

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

June 2, 2017

CALENDAR

Please mark your calendar for these important dates:

- June 4 WLHS Graduation
- June 5 Kindergarten field trip to Indian Springs
- June 6 Volunteer Reception 2:30-3:30 PM
- June 6 PTA Meeting 5:30 PM
- June 6 Band Rental Night 6:30-8:00 PM
- June 7 3rd Grade Field Trip to Parker Mill & Post Trail
- June 7 6th Grade visits Secondary School
- June 7 5th & 6th grade music program 3PM
- June 7 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 3:50-5:30 PM
- June 8 6th Grade Moving Up Celebration 6:00 PM
- June 9 Field Day 1:00-3:00 PM
- June 12 Family Night Book Bingo 6:00-7:30 PM
- June 13 6th Grade Trip to Michigan Adventure
- June 13 1st Grade Field Trip to Potter's Park
- June 13 Band-O-Rama (mini-camp) 4:00-5:00 PM
- June 14 Talent Show 6-8:00 PM
- June 16 Last Day of School: Dismissal at 12:15 PM

GREETINGS, FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week, we had celebrated kindness with our "*Blue Out for Kindness Day*" where we wore blue or our "*Kindness is Cool*" t-shirts in order to focus our attention on being kind to others. This next school year, we will begin the year with a kindness poster contest and many other activities leading up to World Kindness Day that takes place on November 13th. This is part of our anti-bullying program connected with PBIS and Second Step..

Today was our last PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) celebration for grades K-3! The children could choose dancing in the gym (with DJ Ms.Carbary), building with cups and Legos, the computer lab, watching the movie *Bee* and the rock wall and other activities in the gym. Sounds like it was pretty simple however, the children smiled, socialized and worked together choosing what they wanted to do and for how long. (*4th grade was on a field trip to Greenfield Village and 5th & 6th grades had their celebration at the WLPS pool in April.*)

We hope to see you next week for our field day fun on Friday, June 9th from 1-3 PM! Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful event! Please see below for how to volunteer.

6TH GRADE CELEBRATION

Before we say farewell to the class of 2023, we will celebrate their time at our school. Mark your calendar--this year's Sixth Grade Send Off Celebration will be June 8th at 6pm.

LAST CALL FOR BOOKS

Book Bingo is just 10 days away! If you have any books to donate to the event, please put them in the bin located in the lobby across from the library. Remember Book Bingo is June 12th at 6PM in the cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

FREE MEALS IN AUGUST

WLES is partnering with Food Gathers to host a Meet Up and Eat Up site in August. **FREE** breakfast and lunch will be available in the WLES cafeteria for all kids (up to age 18) on the following dates: August 7 through 10 (Monday-Thursday);



August 14 through 17 (Monday-Thursday); and August 21-24 (Monday-Thursday). Make sure you mark your calendars. Hope to see you there!

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BAND NEWS

Fourth grade:

Fourth grade students had the opportunity to participate in band instrument fittings this past week. The next step for these potential beginning band students is to have a parent/guardian attend Rental Night June 6th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Elementary Band Room (B-18). Mrs. Fixler will be available during that time to answer questions , and the Marshall Music rental team will be available to answer rental questions and/or complete rental forms for the instruments they will be bringing with them that evening. Students are not required to come to Rental Night, though they are welcome. If you are unable to attend Rental Night, but your student still wants to take band in the fall, you can contact Marshall Music at 517-337-9700 (the school services number), OR complete a rental form through their site online:

<u>https://fs9.formsite.com/Marshallmusic/form2/index.html</u> whenever it is most convenient for you. Following Rental Night, Marshall Music will put on Band-O-Rama, a mini-band camp for beginning students on Tuesday, June 13th after school from 4:00-5:00 pm.

Fifth and Sixth grade:

Fifth and sixth grade band continues through Thursday, June 15th. The original end of year letter stated that band would continue through Friday the 16th, however, Ms. Fixler has been scheduled to give an exam at the high school at the same time as elementary band, so elementary band will end one day early. For those band parents who did not receive the end-of-year letter from their student(s) containing information regarding band instruments, a copy of it can be found on Ms Fixler's webpage.

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of several volunteers for Field Day. Please consider giving a few hours on Friday, June 9th. To make it easier to sign up to volunteer, please go to Sign-Up Genius by using the following link: <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4caeae2ba75-wles</u> We are hoping to have at lease one volunteer adult at each station, keeping in mind that each station will also have a classroom teacher. Please note our "rain date" is June 12. **Also, please send your child with a bottle of water if at all possible.** We will have water stations with cups, but in order to get all the activities in, we have a very tight schedule.

PENNY WARS

The WLES Builder's Club is sponsoring Penny Wars!! Students, please bring in your pennies, silver coins and dollar bills! Each classroom has a container to place your pennies and dollar bills in. The classroom that has the most pennies by Friday, June 9th will win a Popsicle Party! Just to make it fun, if you bring in silver coins, you can place them in other classroom's containers and that will subtract pennies from their container! All donations from the Penny War will go to the Baby Box Foundation that provides important necessities to families of newborn babies. Thank you in advance for all of your contributions!

MACKINAW CITY/MACKINAC ISLAND TRIP

Next year, the third and fourth grade classes will be doing an overnight trip to Mackinaw City and Mackinac Island May 16 and 17 2018. There will be an informational parent meeting on Tuesday, June 6 at 6:00pm in room B-28 (Mrs. Kobeck's room). The meeting will cover anticipated costs, itinerary, important dates, and you will have a chance to meet the travel agent. Parent attendance is strongly encouraged. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Otterman at: Carolyn.Otterman@wlps.net

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Please keep the following in mind when sending your child to school:



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- Shorts should be fingertip length
- The straps on sleeveless shirts should be 2-3 finger wide.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ART ROOM NEWS

Please watch for you student to bring home their Art Portfolios. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your child share with you

LOST AND FOUND

<u>PLEASE</u> check the Lost and Found for any missing items. We have quite a selection. Any unclaimed items will be donated after June 16th.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM

The fifth and sixth grade voice/guitar students will have an in-school concert at WLES on Wednesday, June 7th at 3pm. Parents are welcome to attend, and the concert will be recorded for those who cannot attend in person. In addition, sixth grade voice/guitar students will present a choral selection at the sixth grade celebration on June 8. Fifth grade not perform at the celebration.

ZOMBIES FEEDING MICHIGAN

There will be a "Zombie Walk" during Whitmore Lake's 4th of July Parade. They will be collecting non-perishable food, toiletries and pet supplies. There is a collection box in the elementary school lobby as well. All donations will go to Northfield Human Services, and stay within our community. If you would like to walk with them in the parade, you must bring a donation. Line up for the parade is at 8:30am at Lil Porkies on Barker Road. They will also accept checks made out to Northfield Human Services. Last year they raised \$582.00 and ove 1,00 pounds of food.

RECYCLE EVENT

Washtenaw County is sponsoring a recycling event Saturday, June 10 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Northfield Township Hall. This is an opportunity for you to recycle appliances, tires, electronics, bulky household items or household hazardous materials.. Please consider a minimum donation of \$10.00. This event is for Washtenaw County residents. For more information please visit: <u>http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org</u>

PTA NEWS

PTA officers for the 2017/2018 school year will be voted on at the next and final meeting, for this school year, to be held on June 6th at 5:30 PM.

Spring Box Tops Drive

Our Spring Box Tops Drive collected a grand total of 6,542 box tops! Our WLES PTA was so incredibly impressed that they generously purchased ice cream cups for all of our WLES students! Many thanks to all of the families who turned in Box Tops, and also to the WLES PTA. Please continue to collect those Box Tops all summer long. They can be turned in when school resumes in the fall.

Kroger Community Rewards:

If you are part of the Kroger Community Rewards program, please remember to re-enroll your Kroger card. If you are not a member, please consider going to Kroger.com, and sign-up.

Go to: Kroger.com Click on the "Community Tab"



In the Drop down menu, click on Kroger Community Rewards to register your Kroger Card. This is an easy, painless way to contribute to our PTA!

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

2-1-1: Need resources? United Way can assist! www.uwwashtenaw.org or dial 2-1-1

Child Care Network: Ann Arbor <u>www.childcarenetwork.org</u> Your source for child care scholarships, lending library & materials and much more!

Early On: Washtenaw Early On provides early intervention services for children and families where there is a developmental delay, health concern, or the child is at risk for delay. Early On Michigan is a system designed to coordinate early intervention and other services for families who have children (ages 0 - 36 months) experiencing developmental delays or who have disabilities or special needs. <u>1800earlyon.org</u> 1-800-EarlyOn (1-800-327-5966)

Ele's Place- A healing center for grieving children and teens<u>. www.elesplace.org</u> Ann Arbor Location Call: **734-929-6640**

Grandparents As Parents (GAP): GAP offers caregiving grandparents (and other relatives) the opportunity to share common experiences, to better understand their grandchildren's special needs, and to access resources and information from community professionals. The program provides support groups, educational workshops, counseling, children's groups, and family activities. Any grandparent or custodial relative in Washtenaw County with parental responsibilities for raising a minor child is eligible for service. For more information, contact Washtenaw County Catholic Social Services-Older Adult Services at (734)712- 3625

New Parent/Infant Support Group: An experienced pediatric nurse leads groups of parents of newborns to play, discuss and meet other parents and their babies.(734)663-0438

Northfield Human Serviceshttp://northfieldhumanservices.org10 Jennings Rd, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189(734) 449-0110

Washtenaw Success By 6: Your source for early childhood resources in our county:

www.washtenawsuccessby6.org

WIC (Women, Infants & Children): A health and nutrition program that helps families eat well and stay healthy and has demonstrated a positive effect on pregnancy outcomes, child growth and development. (734) 544-6800 ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public health/family

Zero to Three: Information for children. www.zerotothree.org

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

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

Kindergarten: Landon Ansama Sophia Lara Rylee Russell Caleb Stewart

Mathew Dean Emerson Matovski Laenie Short Adrian Tyler

Cooper Fair Harley McGraw Liam Smith Jace Willis Ava Heuft Hunter Redman Isla Sterzik



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First Grade:

lain Bachman Hadyn Dristy Isaac Hughes Chloe Tyra

Second Grade: Marshall Hammond

Third Grade: Owen Bachman Spyro Lambros Isaiah Peltier Sydney Stanley

Fourth Grade: Noah Curry Lydia Stefanovski

Fifth Grade: Miles Fair

Sixth Grade:

Dalton Bachman Clay-Radcliffe Nathaniel Cobbs Jace Garcia Logan Stock David Busick Rylan Ettlie Malynda Lambros Leo Weaver

Kaylie Livingston

Vincent Brown

Tyler Phillips

Elodie Weaver

Santino Gentile

Whitney Firestone

Holly Bennardi

William Cryer

Cody Wallace

Shaun Goin

Wyatt Stock

Landen Livingston

Nolan Collins Tobias Goodrich Austin Ouillette Robert Willard Veronica Deardoff Braylen Harvey Harley Smith Phoenix Wilson

Aven Radcliffe

Haylie Raymor

Carina Burchi Kaleb Goodrich Samantha Medlin Wylie Muller Kiera Roberts Gina St. Charles Gavin Yax

Isabella Nelson-Daniels Jacob Vibbart Sydnee Short Ethan Widner

Aiden Garcia

David Loveless

Erin Carr

Natalie Curl Zachary Grzesik Hannah Wolfe Tristan

Heather Davis David Patterson