



Whitmore Lake ELEMENTARY EXPRESS

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2018



SPECIAL THANKS



WLES families, staff
and our community partners for
making our new playground possible!

CALENDAR DATES 9/24-9/28 Spirit Days

- 9/22 Northfield Library Fall Fest
12:30-2:00 PM
- 9/24 School Board Meeting 7 PM
- 9/26 ECC Ice Cream Social 3-4 PM
- 9/28 Half Day of School
Homecoming Parade 4 PM
- 10/1-10/5 Book Fair!
- 10/3 Student Count Day!
- 10/4 Picture Day! (K-6th Grades)
Food Gatherers 2-4 PM
Book Fair Family Night 6-7:30 PM
- 10/5 ECC Playgroups Begins
9:30-11:30 AM

WANNA KNOW? GREETINGS, FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

What a great start to the school year! We are very proud of our WLES students, in all grades, as they quickly remembered and followed school procedures! Even our kindergarten students, on day two, needed little direction! Our preschoolers are also learning what school is all about, with many having their first experiences here.

In these first 14 days of school, for grades K-6, and these 7-11 days of school for the ECC, we have been real busy! Some of the highlights are below:

- ✿ We explored our new and improved playground! Many fun and exciting things to do there and it stays dry!
- ✿ K-4th grades enjoyed a preview PBIS celebration. Students could choose from dancing, building, a movie, gym games and playground fun.
- ✿ On Thursday we had our first lockdown drill. Please ask your child about what we do during a drill to stay safe.
- ✿ Students in or 5th and 6th grades voted in a new Student Council for the 2018/2019 school year. Congratulations! For those students who ran for office, and were not selected, there are many other ways to show your leadership and be involved in our school. We look forward to your involvement

I hope to see you at our Family Fun Fest event on 10/23 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Fun, food and family!



SCHOOL HOURS

School Office Hours: 7:30 AM-4:00 PM

School Times:
5th and 6th Grades 7:50 AM - 2:35 PM
Half day dismissal: 11:15 AM

Kindergarten – 4th Grades 8:50 AM – 3:35 PM
Half day dismissal: 12:15 AM

School Entrance Times:
5th and 6th Grade students who eat breakfast at school may enter the building at 7:30 AM.

5th and 6th Grade students that walk, or enter through the Kiss-N-Go line, may enter the building at 7:40 AM.

Kindergarten-4th Grade students who eat breakfast at school may enter the building at 8:20 AM.

Kindergarten – 4th Grade students that walk, or enter through the Kiss-N-Go line, may enter the building at 8:40 AM.



SPIRIT WEEK Sept. 24th- 28th

Monday, September 24th - Pure Michigan Monday
Support our great state with your favorite Michigan shirt!

Tuesday, September 25th - Hawaiian/Beach Day
Bring your lei's and sunscreen for some fun in the sun!

Wednesday, September 26th - Disney/Animated Character Day
Dress like your favorite Disney or animated character!

Thursday, September 27th - Mix and Match Day
Stripes and Polka Dots - Boots and Shoes - Wear anything you choose!

Friday, September 28th - Trojan Pride Day
Wear your RED and WHITE to support our great school! Go Trojans!

Show your school spirit all week!



SUMMER LEARNING

If your child completed at least half of their **Summer Bridge Book**, please send it to their teacher by **September 24th**. They will receive a **FREE** book from Scholastic for keeping their brains learning over the summer.



TECHNOLOGY

If you are having problems logging in to your child's **Powerschool**, please know that this is a mobile problem that we are aware of, and working on. You should still be able to access it from a web browser.



FOOD GATHERERS is coming to the ES!

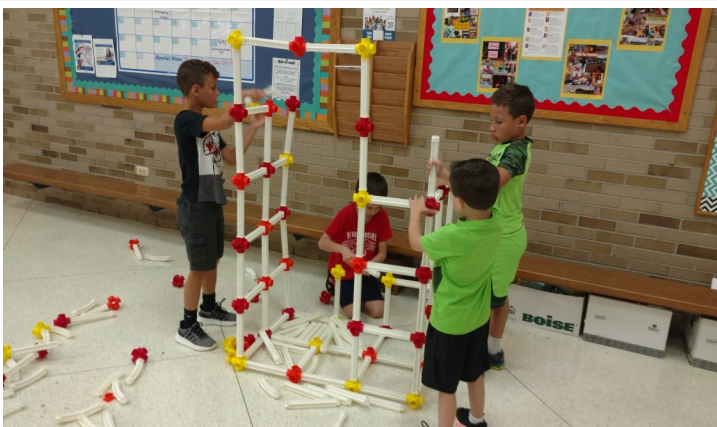


The first Thursday of every month, from 2-4 PM, beginning October 4th!

What is it you ask!

Food Gatherers is a free food distribution program that brings produce to our school **for all families**. Each family can receive a box of produce for their family. Just enter through the front lobby, sign in and proceed to the cafeteria to receive your box of produce.

We hope you take advantage of this free program.
It is for everyone!



Scholastic Book Fair



Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **Enter the Magical World of Reading** – surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers' means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. We hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates: 10/1 – 10/5

Shopping Hours: All Kids, Preschool – 6th grade, are welcome to shop our book fair during their regularly scheduled library time. Please watch for a promotional flyer and shopping instructions coming home in your child's backpack the last week in September.

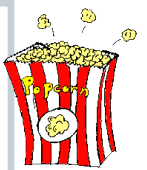
Special Event: FAMILY SHOPPING NIGHT! 10/4 6– 7:30 PM

Please contact Pam Blount at pam.blount@wlps.net with any further questions.

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POPCORN FRIDAYS

Just 50 cents for a bag of popcorn every Friday!
Help needed! Volunteer today!



Library Books

If you checked out books from the Northfield Library this summer please return them ASAP. They are missing many books and would love to have them returned so others could enjoy them as well.



OFFICE POLICY

Please remember, if you are picking your child up early from school, they must be signed out from the office by 3:15PM. Anyone arriving after 3:15PM must join the Kiss and Go line to pick up their child. All changes in pick up procedures must be called in to the office by 2:15PM for 5th & 6th grades and 3:15PM for K-4 grades.

Thank you for your help in keeping our dismissal process running smoothly.