

White Township Consolidated School

May 2010

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*Meetings are held the 4th

Monday of each month at 7:30

(Exception: Dec. 21)

From the Office:

Congratulations to Mrs. Dawn Werkheiser! Mrs. Werkheiser was appointed White Township School Principal at the May 24, 2010 Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Werkheiser will be working with the administrative team of Mr. Alfred Annunziata, who will serve as Chief School Administrator, and with Mrs. Dawn Huff, School Business Administrator. Mrs. Werkheiser will be at White Township School on a full time basis, while Mr. Annunziata and Mrs. Huff will be sharing their time between White Township and Hope Township Schools.

Introducing our substitutes. . .

We, unfortunately, have several staff members who are out on medical leaves of absence. Although each case is different, we anticipate that several individuals may be out for the remainder of the school year. The following teachers are currently serving as substitutes:

Mrs. Marlee Stanski (for Mrs. Werner) stanski@whitetwpsd.org

Mr. Jeff Case (for Mr. Skirbst) case@whitetwpsd.org

Mr. Scott Ward (for Mr. Husser) ward@whitetwpsd.org

Ms. Katie Chrusz (for Mrs. Barsony) chrusz@whitetwpsd.org

Mrs. Michelle Laubach (for Mrs. McCartney) laubach@whitetwpsd.org



Reminder Dates:

May 31- School Closed- Memorial Day

June 8- School Closed- Election Day

June 14, 15, 16, 17- 1:30 dismissal for students

June 17- Last day of school

From Mrs. Heilman:

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye...

As Catherine Pulsifer said, "Retirement may be an ending, a closing, but it is also a new beginning." As of June 30, I will be ending my career of 31 years at White Township School and beginning a new chapter in my life. It's hard to imagine what that will be like, although I know that I will miss having a family of over 400 children! I wish each and every one of you the best in life and hope that you will work very hard to reach your dreams.

Art News-March

Congratulations

Artist of the Month (K-4)

Ryan B.

First Grade

The inspiration for this project was the work of the famous illustrator and author, Eric Carle. We used the book, The Very Busy Spider, as our theme. After being read the story, the students were told the history of the art of Eric Carle. We followed the same steps that Eric Carle does when he creates his beautiful collage illustrations. After two backgrounds were made, the following week we cut the shapes that we needed from our painted backgrounds. Our spider legs were made from twenty-four separate pieces! Ryan first did a fantastic job painting his backgrounds. Then, he executed cutting out his collage pieces with expertise and glued them down perfectly.

Artist of the Month (5-8)

Jonathan D.

Fifth Grade

This was the second project that was inspired by Salvador Dali. He was a surrealist artist. Following his art as inspiration, the students needed to combine a human with an animal, reptile or bird. One thing that makes Jonathan's illustration so intriguing is that he combined a human (Ozzy Osbourne) with a bat. Salvador Dali had a pet bat when growing up. His illustration is done with extreme skill. He decided to use only pencil when rendering his illustration. This only adds to the strength of his drawing and surrealist illustration causing the viewer to focus only on the strong illustration and shading that was done extremely well.

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Alexandra B.

Kindergarten

Eric Carle Caterpillar

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Hailey R.

Second Grade

Chinese Painting

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Kyleigh S.

Second Grade

Chinese Painting

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Laura D.

Third Grade

Clay Sun

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Devon V.

Fourth Grade

Aboriginal Mask

Honorable Mention (5-8)

Megan F.

Fifth Grade

Dali Illustration

Honorable Mention (5-8)

Glenn R.

Seventh Grade

Greek Pot

Honorable Mention (5-8)

Khyla W.

Seventh Grade

Greek Pot

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Caitlyn H.

Seventh Grade

Greek Pot

Character Counts

At the end of the third marking period, in recognition of good character at our school, each homeroom voted for the student whom they believe best represented the Six Pillars of Character and served as a good role model for his/her classmates. Photos of these students are displayed on the Character Counts bulletin board in the main hallway. For the third marking period, the following students were honored for their high levels of caring, citizenship, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, and fairness:

Ryan A.	1Gerkhardt	Megan F.	5 Hawk
Mikaila H.	1Rohaly	Sophia D.	5 Hutchison
Adam M	2Marsh	Kurt S.	6 Nobile
Clay M.	2Laubach	Lina D.	6 Wheatley
Laura D.	3Brundage	Peter W.	7 Fraunfelter
Matthew D.	3Fleming	Nishal S.	7 LaBar
Katie S.	4Bolin	Andrew C.	7 Mulligan
Tyler G.	4Bowers	Curtis H.	8 Case
Julia G.	4Brewster	Karl W.	8 Phillips

*Congratulations to these students whose peers believe that they will “do the right thing, even if no one is looking.”

2010 Post 528 Coloring Contest Winners

Mrs. Bolen’s 4th grade

1st Place: Morgan M.

2nd Place: Madison B.

3rd Place: Lilly R.

Mrs. Bower’s 4th grade

1st Place: Shaun B.

2nd Place: Kyle T.

3rd Place: Nicole R.

Ms. Brewster’s 4th grade

1st Place: Devon V.

2nd Place: Anna K.

3rd Place: Gavin I.

Mr. Hawk’s 5th grade

1st Place: Madison C. (1st place county winner)

2nd Place: Danielle M.

3rd Place: Rachel D.

Mr. Hutchison’s 5th grade

1st Place: Jonathan D.

2nd Place: Theresa A.

3rd Place: Sophia D.

Art News- April

Congratulations

Artist of the Month (K-4)

Raleigh G.

Second Grade

The students used the work of the famous illustrator and author, Eric Carle as inspiration for this project. The book we focused on was, Have You Seen My Cat? The students now had the task to create their own Eric Carle inspired cat using the same steps that Eric Carle uses to create his illustrations. One mixed painted background was first created. The following week we cut the shapes of the cat from our painted backgrounds. They were glued to white backgrounds. Eyes, a nose, whiskers and other details were then added. Raleigh's cat was well drawn and well executed. The details she added only accented the wonderful version of an Eric Carle cat that she created. It is hard to believe that a student in only second grade could be giving Eric Carle some competition.

Congratulations

Artist of the Month (5-8)

Olivia W.

Fifth Grade

This was the last project in a series that was inspired by Salvador Dali. He was a surrealist artist that is best known for his painting that looks like "melting clocks" in a desert. The task was to create a "melting clock" out of clay. Olivia took her project to a true surrealistic side. Her clock took on the form not only as a clock, but also as a pepperoni pizza. Now, that is not a typical clock. She sculpted it well and continued on a positive path by selecting great colors of glaze.

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Johnny W.

Third Grade

Printmaking

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Katie S.

Third Grade

Eric Carle Mixed-Up Chameleon

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Emily N.

First Grade

Clay Snake

Honorable Mention (5-8)

Taylor S.

Eighth Grade

Clay Vase

Classroom News

From Kindergarten: Kindergarten has been very busy learning about animals. We took our very first trip to Barnyard Days and had a wonderful experience. Mr. Hutchison's class was kind enough to share tadpoles with us, and we are watching them grow and change into frogs! Everyone is working hard in writing workshop, and practicing lots of good reading. We would like to thank all of the parent volunteers who helped make this year a success.

From Third Grade: Our recent third grade class trip proved to be quite an adventure. Our first stop was Washington Crossing State Park. Along with viewing the displays in the museum, a guide in Revolutionary War uniform thrilled us by firing his musket. Then it was off to Trenton for a guided tour of the New Jersey State House. Mrs. Brundage's students got the added surprise of being the guests of Governor Chris Christie as they met with him in his office. What an exciting way to spend our day!

The third graders are also learning about plant life in Science and watched the cycle of a plant when we planted our own seeds. We also dissected a seed to view the plumule, hypocotyls, and cotyledons. The students learned that sunlight, water, carbon dioxide, and chlorophyll are all needed in order for the plant to produce food through a process called photosynthesis. Ask any third grader what crops they produced from their seeds.

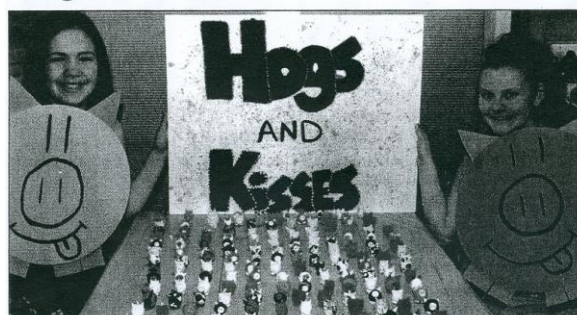
From Fourth Grade: On April 22nd, fourth graders celebrated the 40th anniversary of Earth Day! They made the grounds of White Township look beautiful. They pulled weeds, picked up litter and cleaned playground equipment. Kudos to their hard work! Students had the opportunity to showcase their poem writing by submitting poems on recycling for the New Jersey recycling poetry contest. On June 2nd, we will be visiting the Franklin Institute Museum in Philadelphia PA for our class field trip. Students will not only tour the museum, they will have the chance to view the special electricity exhibit. They will also view a planetarium show of the night sky! We can hardly wait for this wonderful learning experience.

Congratulations to Alexa V. the 2nd Place Arbor Day Essay and Drawing contest winner.



White Township Girl Scouts Abby M. and Samantha R. recently completed a year long Silver Award Project that brought a smile to pediatric patients in New Jersey. The Scouts handmade more than 200 pigs, and wrapped and attached inspirational messages onto the packaging. They delivered these "Hogs and Kisses" to the Children's Specialized Hospital and Bristol Myer Squibb Children's Hospital in New Brunswick.

'Hogs and Kisses'



More News

From Sixth Grade: On Tuesday, May 18, 2010, the 6th grade students went to Sandy Hook for the day. Did you ever hear of the expression, “The event will be held rain or shine?” Well, **Mother Nature did not cooperate!** Our students had to endure strong winds, rain, and a temperature that hovered in the 50’s. One of the activities that the students particularly enjoyed was seining. This required them to put on wader boots, take nets into marshy water, and catch various creatures. Students were catching all sorts of horse shoe crabs, crayfish, and hermit crabs. Although the trip to the seashore was a challenge because of high winds and pelting rain, our students made the best of a bad situation by keeping their complaints to a minimum. We were cold, tired, hungry, and sandy when we arrived back at school. The following day the students were asked if this trip should be banned from our class trip list. The majority of the students thought we should try it again. They all said that it certainly was memorable and they would never forget it!



 Congratulations to Mrs. Elaine Rohaly who was awarded the Skylands Mentor Teacher of the Year Award by the Education Department of Centenary College.



 On Saturday, May 15, 2010, students participated in the first White Township Miniature Golf Outing held at Mackey’s. We raised \$400 which went toward the White Township Scholarship Fund. All students received a free ice-cream and many won prizes.

Special Thanks to.....

Families who sponsored a hole: Riley, Scarpone, Martinez, Labar, Harrison, McEvoy, Hamblin, Panetta, Kovalsky, Duckworth, Deutsch, Collier, Albright, Zikas, Muscat, Rosano.

Mackey Family: Allowing us to use the facilities for free.

Wendy Reilly: Organizing all the sponsors and prizes.



On Saturday, May 15, 2010, White Township held its first golf outing at Apple Mountain Golf Course. **It was a tremendous success!** We raised \$4,000 toward the White Township Scholarship Fund. Sixty golfers attended the event and an additional twelve people came for the dinner. There were many golfers of different abilities, including a group of four teachers who'd never swung a club before! Perfect weather, good sportsmanship, delicious food, great prizes, and lots of laughs made this outing a memorable event. We intend to make this an annual event, so if you couldn't make it this year, plan on attending next year. Special thanks to Rich Fischl, Frank Wheatley, and Jeanne Heidel for working the golf outing with us. We also want to thank everyone who donated prizes and sponsored a hole at the golf outing. Without your help, we couldn't have had such a successful event!

Thank You! Sponsors

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Thank you to the people who sponsored holes in the memory of the following people:

Christopher Meddaugh

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Christine White

Joseph Turi

Russell Perry

George Castner

Daniel Fisher

G.E.M. News: Activities sponsored by the Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment

On March 16, the seventh grade GEM students participated in The Warren County Convocation held at Warren County Community College. The topic for the day was "Architecture." Through the use of computers and Legos, students explored the ten principles for livable communities and then applied these principles to "build" a successful community.

The third and fourth grade GEM students will spend June 1 as a day of creative problem solving at a workshop called "Pick a Packet." Working in teams with students from other schools in the county, students will use their logic and math skills to complete the tasks assigned to their team. This program will be held in Hackettstown.

Twelve fifth and sixth graders represented out school at the Warren County Battle of the Minds Competition held at Franklin Township Elementary School on March 25. This competition is modeled after the game of "Jeopardy." Our two teams competed in a field of twenty-four teams and answered some really tough questions. Congratulations to all team members for a job well done! (Theresa A., Addison L., Danielle M., Vivian S., Dylan V., Olivia W., Bradley D., Matthew D., Matthew F., Zachary S., Brianne W., Richie W.)

This spring six teams represented our school in the Warren County Battle of the Books Competitions. Team members began reading the books in December and met weekly from January until their Battle date. Each team member read ten books from a given list, wrote questions, and prepared to answer questions about those books. As always, the competition was very tight, but our teams rose to the challenge and did very well at each Battle. Congratulations to all team members for being a part of the Battle of the Books teams and for taking the time outside of school to prepare for the competitions. Thank you to the PTO for providing team shirts to all team members. Our shirts were awesome!

April 14 - Battle of the Books (Grades 5 and 6) Thirty-four teams competed at Great Meadows Middle School. Team members were Rachel D., Addison L., Cecily R., Vivian S., Nicole W., Olivia W., Madison B., Emily C., Stephanie M.

April 21 - Battle of the Books (Grades 7 and 8) Nineteen teams competed at North Warren Regional School. Both of the White Township teams scored a perfect 100 points in the first two rounds which put them both into the final championship round. The seventh grade team went on to take third place and the eighth grade team placed fourth.

Grade 7 Team: Heidi F., Rachel L., Cole R., Nishal s., Caitlin W.

Grade 8 Team: Inessa G., Christian M., Samantha R., Kayla W., Olivia Z.

May 27 - Battle of the Books (Grades 3 and 4) Sixteen 3rd grade teams and nineteen 4th grade teams will compete at Brass Castle Elementary School.

Grade 3 Team: Ryan B., Madison B., Jordan C., Allison D., Vasilios N., Nicholas V.

Grade 4 Team: Rachel M., Joseph M., Jason P., Alexis R., Danny S., Devon V.

News from the Media Center

Our summer reading incentive program, "Lunch in the Library" begins on June 18, 2010. Students in grades 1-6 (**next year**) should read and then record what they have read during the summer. Students in the lower grades may also record any books that are read to them over the summer. (A letter of explanation and record sheets will be sent home on the last day of school and will also be available on the school website.) Students who read for another library program this summer may count those books as well. In September, students should return their summer reading list to earn time to eat "Lunch in the Library." During "Lunch in the Library" students have the opportunity to eat lunch with a small group of classmates, play games, listen to music, watch a video, or read. It's a fun reward, so get started reading! If you have any questions about "Lunch in the Library," please contact Mrs. Pohlidal.

Thank you to all Library Volunteers!

A very big thank you to the library volunteers for their dedication and hard work in the library this year. You have helped to make the library a better place for reading and learning. Thank you: Mrs. Meeh, Mrs. Dunaj, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Heidel, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Collom, Mrs. Martowicz, Mrs. McCrea, and Mrs. Roschewsk.