

Whitefield School

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Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

The leaves are gone, and we are anxiously waiting for the snow to really start flying. We have a busy schedule of athletics, performances and vacation time coming up. This time of year is exciting for all and we look forward to celebrating it with you as a community.

Holiday Break

Our Holiday Break begins at the end of the day Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1st. We are back in the building bright and early Tuesday January 2nd, 2018. During that time, office hours will be posted on our webpage. We hope that you enjoy your time together with family and friends.

Holiday Performances

On Tuesday, December 19th we will host our first of two holiday music programs. Our preschool, Kindergarten, second grade and Ms. Spoerer's fourth grade and Mrs. Jacobs fifth grade will performing holiday favorites at 6:00pm. On Thursday, December 21st our Jr. & Sr. Choruses along with the A-Ca-Pirates will be performing a winter solstice concert at 6:00pm. We hope you can join us. Also note that in the spring, our first and third graders, along with Mrs. Winters and Mrs. Willey's fourth and fifth graders will perform for us. More information on those dates will be forthcoming.

Holiday Parties

Each year there are a number of classroom holiday parties. As much as I love a good cupcake, our Health & Wellness policy encourages the inclusion of healthy snacks. Please be sure to check in with your child's teacher on suggestions for a well-balanced menu.



December Events

December 1

Early Release Day

December 6

WMSI STEM Registration Night
Grades 4-6

December 13

Boys & Girls Basketball
Opener vs Groveton

December 16

Breakfast with Mrs. Claus

December 18

PTO Holiday Card Exchange

December 19

Holiday Concert

December 21

Chorus Holiday Concert

December 22

Vacation Begins

Winter Athletics

Our middle school boys and girls basketball teams have begun their practices and the game schedule has been posted on the Schedule Star link on our webpage. They have their home opener on Wednesday the 13th. Our spirit squad will be there to cheer them on and I hope you will too. The alpine team has started dryland training in partnership with the high school team and are slated for their first race on January 11th. They will be the forerunners at the two Bretton Woods races in later December. Finally, we have a number of young wrestlers who will be representing WMRSD in a reinvigorated wrestling program.

All athletes must have an annual physical on file with Nurse Miller and all parents must have completed FamilyID, the link to which can be found on the building's webpage. If you have questions, please contact Eileen Armstrong, Building Athletic Director at earmstrong@sau36.org.

Winter Program

Once again WES will be participating in a six week winter program starting Wednesday, January 3rd. We have a number of exciting activities both on-campus and in collaboration with community partners. A catalog with this year's offerings has been sent home. Registration deadline will be December 20th and is on a first come, first served basis so don't delay!

Upcoming PTO Events

Our PTO will be hosting Breakfast with Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. This has been a well-received event and we hope you can join us. A form will be available to reserve your seats. Come on out and celebrate the season as a family.

Also, the PTO is sponsoring a Holiday Greeting Card Exchange from December 18th to the 22nd. This is a nice opportunity to recognize a staff member or peer with a holiday wish. Cards can be purchased for \$1.00 from the PTO table that will be set up in the lobby in the morning and at dismissal. Proceeds will go to support the WES PTO.

18-19 Budget Process

We have completed drafting the 2018-2019 budget. On Wednesday, January 10th the district will hold a Budget Hearing at 6:30 PM at WMRHS (snow date January 11th). This will be an opportunity for you to hear about the proposed budget. On Monday, February 5 the district will hold its annual Deliberative Session at 6:30 PM at WMRHS (snow date February 7th). This is your opportunity to comment on the proposed budget and weigh in on how it will appear on the March ballot. I hope you will join us for these two important events.

January Events

January 2

Return from Vacation

January 3rd

Winter Program Begins

January 9

WMSI Stem Begins

January 10

WMRSD Budget Hearing

January 11

Middle School Alpine Race at Sunapee

Monthly PTO Meeting

January 12

Professional Development Day- No School

January 15

Civil Rights Day
No School

January 26

End of Quarter Two