep supporting your children and your neighbors.*

**Office:** The best way to reach the office is by emailing me at [aperkins@svrsu.org](mailto:aperkins@svrsu.org). You can also call the school and leave a message. Voicemails are forwarded to my email address so that they can be answered in a timely manner. I miss seeing and interacting with our students, parents and volunteers. Stay safe and stay healthy.

**Health:** I hope everyone is doing well, I sure do miss all the students! Remember that good hand washing is THE BEST way to prevent the spread of viruses, so continue to wash those hands (even in isolation)! Please feel free to contact me ([keanderson@svrsu.org](mailto:keanderson@svrsu.org)) if you have any questions or concerns regarding your students wellness. Take care and be well everyone!

**Kitchen:** Hello to all the students! We miss you at school. I hope the lunches are good and you enjoy a little different lunch time. Take advantage of the bag breakfast and lunch, and have a picnic at home! If you would like to take pictures of your creative ways you are having breakfast or lunch, and want to share them with us, please do so. It would be nice to see how you are all doing! We will continue to send bag lunches, and maybe there will be a little surprise in the bags now and then! Keep looking in your bags! I hope you are safe while you are at home. We are doing our very best in the kitchen at school. We look forward to seeing all of you when we return! We miss you all!! Miss Vicki

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:** We are missing our students so much but, we know that social distancing is what is best right now for everyone. We hope that you were all able to get outside and play in the snow that didn't take long to melt! It has been amazing seeing the activities that parents have been doing with their children during this time as well! We hope to see all of you soon and that everyone stays healthy.

**Beck:** I miss the K Krew! Hope you are all having fun at home. I hope you had a chance to get outside in the snow on Tuesday! It was a great day for making snowmen or snow forts. Check out our Kindergarten FB page : Mrs. Beck's K Krew! Hope to see you all soon!

**Lamothe:** I have enjoyed keeping in touch with my first graders and their families through our FB page, "Mrs. Lamothe's Fabulous Firsties." What fun it is to watch all of the videos they have shared with me of their reading and working from home. I look forward each day to reading a chapter to them from my home. We are keeping in close contact. Parents, thank you for all you are doing at home at this time. Your efforts are truly amazing and appreciated. Please contact me with any questions you may have. Stay sanitized, safe and strong!!!!

**S. Brewer:** It's been great being in touch with my second graders. I miss you all so much. I hope you all are enjoying the read aloud each day. Please send me a message if there is something in particular you wish for me to send to your child in their remote learning packet. I've gotten requests for arts and crafts stuff. I think that's fantastic. Thank you to all who have sent videos to me. Keep them coming. I love them!! Remember, learning doesn't happen just in school. Stay healthy and keep washing those hands!

**Grades 3-5**

**Northrup:** Hello kiddos!!! I miss you!!! I have loved all the phone calls and emails I have been receiving daily. They brighten my day!!:) New packets will be coming home next Friday. Remember if you have questions please don't hesitate to call/email me. A BIG thank you to all the parents for assisting their kiddos with school work. I know this is a very difficult time, but we will get through it. "The home is the child's first school. The parent is the child's first teacher and reading is the child's first subject." Barbara Bush

**Trask:** It has been a challenging time for everyone. I miss all of the class. New packets will be coming home next week. In the packet will be a few ideas for outdoor science activities from Sue K. at HVNC. Please work on Moby Max if possible.

**M. Brewer:** I had so much fun seeing students via Zoom calls this week! Remember to check your student e-mail often if you have access to do so. Also, I am uploading activities and videos on Google classroom daily. Remember that learning can be found anywhere, not just at school! I hope you are taking this time to learn something new you've always wanted, like a new hobby! Stay well and I hope to see you all very soon!

*PBIS News-* As we all try to connect with students using technology, video chats, email and bus runs I am reminded every day how grateful I am to work in a community that is linked. The past week has been very trying for everyone and I have seen numerous efforts put into place by community members and school staff to support the needs of our town and school. It's very gratifying to be able to support our students with meals and continued learning packets in these trying times. During this disruption, students/families may be experiencing feelings of stress and anxiety. Please feel free to contact me any time if you are in need of any services/resources or would just like to check-in (msoule@svrsu.org). Below are some listed resources to support students/families during this time. Exercise regularly, maintain a healthy diet, take a break from the media, connect with others, and get sleep and rest.

- 1.[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2F coping.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2F coping.html)
- 2.<https://childmind.org/article/what-to-do-and-not-do-when-children-are-anxious/>
- 3.<https://childmind.org/article/supporting-kids-during-the-covid-19-crisis/>

### Middle School News

**McCormick:** Please remember to check in if you are having any questions. This is definitely not ideal and I miss seeing you all and hearing all of your stories! I will be checking in again this week and am hoping to have a means to get in touch with groups of students at one time. Keep an eye on google classroom as well, that can be a great communication tool for us to use.

**Capen:** Hey everyone! I just wanted you all to know I'm thinking of you and missing you all like crazy! Also I wanted to stress that I check my email regularly. If you have any questions please reach out. I would also love to just hear from you! I'm curious what you're all doing to fill your days. I hope you've all been able to find a good book to get lost in! I hope to hear from you soon and know I miss you all. - Ms. Capen

**Crowell:** Hey everyone! Missing you all a ton! Please check your email and google classroom on a daily basis if you can. I'll be adding links and resources for you during this time away from school. Next week I hope to have a zoom session so we can connect and touch base. If you are struggling with any of the work, please send me an email. I check it often during the day, and will provide assistance. Keep smiling! This will pass!

### Resource News

**Brann:** Hello everyone! I sure do miss seeing you all! Please let me know if I can assist you with the learning packets. If there are specific items you'd like for the next delivery, please let me know, as well. I'd love to hear from you. Take Care

**Grady/Richards:** This is a great opportunity for you to grab a good book, and get some reading done. We have sent home Title 1 work, but if you run out prior to the 2 week delivery, please send us an email. We will try our best to get some things out to you. Thank you parents for all of your help and support from home. Stay healthy, and have a great weekend.

### Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE

**Martin:** Hello everyone. I hope that you have all enjoyed the trading cards I sent home. I will continue to send the trading card assignments and have also sent home your sketchbooks with some creative assignments as well. I cannot wait to see all your smiling faces. Be well everyone.

**Howard:** *A school without students is like a body without a heart!* - Miss you all and hope that you are safe and healthy. I will be adding more stem activities for you to try at home - magic tricks that relate to math! YES they are cool and I hope that some of you can send videos or pictures of you trying them out. Grades 5-8 can reach me via email and I will be posting something in Google Classroom for those that have access. Grades 3-4 - I will create a document in your Google Classroom so you can post what you are doing. If there is a need for a reading book - let me know, I can try to get it into your packet before delivery next week (if you can log into the Online Library and put a hold on it). We can work out a way to send it back. My email is [choward@svrsu.org](mailto:choward@svrsu.org). Take Care.

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

**Simpson:** Hi everyone! I hope you are all taking advantage of this early spring to get outside and have some fun! I am disappointed that I haven't been able to see all of you. I would love to see some pictures of ways you are being active while you are home. Feel free to send them to my email! I also miss joking and teasing with all of you. I hope you are all staying healthy during this time and know I am thinking of each and every one of you, and missing your sweet smiling faces!

**Morgan:** Hello, next week I will be working on some youtube playlist to share with k-5 students and 5-8 band students. Each week I will also send out some homemade instrument projects for you to try out and also review their instrument families. I miss you guys and hope everyone is doing well.

*Have a great weekend!*