



**May 1st, 2018**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MAY**

- Monday, April 16th - Thursday, May 24th - Box Top Spring Challenge
- Tuesday, May 1st PTO Meeting 5:15 PM
- Wednesday, May 2nd Building Tours for Fall Kindergarten Students 10-11:30 AM
- Thursday, May 3rd Early Childhood Center Fall Registration 5-7 PM
- Friday, May 4th WANNA KNOW? 8:00 AM
- Tuesday, May 8th PBIS Celebration for Grades K-4
- Saturday, May 12th Marcos Pizza Night
- Monday, May 14th Girls On the Run 5K Event
- Wednesday, May 16th-17th WLFEE Zumbathon 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17th Student BOGO Scholastic Book Fair All Week
- Friday, May 18th Family Night BOGO Scholastic Book Fair 6-7:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 22nd School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 23rd 3rd & 4th Grade Mackinac Trip
- Friday, May 25th Spring Band Concert 7:00 PM
- Friday, May 25th 1st Grade Field Trip/Hudson Mills
- Monday, May 28th Early Childhood Center Fall Registration 5-7 PM
- Thursday, May 31st 5th & 6th Grade Concert 7:00 PM
- 3rd Grade Trip/Clean Up Downtown WL
- Half Day of School
- No School - Memorial Day
- Talent Show

**JUNE**

- Sunday, June 3rd High School Graduation 2:00 PM
- Monday, June 4th Book Bingo Family Event 5:30-7:30 PM
- Tuesday, June 5th PTO Meeting 5:15 PM
- Wednesday, June 6th 5th/6th Grade Michigan Adventure Trip
- Thursday, June 7th 6th Grade Visit to the Middle/High School 9:30-11:00 AM
- Friday, June 8th 6th Grade Moving Up Celebration 6:00 PM
- Monday, June 11th Field Day at the ES!
- Thursday, June 14th School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- Last Day of School: Half Day

*Please note that additional events may be added to the calendar at a later date.*



## **GREETINGS, FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Here at WLES we are very excited when it doesn't rain and our students can get outside! That means your kids are getting their daily exercise, socializing with their friends and staying cleaner! I'm sure you will agree that coming home from school *not* covered in mud will be a plus when the drainage is fixed and our new play structure is installed in a few months! However, some kids will still find that small patch of mud to have fun in! :)

This Friday, May 4th, will be our last **PBIS celebration**, for the school year, for our kindergarten through 4th grades. If you would like to volunteer please let your child's teacher know. We have several fun activities planned and we could use a few volunteers. We will be prepping the activities at 1:00 PM and the activities take place as follows: Kindergarten and 1st grades 1:30-2:15 PM and 2nd-4th grades 2:30-3:15 PM

This Thursday is our monthly **WANNA KNOW meeting** where parents can meet with me to discuss what's going on in our school/community. There has been a rather low showing of parents however, this is a great way to communicate with each other so I will continue to schedule this for the next school year. Please let me know if a different time would work for you or changing the times monthly. I would appreciate your feedback and attendance at these meetings as another way for us to keep the lines of communication open.

As we **plan for our next school year** we will be changing to a **monthly newsletter** complete with a different format, information from all grades, community happenings and much more. We will also be providing you with **weekly Friday updates** to recap the week and provide you with the following weeks information. We hope this will provide you with more information in a timely manner. *Ideas? Please let me know!*

As the school year winds down there's still much to do and learn. We are busy planning our **annual field day** scheduled for June 8th. The day will start with that huge obstacle course on the front lawn, that the students won by meeting, now surpassing, their change challenge goal. This year we are planning on having a school-wide picnic outside and then continuing on with our field day activities for the rest of the school day. We will need many volunteers to make this event successful so watch for the sign-up and come on in and join us!

During our **April change challenge**, which was a short month, your children raised over **\$4,700** for our playground makeover! Your children were so proud to come to school with a bag of pennies, a dollar or even a quarter to help us fundraise. It is exciting to see our children, staff, school district and community excited about our playground project. We have raised over **\$23,500** so far! Watch for additional fundraisers such as, Hungry Howies coupons, Zumbathon, restaurant night, and other exciting events as we continue with our PledgeCents donations, change containers and donations from businesses. We hope to meet or surpass our goal for our playground community build date of 7/21/18!



***A very special thank you to our students, families and staff for your continued commitment to our school and community! YOU'RE THE BEST!!!!***

### **LEARNING ACADEMY**

Did you know that **Learning Academy** is available every Wednesday and Thursday from 2:35-3:35 for our 5th and 6th grade students? If your child needs to make up work or just needs extra help with their studies, teachers are available to assist them. This is a free program so take advantage of the extra help for your child. Snacks are provided and students can ride the bus home! Not signed up, just ask your child's teacher!

### **GIRLS ON THE RUN**

**Girls On the Run** has 21 students participating! Their big 5K run will take place on May 12th at 1:00 PM to be held at Rolling Hills County Park in Ypsilanti. Come on down and cheer them on or run with them! For registration information please go to [girlsontherunsemi.org](http://girlsontherunsemi.org)

### **WLES PROJECT PLAYGROUND:\$50 K FOR PLAY**

**We've Raised over \$23,500 for Project Playground!**

With Project Playground: \$50k for Play, we will be fixing the elementary school playground from top to bottom this summer! This will cost near \$175,000. Thanks to the generosity of our community, \$110,000 of sinking fund dollars will be used towards the project. But because of rules from the state, sinking fund dollars CANNOT be used to purchase playground equipment. Thanks to a community build, instead of paying to have it installed, the entire build will be volunteer-driven, saving nearly \$9,000.

We know \$50k is a big number. But we also see it as 500 \$100 donations, or 1,000, \$50 donations, or a whole lot of \$1 and \$5 donations. No donation is too small! We know together, we can make a HUGE impact in the lives of students at WLES and children in the Whitmore Lake community for many many years to come!

Please go to the following link to donate today: <http://bit.ly/2DgdsY3>

#### **Upcoming Fundraisers:**

#### **Hungry Howie's FUNraiser Coupon Sale, TODAY-June 14, 2018**

Purchase a Hungry Howie's coupon card in person from any district office or by filling out and returning the Hungry Howie's FUNraiser order form with payment to WLES.



Coupon cards cost \$20 and includes coupons for:

- 2 FREE Large two topping pizzas
- 1 FREE Three-Cheeser Howie Bread
- 1 FREE Regular size salad
- 1 FREE Howie dessert brownie
- 6 Buy one get one FREE offers

Order forms will be sent home with WLES students on Friday, May 4 and will be available in the WLES lobby information center. Orders will be processed every Friday and sent home with students, unless otherwise noted. The class that sells the most coupons wins a Hungry Howie's pizza party!

### **Zumbathon and Silent Auction, May 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. WLES Gym/Cafe**

- 15 Zumba instructors are coming to WL from around the state of Michigan to teach 2 hours of amazing fun-filled fitness dancing!
- Dance Pro DJ Service will be transforming WLES into Club Zumba.
- If Zumba isn't your thing, you can still come bid on the over \$3k in auction and raffle prizes including *4 Disney Hopper passes*, items from Zingermans, Jungle Java, Mt. Brighton, Kensington Valley Ice House, and more!
- And if helping out is more your thing, we are in need of volunteers:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48a5ab2faa8-zumbathon1>

Please help spread the word. Simply invite your friends [HERE](#) and share away! You can even check out the [album](#) from last year to see for yourself how cool this event is!

**Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#).** Spots are limited, so buy early!

Thanks in advance for the support. Looking forward to putting a big dent in the Project Playground: \$50k for Play goal!

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

**School Office Hours** 7:15 AM – 4:15 PM

**School Times:** 5th and 6th Grades 7:50 AM - 2:35 PM Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grades 8:50 AM – 3:35 PM

**5th and 6th Grade students** who eat breakfast at school may arrive and enter the building at 7:30 AM  
**5th and 6th Grade students** that walk to school should arrive no earlier than 7:40 AM and no later than 7:50 AM.

**Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> Grade students** who eat breakfast at school may arrive and enter the building at 8:20 AM all other students can enter the building at 8:40 AM.



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## ELEMENTARY EXPRESS

EXCEPTIONAL, PERSONALIZED EDUCATION  
— 1077 Barker Rd. Whitmore Lake, MI 48189 —

**Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students** that walk to school should arrive no earlier than 8:40 AM and no later than 8:50 AM *See above for arrival and building entry if eating breakfast.*

**Any student who arrives after 7:50 AM (5th/6th grade) or 8:50 AM (k-4th grade) MUST be walked in to the office, and signed in by a parent.**