

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

May 14th, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

• Monday, April 16th - Thursday, May 24th - Box Top Spring Challenge

Monday, May 14th
 Student BOGO Scholastic Book Fair All Week

Family Night BOGO Scholastic Book Fair 6-7:30 PM

School Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Wed & Thurs, May 16th-17th
 Thursday, May 17th
 Friday, May 18th
 3rd & 4th Grade Mackinac Trip
 Spring Band Concert 7:00 PM
 1st Grade Field Trip/Hudson Mills

Tuesday, May 22nd Early Childhood Center Fall Registration 5-7 PM

Wed, May 23rd
 5th & 6th Grade Concert 7:30 PM *Please note the time change

Friday, May 25th
 3rd Grade Trip/Clean Up Downtown WL

• Friday, May 25th Half Day of School

Monday, May 28th
 No School - Memorial Day

Thursday, May 31st
 Talent Show

JUNE

Sunday, June 3rd
 Monday, June 4th
 High School Graduation
 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

6th Grade Moving Up Celebration 6:00 PM

• Friday, June 8th Field Day at the ES!

Monday, June 11th School Board Meeting 7:00 PM

• Thursday, June 14th 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

THANK YOU WLES STAFF FOR ALL YOU DO!

Classroom Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Food Service Staff, Title I Teacher,
Occupational Therapist, Physical Education Teacher, Physical Therapist, Special
Education Teachers, Psychologist, Music Teacher, Speech Therapists, Band Teachers,
Custodians, Art Teacher, Coaches, Media Center Specialist, Secretaries, Social Worker,
Chinese Teacher and our Kids Club Staff!



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Last week was national **teacher/staff appreciation week**. This is a time set aside to celebrate and thank our school staff for all they do everyday to teach our children, keep them safe, ensure they have healthy meals and provide social emotional support. Just to name a few areas they excel in every day! I am so blessed to work with such dedicated staff who are compassionate, kind and caring and go the extra mile to ensure all students are supported, safe and have a chance to learn and grow in their own individual way. Without every staff member working together with the support of our families and community, we could not provide the a school culture of teaching and learning.

Special thanks to our PTO for celebrating all our staff and the hard work they do by planning, funding and executing a week full of special celebrations. A special shout out to Mona Meadows and Lindsay Collins who worked countless hours pulling this celebration together!

Special thanks to builders club, student council and all our school friends and family members who donated food, items and time to make this week even more special!

As you can see from the school calendar above we have a lot to do as we finish up the school year with only 23 days left of school and two of these are half days! We look forward to seeing you at all the events that finish up the school year.

BOOK BINGO

Plan on spending Monday, June 4 from 6:00-7:30PM at WLES for one of our favorite end of the year events...BOOK BINGO! All attendees will leave with at least 10 books for summer reading. There will be over 80 raffle prizes too, including book sets, pillows, reading hammocks, book & movie packages, a FREE session of swim lessons, and more! This event is FREE to all WLES & WLECC students and their families. FREE popcorn & water will be provided by our fabulous PTO and sweet treats will be available for purchase to support Project Playground. Hope to see you there!

WLES PROJECT PLAYGROUND:\$50 K FOR PLAY

We've Raised over \$31,884 for Project Playground!

With Project Playground: \$50k for Play, we will be fixing the elementary school playground from top to bottom this summer! 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



PROJECT PLAYGROUND BUILD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Are you interested in helping us build the new playground on Saturday, July, 21? If yes, please follow this link to submit your interest & availability. We are looking for 20-25 volunteer builders and 8-10 volunteers to help with food, registration, etc.

https://goo.gl/forms/z4pOn5Z1VssYKros2

If you are comfortable measuring and drilling holes to prep the site for build day, please contact Heidi Roy-Borland @ heidi.roy-borland@wlps.net or 734-449-2051x1310. We need 5-8 volunteers to do this work on Friday, July 20.

THANK YOU for your past, present and future support!

Hungry Howie's FUNraiser Coupon Sale, NOW-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

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!

SUMMER LEARNING

Help your child stay sharp this summer by purchasing a **Summer Bridge Book**. WLES is offering Summer Bridge Books for \$9.99 each, a \$5.00 savings per book! Please turn in completed order forms and payment to your child's teacher by Thursday, May 24.

Order forms were sent home with all students and are available on PeachJar and in the WLES lobby information center.

If you are looking something different, try Summer Skills Learning Books. You can order just math, just language arts, or one of each! These books are available for purchase through the Summer Skills website: http://www.summerskills.com/

As always, students who return a completed summer workbook or evidence of summer learning in the fall will receive a free book coupon from Scholastic. Some teachers may offer a homework pass too!



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KIWANIS JULY 4th PARADE

The annual **July 4th parade** will take place as usual at the corner of Barker and Timbercrest. There were many wonderful entries for the t-shirt decorating contest and we want to congratulate all the students for taking the time to create colorful, exciting and creative designs depicting the parade theme of "Celebrating America's Heroes". Congratulations to **Emerson Stefanowski** as this years winner of the t-shirt decorating contest! His design will be printed on t-shirts to be worn by the runners at the annual WL 10K run and by volunteers in the parade. Emerson and his family will also have the opportunity to walk in the parade in their matching t-shirts! Please join us for the annual bike decorating contest at 9:30 AM on parade day.

Interested in entering a group or float in the parade? Please email Sue Wanamaker at sue.wanamaker@wlps.net

LEARNING ACADEMY

ATTENTION 5th and 6th grade students! There's still time to get those grades up before the end of the school year! **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!

SCHOOL HOURS

School Office Hours 7:15 AM - 4:15 PM

School Times: 5th and 6th Grades 7:50 AM - 2:35 PM Kindergarten - 4th 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-4th **Grade students** who eat breakfast at school may arrive and enter the building at at 8:20 AM all other students can enter the building at 8:40 AM.

Kindergarten – 4th 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.