



The Wildcat Weekly



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Notes from the Principal

Whitefield School will hold an induction program for National Junior Honor Society on March 9 at 6:00. We will induct and honor students who have been accepted into this program.

Our annual Education Celebration will be held on March 17 from 4:30-6:30. Students' work will be displayed from all grade levels, and a public speaking contest will take place at 6:00 in the gym.

Classroom Highlights

Kane Kindergarten: We have been busy and are very excited about sharing what we are learning on Education Celebration Night in two weeks.

Roper Kindergarten/1: FOR SALE – Recycled paper with flower seeds inside. \$1.00 per piece or one can of food per piece of paper. Buy it on Education Celebration night in our room. All money goes to Haiti. All food will go to the Whitefield Food Bank.

Beck Grade 1: The Fantabulous First Grade is working on our Weather Unit. We will learn about clouds, different types of weather and take the temperature in Whitefield, Orlando and Fairbanks to see which one is warmer each day and colder. Watch for a Conference Note to come home this week. Also, a big thank you to Uncle Bear (Abby's uncle!) for providing the class with snacks!

Lamothe Grade 2: We have had a busy week here in second grade! On Tuesday we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by writing about some of our favorite Dr. Seuss books. We are working on map skills in Social Studies. We talked about directional words and how to use a map key. In Math, we are finishing up our unit on Geometry and will soon be starting Chapter 6 which will begin with adding three numbers. Please hang onto the Family Math Letter that I send home to parents at the beginning of each new chapter. It's a great tool when helping your child with their homework.



The children are hooked on the children's series, The Boxcar Children. I have been reading the first book in the series to them at story time. Consequently, many children are reading other Boxcar books at home and recording them on their HRL.

Spelling Words for the week of March 8th: you, your, yes, yell, drop, line, side, dress, draw, saw

Star Student this week; Isabel McDonald
Happy Birthday to Simon!!!! March 7th!!!!

Northrup Grade 3: The warmer weather lately has some students excited about spring, but please remind them that they still need to wear appropriate clothing to school.

Trask Grade 4: The class has been introduced to Partial-Products Multiplication this week. This is only one method of multiplication that they will work with this year. For some this method will be easier to understand than other methods. I will also reinforce the method that most of us learned as kids.

On the test next week, students will be allowed to use any method of multiplication to solve problems. Please, continue to practice the basic facts.

Cullenberg Grade 5 & 6: The fifth graders have been working on several types of poetry. They have also been reading another book written by Avi. The sixth graders have been writing descriptive essays

Norris Grade K - 8: If you are curious about the lexile level of books that your child is reading, look on www.Lexile.com and input the title and/or author of the book you are reading. Ask your child's reading teacher for the tested reading level for your child. Sometimes a higher lexile book, if it is a high interest topic, is also appropriate for students. Lexile reading is not a new process, but data has shown students learn best when using printed materials that are lexile appropriate.

Letsch Grade 7 - 8: 7th grade again worked with Mrs Debra Thibodeau. This week's focus was on "how to make everyone feel included." Over the next two weeks students from both classes will create an artistic display showing what they learned.

7th and 8th graders have begun to practice their speeches (lead and topic only) in front of the camera. They will need to finalize their note cards, memorize their complete speeches and practice on an audience at home this weekend. Thank you Noli and Ezra for brave first efforts. It really broke the ice for all of us!!

Beeton Grade 6-8: 6th Grade finished up reading Dar and the Spear Thrower in our unit on the Old Stone Age. We will be moving on to the New Stone Age and the Neolithic Revolution.

7th Grade has turned its attention from the Geography of counties around the world, to the Economies of countries around the world.

8th Grade social studies is learning about Westward Expansion and traveling on the Oregon Trail. **Note to parents:** I am missing a large American Nation textbook. I believe I let a parent take it home for a student to complete his/her homework. If you borrowed it please send it in to school; I have a limited number.

8th reading has been looking at the 4th Element of a Story: Theme. We have read a couple Dr. Seuss books to get the hang of understanding Theme, and then students read a story of their choice from the textbook. I will be interested to see their take on the Theme of the stories they read.

School Happenings....

Howell Grade 5-8: Eighth graders continue to explore geometry projects at the same time we work on Weekly Math and Do Nows.

Seventh graders have been working with Geometry topics and working with NECAP questions and practice tests.

Sixth graders are finishing up fraction concepts. We also have been working on different charts and graphs used to represent data.

Fifth graders are working with division of decimals. We also are spending some class time working on NECAPS.

McCormick Grade 5-8: Please have student check PowerSchool to make sure they are not missing any work – Report Cards are in two weeks.



Jones Music: The Sheepscot Valley School band rehearsal of this past week went off fairly well, yet was also a humbling experience for musicians who have had the music, but haven't practiced it enough. So.....let us really be ready for the next rehearsal in April and blow everyone away with our playing. It does take practice. Don't just go over the easy parts that you know. Start slowly with the hard passages of music, and build speed as you get to know the part!

Fortin Title I: Literacy is important to many aspects of daily life. Children aren't able to read their math questions, summarize a story, read maps in social studies, or read/record a science experiment if they haven't learned how to read. Please make sure that you read with your children every day.

Frankhauser Speech: Here are some fun vocabulary development websites for kids: www.superkids.com, www.funbrain.com.

K-4 Special Education: "Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression".

Simpson P.E: Please help your child raise money for the American Heart Association by fundraising through Jump Rope or Hoops for Heart!

Howard Technology and Library: Please stop by during Education Celebration. A Maine State Library representative, Jim Roy, will be here to discuss the state-wide Books-by-Mail Program. Also on display will be old Town Reports and magazines from fifty years ago.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving on the 13th and be available until the 24th. We will be open during parent/teacher conferences.

"Be the change you want to see in this world." – Mahatma Gandhi

Hamlin Art: Seventh Grade Mugs are going to be on sale during Education Celebration, Wednesday March 17th between 4:30 and 6:30. Parents and Guardians have the first opportunity to buy the



mugs before 4:30 the day of Education Celebration. The mugs are priced at \$12.00. Proceeds will go toward prizes for the Mug Contest and field trips/Special projects. Please pay for your mugs at the school office.

PTA: CHILDREN'S STAGE ADVENTURES IS COMING in April! Put on your acting face and join the fun. More info will come later. Our next meeting is Monday, April 5th @ 6pm in the library.

Whitefield Junior Honor Society: Induction Ceremony is Tuesday, March 9th at 6:00. We are also hosting a Game Night next Friday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m for grades 5-8.

Civil Rights Team: Our team started a new project for the next two months. Our theme is "Eliminate The R-Word". On March 3, 2010 (3-3-10), we joined with the International Special Olympics and observed "Spread The Word To End The Word" day. Some of our team members were in the hallway at study hall on Wednesday the 3rd to share information on this project and to help students and staff sign a pledge to stop using the "R" word. There will also be opportunities to sign the pledge next Wednesday the 10th and on the night of Education Celebration. After the first 24 hours, there were over 100,000 individuals worldwide who had signed the pledge. Look on line at www.r-word.org or on Facebook at "Teens Against The R-Word" to read the pledge.

I-Team: What is Skype? What is Facebook? What is Google? Find out at Education Celebration.



Education Celebration

Thursday, March 12, 2009 4:30 – 6:30

Modern Woodman's Speech Competition 6:00

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Buy it on **Education Celebration** night in

Mrs. Roper's Room.

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WANTED: Our class is looking for a new couch. We need more space to sit down when we are in our circle time. If you have a couch for our class, please call Ms. Roper or Chiara Mahoney in Grade K/1

Have a Wonderful Weekend!