

Whitmore Lake LEMENTARY EXPRESS (CEPTIONAL, PERSONALIZED EDUCATION 1077 Barker Rd. Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

February 10, 2017

CALENDAR

Please mark your calendar for these important dates:

- February 14-100th Day of School
- February 16-17-Jump Rope For Heart
- February 17-Half Day Students
- February 20- No School Mid-Winter Break
- February 21-School Resumes
- February 24-Family Dance
- March 1-Family Literacy Night and Taste of Nations
- March 15-Kindergarten Round-Up

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In the last two weeks our WL staff and I have been busy revamping our PBIS program, reviewing our School Improvement Plan and implementing our school initiative, Project Kindness! We also had our annual Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly led by Mrs. Taylor. Fundraising literature was sent home last week. We appreciate your assistance in raising funds for this urgent cause.

Ask your 5th and 6th graders how PBIS has been revised for their grades, specifically the responsibility code. We will also be changing to monthly celebrations for grades K-3, so children can have more immediate rewards for positive behavior. Want to be involved with this? Give me a call or send me an email!

We are in need of parent input/involvement in our School Improvement Plan. Our next meeting will be held on **March 9th from 9:15-3:15PM** in our school conference room. If you are interested in providing input and learning about our school plans, please let me know.

WHITMORE LAKE GIRLS ON THE RUN

Girls on the Run is a non-profit organization that envisions a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. Our ten-week program is designed for girls in grades 3-6. Lessons are led by trained volunteer coaches who guide and mentor the girls through an uplifting curriculum that focuses on lifelong skills to improve emotional and physical health. The program culminates in a non-competitive 5k which gives the girls a chance to shine and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

Each girl will receive 20 lessons, a Girls on the Run t-shirt, a snack at each practice, registration for the 5k, a Girls on the Run water bottle, a 5k finisher's medal, and a "Grown-Up Guide" for families. Registration closes **February17th.** Limited financial aid is available. To register, or for more information, please visit: <u>www.Girlsontherunsemi.org</u> or call **(734) 712-5640**

BUILDERS CLUB MEETING

Monday, February 13th & 27th 3:45-4:45PM. Please send an extra snack for your child on these dates. On February 13th, the Builders Club will making Valentine's Day appreciation cards for members of our community. If there are any art supplies or Valentine stickers you would like to send with your child, that would be great!

BOX TOPS

You have one more month to collect and send in your box tops!



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our Jump Rope For Heart event will take place on the following dates and times:

Any money raised will be due by February 28th.

Thursday, February 16th:

- 3rd and 4th grade 1:30-2:20PM
- 5th and 6th grade 2:30-3:20PM

Friday, February 17th:

• Kindergarten - 2nd grade - 10:00-10:45AM

FAMILY DANCE

Friday, February 24th 6:00-8:00PM. Dress to impress! The cost will be \$2.00/ person to get into the dance. Upon paying to enter, each person will receive 2 tickets... 1 drink ticket (bottled water) and 1 snack item ticket (we will have popcorn available and whatever sweet donations are sent in.)

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GLOW necklaces will be available for purchase to help raise money for 5th grade camp. The cost will be \$5.00 for 2 necklaces.

Spirit wear will also be available for purchase...first come first served. Order forms will be on hand for families to submit an order.

Volunteers are needed to help set-up for the event. Please arrive at 4pm to help set-up. We hope you can make it!

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT AND TASTE OF NATIONS

#WLESREADS

In March, WLES is going to kick off a year round initiative to engage and motivate the WLES community as readers! The first event will be Family Literacy Night and Taste of Nations on **March 1st 6:00-7:30PM**. This evening will include stories read by WLPS staff, book sales, literacy games, a feast of treats from around the world sponsored by WLES Girl Scouts, and more! Watch for more information soon.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

It's that time of year again for all those fall kindergarten bound children to enroll for the next school year! Kindergarten Round-Up is **Wednesday, March 15th 6:00-7:30PM**. Round-up will take place at the Elementary School, open house style. Activities will begin by following your treasure map to the different areas of the school building, picking up treasures along the way! In order to assist us with communication, please call the school office and let us know if your child will be attending school here in the fall and if you will be attending round-up.

WLPS PRESCHOOL FALL ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE

Thursdays in March, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 5:00-7:00PM. Free and tuition, half and full day programs available for 3 & 4 year old children. Extended care and possible scholarships are available. For more information, please call Charlie Basham at 734-449-4464 ext. 4001 or email her at charlie.basham@wlps.net.



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ART SUPPLY REQUESTS

Ms. Carbary, our Art teacher, is in need of black sharpies and disinfectant wipes. Any donation can be dropped off in the office and all donations are greatly appreciated!

5TH AND 6TH GRADE BAND PERFORMANCE

The 5th and 6th grade band will have their first performance on **Thursday**, **March 9th at 7pm** in the high school theater, in conjunction with Middle School and High School Band students who just recently participated in this year's MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Band students are to arrive by 6:15pm in the WLHS Band Room for a group warm-up. Concert uniform is black on the bottom (legs fully covered; whether with pants, skirts, leggings, etc.) and white on top (arms covered at least to the elbow). Shoes should be solid black (no colored stripes, soles, polka dots, etc.).

KINDERGARTEN PICK-UP

If you are picking up a Kindergartener, please remember to **park in a parking space**. There are additional parking spaces through the gate. Please **do not park along the curb**. Thank you for your cooperation in this important safety issue.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Now that the weather is changing(again), please make sure your child is dressed warm. Students will be going outside after they eat their lunch. Students go outside unless it is raining, or the temperature OR wind chill is below 10 degrees. If you are in need of hats, gloves, socks, or school supplies, please contact our social worker Amber Masterson through email: <u>Amber.Masterson@wlps.net</u>

WHITMORE LAKE COMMUNITY RECREATION

Registration for Travel Baseball and Softball is now open. The deadline is **February 17th** and is for ages 5-17. Please go to our website for more information and to register: <u>www.wlps.net/community-recreation</u>

PTA NEWS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th at 5:30PM in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided.

GOT BOOKS?

Please donate gently used books to the Book Bingo bin in the WLES lobby. Monetary donations are also accepted for the purchase of new books for the event. Please contact Heidi Roy-Borland for more information: <u>heidi.roy-borland@wlps.net</u> or **734-449-2051 x 1310**

LAST CALL - YEARBOOK

Celebrate the sweetest moments at Whitmore Lake Elementary!

Our kids have a year's worth of memories that'll become more cherished as time goes by. Your child will love seeing friends, favorite places and everything that makes this year so much fun.

Order today at ybpay.lifetouch.com



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PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following students had perfect attendance for the month of January.

David Busick

Jakob Fisher

Isaac Hughes

Mina Lessway

Tristan Broderick

Mary Duncan

Benjamin Fox

Jayden Majors

Brennan Sandusky

Kyra Hilbert

Ryan Riel

Chloe Tyra

Kindergarten:

Claire BirelyBrooklyn BlumenstielMathew DeanNoah DeMaraisGabriel GoodSavannah GoudieElliot KritlowSophia LaraMolly MezaAbigail MuchowKarter RobertsRylee RussellPreston Stephens Isla SterzikIssiah Warden

1st Grade:

Iain Bachman Makayla Dreffs Daelon Hammond Keirra Leonard Austin Ouillette Henry Stewart

2nd Grade:

Elizabeth Bishop Gabriel Dixon Kynlee Fisher Destiny Hampton Veronica Loveless Calvin Pomorski

3rd Grade:

Owen BachmanIvan BertovichCayden Bradburn SterlingBrooksIsabelle CryerHailey CurrentIsaac FairCamryn FisherSarah HowardOlivia KurtzEvalina Melvin-OrtizWylie MullerIsabel PohlSofia RobertsonElodie WeaverMackenzie Williams

4th Grade:

Mallory Germain

5th Grade:

Cole Buescher Abigail Goodrich

6th Grade:

Aiden Armstrong

Dalton Bachman

Whitney Firestone

Braeden Strach

Laura BusickSophia ClarkCooper FairKenneth FunkeCharley GruczEmma HarrisonEthan MadousePeighton MajorsDeclan O'Connell Blake ObuchLaenie ShortLaenie ShortAva StephensCaleb StewartRobert Tylka

Norah Dillman Tobias Goodrich Joseph Kritzman Kolt Lippard-Miley Cael Robertson Leo Weaver

Alexis Cryer Jayden Ellis Allan Funke Renato Ianni Wrigley May Taylor Stephens Emmalia Dines Westin Halle Malynda Lambros Alexis Majors Kali Root Phoenix Wilson

Aiden Dalipi Joseph Ely Marshall Hammond Kaylie Livingston James Moore Elysse wade

Daniel Birmingham Abigale Bommarito Vincent Brown Carina Burchi Tyler Dillman Ruby Even Waylon Fisher Ellie Germain Spyro Lambros Landon Livingston Brady Otterman Isaiah Peltier Gina St. Charles Karsen Strach Julia Zolenski Jaxon Wilson

> Aiden Garcia Soleil Weaver

Kenneth George

Noah Bachelor

Emma Buckler



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