

WHITFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH NEWSLETTER

2015 - 2016

CAFETERIA BEHAVIOR SYSTEM

In order to help reduce the noise level in the cafeteria during lunches, a behavior system has been implemented at each table. The rules of the cafeteria have been displayed on a chart and there are 3 clips attached to the chart. If there is a lot of noise coming from one side of a table, that side of the table will be given a warning and a clip will be removed. If the noise continues, there will be no talking and another clip will be removed. If the noise is still too loud, the last clip will be removed and that side of the table will need to put their heads down. The monitorial aides will help track the noise level and will work to ensure that only the students who are being too loud are losing the clips.

LUNCH TIME VISITATION

If you plan to have lunch with your child, **please write a note to the teacher ahead of time to make sure we can accommodate your request.** Our students enjoy having visitors; however, routines still need to be followed. Please be mindful to not have your child sit on your lap or attempt to feed your child while you are visiting. Lunch is a good time to help our students foster their independence. Also, for security purposes please do not walk back to your child's classroom after lunch, but rather leave through the main office once your child's class is dismissed from the cafeteria.

New Visitor Tags

Next time you come in you will see our new visitor tag system here at Whitfield. We will have color coded tags that correspond to different areas of the building! This is to help us get you where you need to go!

Before/After School Child Care Program

Enrollment will begin for next school year, 2016-2017, Before/After School Child Care Program on Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Please note the date and time change from previous announcements.

Enrollment on 3/17/16 will be held at Berkshire Heights Early Learning Center starting at 7:30am. Berkshire Heights is located at 711 North Wyomissing Blvd, Wyomissing PA 19610.

The state licensed School Age Child Care Program is available at EACH Wilson Elementary School and is available for Wilson School District elementary students, Kindergarten through 5th grade.

We offer care Before School or After School, or you can select both. A morning 1 hour care option is also available. Please visit www.wilsonsd.org/childcare for more information. **Space is limited - sign up early!**



BASKETBALL GAME TO BENEFIT The Four Diamonds Fund

Some of our 4th and 5th grade students will be playing basketball against a few faculty members in a friendly competition to benefit The Four Diamonds Fund. Make plans to come out and support this worthy cause, participate in the raffle, eat some snacks and root for your favorite team on Tuesday, March 29, 6 – 8 PM at the Wilson High School Gym. Hope to see you there!



WORD OF THE MONTH

EFFORT

The Little Engine that Could, by Watty Piper is a perfect illustration of the word **effort**. The little blue engine gave many **excuses** as to why it was not capable of pulling the broken train over the mountain; "I'm not very big." "I have never been over the mountain". "They only use me for switching in the yard."

Then the blue engine, **made up its mind, determined** to help. The blue engine, began saying, I think I can, I think I can. And you know the rest.

Effort is the **serious attempt** in completing an activity or achieving a goal. It is the **mindset** that one will not give up until the desired end result is accomplished.

Buddy Bench

Whitfield has a new addition to the playground, a **Buddy Bench**.

The concept of the **Buddy Bench** was initiated by a second grade student, Christian, from York Pennsylvania. He recognized that some students

during recess sometimes felt lonely. He came up with the idea that if a student felt lonely or did not feel comfortable asking other students to play, they could sit on the bench. Once seated on the bench, classmates would show respect and compassion, and ask the student on the bench to play.

Whitfield students will be instructed on the **purpose** and **how** the Buddy Bench will be used here at Whitfield to promote respect and social peer support.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 1: WHSA Meeting 4 PM school aged childcare provided

Mar. 4: WHSA Bingo 6-9 PM and Bulldog Boutique 4-7 PM

Mar. 11: School Store

Mar. 17: Student Council Pretzel Day

Mar 23-28: NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

Mar 29: Basketball Game 6-8PM Wilson High School

Apr. 5: End of 3rd Quarter