

aWESOME news

Whiton Elementary School



KEEP CALM AND HOOT ON

FROM THE DESKS OF Ms. GENSEL & MRS. SHAH

Time certainly does fly when you are having fun! We can't believe that we have closed out the month of September. *Happy October everyone!*

We are pleased to report that our Whiton family is off to a great start to the academic year. Our displays of authentic student work throughout the building are daily reminders of our accomplishments.

The WES administrative team has enjoyed our visits into each classroom and are anxious to spend more time with your children. We remain focused on working collaboratively and planning with our staff so we can continue to make our mark, one step at a time!

OCTOBER Dates to Remember

October 2nd

Picture Day
PTO Gift Wrap Sale Deadline

October 4th

Kidstuff Coupon Book Sale Begins

October 5th

PTO Fall Consignment Sale

October 6th

PTO Used Clothing Drive

October 14th

SCHOOL CLOSED—Staff In-service

October 10th - 18th

Scholastic Book Fair

October 17th

PTO General Meeting at Whiton— 7pm

October 18th

Progress Reports Sent Home

October 21st

Wear WHITE for
School Violence Awareness Week

October 23rd

Wear RED for Red Ribbon Week

October 25th

Pre-K & K "Harvest Hoedown" 6:30 pm

October 25th

Kidstuff Coupon Book Sale Ends

Oct 31st

Whiton Halloween Parade
9:45 am— AM Pre-K, AM K & 1st
1:45 pm— PM Pre-K, PM K, 2nd & 3rd

Preschool News

By Mrs. Harwood

Mrs. Harwood's preschool students are so excited to attend school and be part of the Whiton Family. To begin the school year, our theme was friendship. We enjoyed painting with a partner to get to know each other better. We then strung pasta beads on a necklace to give a friend.

At the end of the month, we welcomed the cooler fall weather by starting a unit on apples. We read several stories about apples and discovered that apples are everywhere. They can be found in many shapes, like the ladder someone uses to climb a tree that is shaped like a triangle. An apple pie is round like a circle; some apples are shaped like a sphere, and an apple slice is shaped like a crescent. We also discussed the parts of an apple such as how apples have seeds, skin, stems; our favorite word to say was flesh. We compared how bananas have peels that we don't eat, while we can eat the skin of an apple.

The students soon discovered that their favorite day in Mrs. Harwood's class is FUN FRIDAY when students from Mrs. Eelman's class come in to explore different activities with us. During the first FUN FRIDAY, we played a variety of board games with our partners, while on the second FUN FRIDAY we enjoyed playing in our favorite play center. We truly enjoy our time with our third grade buddies!



We are off to a fantastic start-up of the school year as the children at Whiton Elementary School are eating healthy foods. Furthermore, we have kicked off the year by putting our new Food Safety Program into place with great success!

The School Health Services program continues to support encouraging the consumptions of fresh fruits and vegetables, low fat milk, and whole grains through nutritional education.

Janet Hoffman RN, Certified School Nurse



News from Mrs. Baier's Second Grade Class

By Mrs. Baier

Have you heard our morning announcements for the month of September? Each morning one or two students from our class provided a morning greeting plus the Pledge of Allegiance over Whiton's intercom system. The students have been so supportive of each other and have done a wonderful job!

Mrs. Baier's second graders have been working hard and having fun! The class has been earning "gold slips" for good behavior. We have already had a reward of 10 minutes of additional free time outside on the playground.

Our core curriculum for Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics is up and running! Students are reading, writing, and practicing those math facts each day!



Coming soon are the Beanie Baby Adventure Stories. Starting next week each student will bring home a Beanie Baby and write a short paragraph about their adventure together. I think I am more excited than the students for this to begin!

Have a wonderful school year, everyone!

First Grade News

by Mrs. Abey

September proved to be a great month of learning the expectations and routines in our classroom and school. Our learners began to build their reading muscles by building their reading stamina to 15 minutes for independent reading. They were able to see what a big part those Dolch words play in the books we read by going on a word hunt. The students read with their partners to encourage each other to become better readers. They are excited to read!

In Writer's Workshop we began learning about personal narratives. We discovered how authors get their ideas from writing about special people, places and mementos of their lives. Check the hallway in a few weeks to read our author's stories.

Fall Consignment Sale

Saturday, October 5th at 9 AM

Branchburg Central Middle School



Are your children growing out of their clothes too quickly? Do you have a house full of toys that are not played with? How can you clean out your closets, make some money, and shop for bargains in the process?

Join Us as a Consignor!

As a consignor, you earn a 70% return on all sold merchandise and the PTO earns 30%. All you do is prepare your items and drop them off at Branchburg Central Middle School at 220 Baird Road on Friday, October 4th from 4 PM until 6 PM. You do NOT need to have a child in the school system in order to consign.

As a shopper, you'll find an endless variety of quality children's items including clothes, toys, books, baby items, shoes, and sports equipment at bargain prices.

If you are interested in getting started, please complete the [ONLINE REGISTRATION](#).

Please refer to the informational packet on the website with all the instructions you will need to get started! It's VERY easy and a great way to clean out closets and make a little extra cash.

Please note the changes added this Fall!

Consider Donating

Consider donating your gently used toys. We will be accepting toy donations this Fall! Just drop off the toys only on Friday, October 4th from 4pm until 5:30pm.



Art at Whiton

by Mrs. Atwell



"Who is your Art Teacher?" There are two Art Teachers here at Whiton, and if you are confused as to which teacher your child sees, perhaps this will help. Mrs. Atwell sees all of the Preschool classes and all of the Kindergarten classes. Mrs. Barry works with the First Grade classes of Mr. Aliperti, Mrs. Kinney, and Mrs. DeLorenzo. Mrs. Atwell works with the First Grade classes of Mr. Boehm, Mrs. Bryden, Mrs. Abey, Mrs. Francescone, Ms. Ellis, and Ms. Roper. In the Second Grade, Mrs. Barry works with the classes of Mrs. Trubin, Ms. Straube and Mrs. Knoke. Mrs. Atwell sees the Second Grade classes of Mrs. Baier, Mrs. Szajdecki, Mrs. Forsyth, Mrs. Cashin, and Mrs. Zimmerman. And in the Third Grade, Mrs. Barry works with the classes of Ms. Pernini and Mrs. Dooley. Mrs. Atwell works with the classes of Mrs. Eelman, Mrs. Cole, Mr. Moor, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Buffa, Mrs. Janiec and Mrs. Sydlowski. Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Atwell are presenting the same lessons, so all students on a grade level are learning about the same vocabulary, concepts, Elements of Art, and Principles of Design.

The preschool classes are learning to "overlap" in their artwork. First they overlapped crayon lines and now they will be putting watercolor over that as well. The Kindergarten has seen the magical effect of mixing two primary colors together! We have been talking about the Color Wheel, and this week they made a green painting WITHOUT GREEN PAINT! The first grades are beginning their studies this year of the Element of Art: TEXTURE. Ask them about their Texture Rubbing and how they used overlapping and repetition. The second grades are using prior knowledge and their "memory files" to create a landscape collage. The colors they choose will determine the location of their landscape, the time of day or night, and the weather at the time. The third grades are using the Elements of Art: Line and Space, along with a grid to recreate a famous work of art UPSIDE DOWN! Whichever Art Room your children are going to, there are amazing things happening in Art at Whiton this year! Just take a look at the displays of artwork from last year that are hanging in the hallways and you will know that we have great artists here!

Third Grade News

By Mrs. Buffa

Greetings from third grade! We are off to a great start; learning new routines, new names, and new faces. We've really enjoyed wearing all the different colors of character, as we listened to stories about good character. Here are some of the things we've been working on:

In writing, students are learning how to generate ideas for personal narrative writing by thinking of important people, places, and things in their lives. They are also thinking about big feelings, first times, and lessons they have learned to inspire them. Writing can be easy when you write about what you know!

In math, students are reviewing addition and subtraction facts, telling time, counting money, making change, renaming numbers, measurement, and number patterns. Soon we will be working on multiplication and division facts, fractions, geometry, probability, and decimals.

In Reading, we have been talking about "Reading is Thinking." What are some of the things you think about as you read? Students are learning about genres, how to choose "just right books", when to abandon a book, how to write book recommendations, and how to solve new words in books. We have great readers in third grade!

In Social Studies, we have been learning about different kinds of communities and map skills. The students really enjoy drawing on their desk maps. When we wrap up our Social Studies unit, we will be beginning our first Science unit, Plant Growth and Development. In this unit, students will be planting seeds, pollinating plants, and harvesting seeds.

In Spelling, we have begun our first cycle of Word Study. Students will be learning how to spell and sort words according to their features. Sorting words help students to be able to spell new words.

Finally, in handwriting, students have begun to read and write in cursive. This is always one of the most popular goals in third grade!

The month of September has really flown by! We've been so busy learning and growing. It was wonderful to see so many parents on Back to School Night. I know it is going to be a wonderful and successful year for your children!