

White Township Consolidated School

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*Meetings are held the 4th

Monday of each month at 7:30

(Exception: Dec. 19)

From the Office:

Please welcome our new school secretary Mrs. Ingrid Scott. She will be joining Mrs. Meyers in the main office starting on December 19, 2011.

OFFICE Hours: 8:00AM-4:00PM

*Students will not be allowed in the building after 4:00PM unless there is a scheduled event.

**Students should check lost and found outside the main office.

***The school lunch menu is found on the website.

****The School's website address is: www.whitetwpsd.org.

*****Parents must request approval for any trips or vacations students take during the school year. These requests should be made to the school principal.

DATE REMINDERS:

December 21- Winter Concert (details below)

December 23- 1:30 Dismissal

December 26- January 2- School closed

January 16- School closed

Winter Concert News:

This year's winter concert will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011. The concert will start at 7:00PM. The doors will open at 6:30 and students participating should report to their designated rooms at that time for warm ups. The concert will include students in Preschool and Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th grade recorders, and both elementary chorus and White Township Singers. Students in grades 1 and 2 will participate in the Spring concert.

Our In-School Concert will be on Wednesday (December 21) morning at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend the evening concert, please join us for this dress-rehearsal to watch your musician perform. If you choose to attend this performance, please call the school office in advance so we may plan accordingly.

EAGLE Award winners:

Mrs. Werkheiser, Mr. Annunziata and the WTCS faculty have developed a recognition program for White Township students. The awards are for character and/or achievement as recognized by their teachers. Students who demonstrate one or more of the following traits are nominated by their teachers.

E-Exceptional Enthusiasm
 A-Awesome Attitude
 G-Genuinely Great in service to others
 L-Laudable Leadership
 E-Excellent in Everything

Each student will have their name called over the intercom, receive a certificate, letter and free ice cream pass courtesy of Maschio's foods and have their picture on the hallway bulletin board. It is our hope to inspire students to contribute to their own success and the success of their classmates.

The new winners of the Eagle Award are:

First grade: Gavin C. and Justine H.
 Second Grade: Samantha H. and Precious O.
 Third Grade: Hannah W. and Victoria C.
 Fourth Grade: Lynsey B. and Rileigh G.
 Fifth Grade: Seth P. and Jordan C.
 Sixth Grade: Luis L. and Julia G.
 Seventh Grade: Katie S. and Olivia W.
 Eighth Grade: Aysa V., Micaela P., and Madison B.

Fourth Grade News

Written by Demetra N. and Hailey R.

On November 15th, 2011, an interesting presentation was brought to the fourth grade class. The Warren County Mosquito Commission visited our school to discuss mosquitoes and ticks. Here are a few facts learned:

Surprisingly, only a female mosquito will bite you. She then can nourish her young with the protein from your blood. A male mosquito will only eat nectar. There are four stages in a mosquito's life. They start as an egg, then move to larva stage, then pupa, and finally enter the adult stage.

There are things you can do to keep mosquitoes away from you and your home. Check unused swimming pools, wheel barrows, ornamental ponds, tires, storm water facilities, catch basins, birdbaths, gutters, window boxes and garbage cans for stagnate water. It is important to get rid of this water because mosquitoes live in these places.

Ticks are mostly active in Spring and Fall but are found yearly. Ticks are arachnids. To protect yourself and pets from ticks, you should check yourself daily. When outdoors, wear fluorescent colored clothes and carry insect repellent. If you find a tick on you, you need to use tweezers to pull it out of your skin by its mouth. The disease associated with ticks is lyme disease. Lyme disease can make a person paralyzed, and if left untreated can be fatal. That is why it is important to take precautions when outdoors!

We hoped you enjoyed our information! Catch us next month for more exciting news!

Fall Into Books

“Fall Into Books” our annual autumn celebration of reading was once again observed in October. This year WTCS participated in a program called *One School, One Book*. It was exciting to have our school and families come together to celebrate literacy as we all read The Indian in the Cupboard. The program was kicked off on Friday, Oct. 28 with a skit performed by eighth graders. Older students were then paired up with younger students to customize a cupboard and make predictions for the novel. It was fun to see students peek into each other’s cupboards as they walked through the hallway displays. Trivia questions related to the novel were shared in the morning announcements throughout the month of November, and classes enjoyed competing for the “key” with the winning answer. In the final week, students were treated to viewing the movie version of The Indian in the Cupboard during their lunch period.

We appreciate the time parents took out of their busy schedules to read a chapter each night. We give special thanks to the PTO and the Board of Education for supporting this program by purchasing a book for each family.

“The Fall Into Books” Committee: Mrs. Biggs, Ms. Folkner, Mrs. Mulligan, Mrs. Pohlidal, Mrs. Walsh

All Star Readers Club in the Library

All Stars Readers Club (ASRC) is a reading incentive club for students in grades 3-6. Students read a book and then take a computer quiz on the selection to earn points. After earning a predetermined amount of points, students earn a prize. The prize for this term is a free ice cream certificate for the cafeteria. Students’ names will also be posted on “The Reading Wall of Fame” in the library. Sign-ups are still being taken in the library. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pohlidal. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the Scholastic Readings Counts software for this program.

G.E.M. News from Mrs. Pohlidal

Battle of the Minds

Congratulations to the students who competed in the Battle of the Minds competitions. Battle of the Minds, sponsored by the Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment, is an academic competition similar to the game “Jeopardy.” The seventh and eighth grade teams traveled to Warren Hills Middle School on November 3, to compete against fourteen other teams. On November 15, a fifth and a sixth grade team competed at Great Meadows Middle School. Congratulations to the fifth grade team who competed against eleven other teams, advanced to the finals and took second place overall in the competition!

Team Members:

Grade 8: Emily L., Stephanie M., Emily C.

Grade 7: Theresa A., Andrew H., Sarah G., Adam M., Dylan V.

Grade 6: Robert M., Lilly R., Anna K., Joseph M., Danny S., Alexis R.

Grade 5: Jordan C., Allison D., Laura D., Autumn M., Vasilios N., Nicholas V.

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books teams in grades 3-8 are busy reading to prepare for their competitions which will take place in April and May. Teams are practicing weekly during lunch. Thank you to the PTO for purchasing multiple copies of the required books.

Art News

Artist of the Month for September

Emily D.-First Grade

The students were learning about Picasso and the art he created. We focused on how he liked to display emotions and feelings in his paintings. Sometimes he used color to help show the emotion he was demonstrating. After the class discussed different emotions, they had the opportunity to illustrate two faces showing different emotions. Emily picked happy and scared to illustrate. Her happy face had shades of yellow, orange and pink. The figure is smiling and looks very pleasant. The scared emotion shows a shocking face with the mouth wide open and hair standing straight up. Bold colors are used in the hair. Emily decided to color the face white, since sometimes when you are scared, you turn white.

Micaela P.-Eighth Grade

I gave the students a project to work on if they finished the project the class was working on. It was a magazine bowl. Only magazines, a glue stick and mod podge are used to create these decorative bowls. Micaela started working on this project during school. She decided to bring the magazine home to work on it if she had time. To my pleasant surprise, she returned the next day with a completed bowl. Not only was it large, but it was done with great skill. Micaela made her coils so tightly, that the bowl could stand firmly without glue. This is quite an accomplishment and the most amazing part is it was done in only one night.

Honorable Mentions

Hannah H. and Marin F.
Second Grade
Ice Cream Painting

Kyleigh S.
Fourth Grade
Chinese Landscape

Karolina G.
Fifth Grade
Chinese Dogwood



Alexander S.
Fifth Grade
Geometric Painting

Jonathan D.
Seventh Grade
Name in 1pt Perspective

Artist of the Month for October

Brielle R.-Third Grade

The students created their own Chinese inspired plates. Keeping true to the style, the students were only allowed to use blue and white. We also went straight to paint. There was no drawing. This too, is true to Chinese painting. The students were encouraged to use quick brush strokes. First, a Chinese house was painted. Next, students drew their horizon line. The third step was to add a tree. Now, that the basic drawing was done, the students had the chance to add what they wanted. Brielle added a pathway that leads the eye to her attractive house. She made many shades of blue that add to the design. Her border around the plate she made very decorative, by adding white dots to a medium blue background.

Quinn M.-Fifth Grade

The students created fall leaves out of clay. Real leaves were used to roll onto the clay. When they are rolled on, they leave an imprint of the veins. Then, the clay is carefully cut out tracing the real leaf. Quinn did a fantastic job cutting around his leaf. It looks very delicate. The edges, of the leaf, he carefully turned up. The glaze only brings out the details of his leaf even more. His leaf looks so real, but the best part of his leaf is that it will last and stay the same-a moment of nature that is frozen perfectly in clay.

Honorable Mention

Kaitlin W. First Grade
Panda Painting

Isabella O. First Grade
Great Wave Print

Jonah B. Second Grade
Leaf Collage

Ryan S. Second Grade
Leaf Collage

Matthew C. Fifth Grade
Picasso Collage

Kaitlin F. Seventh Grade
Ishtar Gate Collage

Laura L. Eighth Grade
Picasso Inspired Piece