



Principal's Message

Pick Up of Student Materials Planned - Please Read

The pick up of students' personal materials (books, backpacks, notebooks, clothing, etc.) that has been left at school during the COVID-19 closure will occur on May 26th, 27th, & 28th. The pick up time will be in the later afternoon / early evening (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.) and will follow CDC guidelines for the safe transfer of these materials. Prior to the beginning of the Pick Up Program, WHES staff members will bag all of the students' personal materials and tag them with their names. We will operate a "contact-free", drive-through process with WHES staff volunteers on hand to assist. Our volunteers will wear masks and gloves for the safety of all involved. We ask that all WHES parents adhere to the following procedures to ease any confusion with this process:

- *Tuesday, May 26th will be for pick up of students whose names end in **A-J**. Wednesday, May 27th is set aside for students whose last name ends in **K-Z** with Thursday, May 28th, being available for any families who couldn't make it in on the first two days. **For families with multiple children with different last names, please come to school based on the last name of the youngest child in your household.***
- *When coming in to school for the Pick Up Program, please enter the parking lot on the gym side of the property and stay in your vehicle. If the weather is rain-free, we will have tables set up in the front of the school and vehicles can simply pull forward, form a line, and a staff member will assist them. If it is rainy, the lead vehicles will be asked to stop by the gym doors to receive their student's belongings. Once served, vehicles can exit by moving around the semi-circle, leaving by the school sign. We anticipate this will be a quick process but we also envision that the line of vehicles may extend out onto Rt #126. It may be advisable to approach the school from the Townhouse Road direction and move off Rt #126 as much as possible.*
- *Before coming to school on your alphabetically designated day, please write on a sheet of paper or card the name / names of all students in your family. A staff member will collect this list from you and retrieve the proper set of materials.*
- *Any parents who cannot make it in during these arranged times are asked to contact the school and we'll find a time to have you drop by and pick up your child's materials.*

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we endeavor to get all of the students' belongings left behind back to them. The COVID-19 pandemic has demanded that we alter many procedures that were so simple previously. We have had to rethink so many procedures, from classroom teaching to feeding children to communication between our staff to families and even staff to staff. While we never asked for any of this to occur, I want to compliment all parties involved for their stellar efforts throughout the school closure. Families, teachers, support staff, custodians, bus drivers...everyone has contributed to the most positive outcome possible. We'll have to see what the fall brings but I believe strongly that, whatever is thrown our way, we have all proven up to the task and will make the most of it.

Please stay safe and be careful!

Health: I hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy the warmer weather but, don't forget that it is tick season. Please teach your children to thoroughly check themselves (and have you double check) for ticks. See attached information.

Grades Pre K- 2

Pre K: Next week we will be starting Unit 6, “Things That Grow” Now that it is getting nice out we are hoping that everyone is able to get outside and have some fun! Remember your challenge from our Zoom meeting was to have mom or dad get a picture of you doing something outside and post it to Class Dojo! Can’t wait to see what you all have been up to!

Beck: Hello K Krew! We are already into May. I planted some veggies in pots this week and will keep them on my porch where it is nice and warm. Do you know what plants need to grow? We had our ZOOM meeting with our stuffies the other day. It was great to see so many friends and stuffies! Packets come home today. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me! Have a great week. I miss you all!

Lamothe: The first graders had a SUPER fun Zoom Class Meeting today! Each student had a chance to share something special with their classmates. It’s the best feeling to see all the faces and big smiles of my students. Learning Packets were delivered today. I will be checking in with each of my first grade families individually this coming week to check in and see how you are all doing. Check your emails for setting up a Zoom meeting date. I will be packing up the contents of belongings in the desks of my students. Look for information for the day and pick up times for parents. I’m looking forward to our upcoming Zoom connections! I miss all my firsties!!

S. Brewer: I am missing you all! I hope you enjoy the packets I sent home. Keep sending me pictures and notes!

Grades 3-5

Northrup: “**Family is the most important thing in the world.**” Diana, Princess of Wales

I enjoyed our zoom meeting on Thursday. It was great to see so many of you and I know you were excited to see each other. Your Continued Learning Packets were sent home today. If you have questions or need help with anything please call or email and we will work through it. I miss you all!!!

Trask: As you check through your packets, just try your best on the materials. Also, check your student emails for Zoom meetings. If you’re not sure of your email, it is your Google number when you are in the library.

M. Brewer: Learning packets were delivered today. If you are struggling with any of the activities please email me!! We can set up a Zoom to go over it, or I can make a “how-to” video for you. I am having a lot of fun with our Zoom activities. Next week we will begin adding Number Talks to our Zoom meetings. Remember to check our Google classroom from time to time. I post videos and activities on there as well! Have a great weekend!

PBIS News- Happy Friday Everyone!! The Wildcat made his first appearance today riding Jim’s bus delivering packets to



families and kiddos. He was very happy to see kids - take a look at some social distancing pictures we took! Also, I have added a few resources for parents in regards to dealing with anxiety during a pandemic.



1. 10 Mental Health Signs To Watch Out For In Kids In The Age Of COVID-19

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kids-mental-health-signs-coronavirus_l_5e7e2867c5b6cb9dc19f37ff

2. Teens are feeling lonely and anxious in isolation. Here's how parents can help

<https://www.latimes.com/lifestyle/story/2020-04-29/parenting-teens-coronavirus>

3. 7 Online Support Groups for Parents During COVID-19 Pandemic

<https://www.parents.com/news/supports-for-parents-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

Middle School News

McCormick: Please do not forget zoom meetings. These are being done in groups of 4-5 students so that I can use the time to do instruction. 6th grade zooms on Monday mornings. 7th grade is on Thursday morning and 8th grade is on Wednesday morning. It is great to have the chance to check in with the kids in small groups. It is not ideal but I miss them and really want to be able to keep them connected with their learning during this difficult time.

Capen: Hey guys! So nice to finally be getting some warmer weather. My girls and I have been going for bike rides and they've been helping with some yard work! The sunshine has felt nice. Please try to make the zoom meetings as we are reviewing and are sharing plans moving forward for the week. In addition please be checking google classroom regularly. Posts and updates are made often here. Miss you all. I hope you're all healthy and able to enjoy your family.

Crowell: Happy Friday! Not a lot has changed since last week. Zoom meetings for each grade level continue. 6th grade is on Thursdays, 7th grade is Wednesdays and 8th grade is Mondays. Please do your best to mark these on your calendar and be present. They are at 11:00 and last 30 minutes or so. We check in, have a mini lesson and/or play a math game. Miss you all but it's definitely helping to see you online weekly.

Resource News

Brann: Please contact me if you need help with any of the work in the new learning packets. Be sure to take breaks to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Grady/Richards: It was nice to see some of you through Zoom this week!. We miss each and every one of you. Please keep reading and have a great weekend!! If you need anything please let us know.

Frankhauser: I hope everyone is doing well. If you have any questions with materials in the packets I've been sending home, please send me an email.

Marecaux (social work): May is *Mental Health Awareness Month*. Many people don't seek treatment for their own mental health needs due to worry about others judging. Help break the stigma by joining NAMI's Stigma Free Pledge at:

<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Pledge-to-Be-StigmaFree/StigmaFree-Me>

Being home and social distancing can directly impact people's mental health. Please see the following tips about how you can care for your mental and behavioral health during an emergency that requires us to stay home and apart.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/tips-social-distancing-quarantine-isolation-031620.pdf>

Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE

Martin: Hello everyone, I hope that as the weather gets warmer that you are all getting outdoors. I will be posting on the Art with Mrs. Trainor

Howard: The weather is improving - hopefully students are able to help out planting gardens if you have one - great learning experience. I wanted to remind community members that the school now has a **MLTI Guest network** available for WI-FI access in the parking lot of the school (no password is required). I have a Teacher Page on our school's website where I post all the Continuing Learning Packet activities that I do for every grade - the answer keys are also available on-line. If you have any questions, please email me at choward@svrsu.org. Have a great week.

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

Simpson: Hey everyone, I wanted to share with you a link to some videos that our Americorps volunteers made! Their goal has been to post new videos every Friday with different activities related to our Outdoor Adventure Program. Check them out!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEoH9TATIYmwDGqUAsSjrA>

I received pictures recently from Kayla B. in third grade and Stella J. in second grade, getting outside and being active! I'd love to hear from some of you and see what you've been up to! Also, if you completed your SIMPGO card from April and got a BLACKOUT, please send me a picture of it, via email, and I will send a prize home with your next learning packet!

Morgan: This week's packet focuses on string instruments. Feel free to change or adapt the family activity for the "harp" guitar to any materials you have on hand. I am trying to use recycled materials that you might be throwing away anyways. I plan on starting my recorder unit with this year's 4th graders in the fall when they are in 5th grade. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



Have a great weekend!