



The Wildcat Weekly



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Notes from the Principal

A few days ago you received a copy of our school districts student harassment policy. We have additional copies available in the school office. Please take a few minutes to review this policy with your child as our school works to reduce and eliminate harassment and bullying in our school.

Congratulations to Simon McCormick and Colby Northrup for the terrific job on a fundraiser for Haiti. They appeared on Channel 6 news on Friday, January 29.

Our winter vacation runs from February 13-February 21. School starts again on February 22. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable vacation

February Fun Week - Feb. 8-12

Monday:	Slipper Day
Tuesday:	T-shirt & Jean Day
Wednesday:	Hat or Crazy Hair Day
Thursday:	Dress Up Day
Friday:	Red or Pink Day – Valentine's

Classroom Highlights

Kane Kindergarten: After learning about the parts of our tongue, we enjoyed a taste test. We tasted, bitter, sour, sweet and salty. After graphing the results we learned that most of the class prefers sweet foods. Thanks to all who brought in donations for Haiti. With your help the school was able to reach and exceed its goal of \$2,000 dollars.

Roper Kindergarten/1: We have started taking a look at the characters we see in fairy tales. The kids compared the mayor from The Pied Piper to the Princess in The Frog Prince. Both characters had made a promise and then didn't keep the promise.

Our class is now looking at weather. We are learning about how important the water cycle is when discussing weather. We are also answering the question: How does weather impact my life?

Beck Grade 1: The Fantabulous First Grade is working on Groundhogs this week! We will watch Punxatawny Phil in PA on Tuesday. Will he see his shadow? In Math we are working on odd and even and number lines too. We are hoping for more snow this week so that we can reschedule our sledding party.



Lamothe Grade 2: Spelling Words for the week of Feb. 8th her, girl, turn, hurt, first, were, card, part, start, are
Sharing Topic: Valentine's

There will be a Math Assessment on Friday, Feb. 5th which will cover Chapter 4. Family Math Newsletters will be sent home on Monday, Feb. 8th. This week we have been reviewing the concepts that will be covered on the assessment.

In Writing/Language we have worked on adjectives and synonyms.

Our Social Studies Unit this week covered different vocabulary words used to describe a route or street; avenue, road, lane, or way.

Our Valentine's Party will be next Friday, Feb. 12th. A class list was sent home earlier this week.

Northrup Grade 3: We will be having our Space/Planet test on Wednesday, February 10th. This will wrap-up our science unit. After vacation we start a new unit on Matter. The students did a wonderful job on their projects. The Valentine's Day Party will be on the 12th. If anyone can bring in goodies please send me an e-mail. A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents and children who brought in money for Haiti. We have reached our goal of \$2500. Good Job Whitefield!!!! Student of the Week- Milo

Trask Grade 4: All the students in the class are working on projects/posters about the South. The class was given a list of general information to research and work on in the classroom. Students are encouraged to bring from home information for their projects. The children will be graded on the quality of their work, creativity, neatness, information, and their presentation to the class.

Cullenberg Grade 5 & 6: The fifth graders have been reading books by Avi this week. They are responsible for responding in their notebooks for these books. The sixth graders have been doing research on one of the events in the upcoming Winter Olympics.

Norris Grade K - 8: Upcoming March events: Education Celebration and Parent/Teacher Conferences – more information to come after the vacation.

Letsch Grade 7 - 8: 7th grades will be welcoming Debra Thibodeau as a guest speaker on February 25 and March 4. Ms. Tibodeau will be helping students to "work and support each other despite our differences."

8th grades have been in and out of class these last two weeks looking at high schools. Parents please make sure they are up to date on their report writing. The students knew about these interruptions and we have budgeted our class time to make sure they could complete their reports by next Thursday

School Happenings...

Beeton Grade 6 - 8: 6th Grade: I am reading Dar and the Spear Thrower to the class to get an idea of what the culture was like of societies who lived in the Stone Age.

7th Graders are working rigorously on digital slideshows that will assist them in their oral presentations starting 2/10. The focus of the presentations is the land of the country they researched.

8th Grade is continuing to look at events in the 1800's that lead up to the Civil War. We are looking at issues that arose between the North and South as a result of the Industrial Revolution. In reading, we are examining the Element of Theme.

iTeam: The iTeam has decided to participate in a contest that is looking for students to create videos that exemplify the definitions to SAT vocabulary words. For more details, check out our Blog at <http://mrbeeton.edublogs.org>.

Howell Grade 5-8: Fifth graders are continuing to work on operations with decimals. They also will have released items from old NECAP tests to work on at home.



Sixth graders have just finished the unit on decimals. They have taken the unit test. Students will also be working on practice tests and released items from old NECAP testing.

Seventh graders have been working on solving equations with two steps and with a variable on both sides of an equation. Students have also been practicing for the NECAP test.

Eighth graders have been working with Geometry topics. This will continue at least until vacation. Our next unit will deal with topics of Algebra.

McCormick Grade 5-8: 5th grade took a test on the circulatory system this week. Please practice with them so that the retest will be more successful. They will be taking that on Monday. 6th grade is working on a set of lab stations. They have shown varied levels of success in monitoring time and getting the work done. They will continue with these stations next week. 7th grade is working on finishing up the taxonomy unit. At the same time, some students have begun a web quest on cell research. 8th grade is working on balancing equations. They have been doing a nice job in this area.

Jones Music: Music classes are all busy learning new material for the next concert or any other time that a presentation is needed. Performances do not happen overnight. There are many things to consider when working toward a performance. Even how to be a polite audience is something we talk about during our class. Students are working hard toward our goals. Music warms the heart, and that is a good thing with all the cold weather we have been having!

Fortin Title I: Here's a fun way to improve your child's vocabulary. All you need is a list of words and their definitions. You can use a list of words from social studies, math, and science or use unfamiliar words from books. Choose a word and give a one-word

hint. For "island," you could say, "water" and "surrounded." When your child gets it, have him give clues to you using another word. This will help your child learn vocabulary quickly.

Simpson P.E: Wildcat Weekly- Ever tried jumping rope in snow boots? It's not fun! Help your child remember their sneakers on PE days!

Howard Technology and Library: Jan Brett is the highlighted author this week. Her illustrations are what make her books really stand out.

"If you carry with you your childhood, you never become older." – Abraham Lincoln.

Hamlin Art: 'Everything Whitefield' Photography Contest

On Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010 Chris Stultz and Marianne Marple judged the eighth grade photography.

Student Ranking:

First Place: Jacob Vigue for his photo titled: Wintery Wagon

Second Place: Ezra Hickey for his photo titled: Yee-How!

Third Place: Lexxus Ross for her photo titled: Megan

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Whitefield Junior Honor Society: The Valentine Dance will be on Friday, Feb. 12th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.00 (\$3.00 if students wear pink or red). Refreshments will be served (no cost).

The group will be setting a date for the Induction Ceremony after the Feb. vacation.

Middle School Sports: Best of Luck to the Wildcats at the SVAC Basketball Tourney at Erskine Academy tomorrow!

WAA Sports: No K/1 Basketball practice this Sat, we will see you all next week. 2/3 Team- Game @ Vassalboro 9:30am, 4/5 Boys Team- Game @ Home (please note the time change of 12:30pm.) Our 4/5 Girls Team have a bye this week so enjoy your day off!!

Baseball Pitchers/Catchers Open Gym: Sat from 4-6pm

Softball Pitchers/Catchers Open Gym: Sun from 3-5pm.

VALENTINES for SALE!! 5th grade is selling Valentines for \$1 – (to help on their Boston trip). Parents can send Valentines to their sons & daughters by providing the following information along with \$1 (for each valentine):

To:

From:

Special Message:

Orders must be received by Wed., Feb. 10th.



Dates to Remember

Feb. 5	Haiti Fundraiser Last Day
Feb. 6	BV vs. Palermo 1:30
Feb. 6	GV vs. Vassalboro 3:00
Feb. 9	Cony Shadow Day (snow date 2/10)