



## Bookaneer Book Fair

We have a fun, exciting Book Fair planned for the week of December 5-9. Please join us for shopping, (stock up for gifts and snow days!), coffee and a bite to eat on Wednesday morning, and family fun on Thursday evening with a pirate-tastic movie and popcorn for

the kids while parents shop and chat. Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to purchase new books for the school library and book room.

Thanks to the many parents who have already signed up to cover various shifts! We still have some slots that must be filled in order to keep the Book Fair open for all posted hours. Click on "I Want to Volunteer" from the WSA home page!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Popcorn Friday**  
Friday, December 2

**Bookaneer Book Fair**  
Monday-Friday, December 5-9  
Location: Whitehills Library

**Science Club**  
Friday, December 9  
**\*note new date, not 16<sup>th</sup>**  
3:35-5:30pm  
Location: Art Room

**Box Tops Winter I Deadline**  
Friday, December 9

**WSA Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 13, 7:00pm  
Location: Whitehills Library

**Marco's Pizza Night**  
Thursday, December 15  
Location: Your house!

**Winter Break**  
Monday, December 19 through  
Monday, January 2

**School Resumes**  
Tuesday, January 3



## CONNECT WITH US

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**Board**  
President: Joy Campbell  
Vice President: Jen Gorchow  
Treasurer: Jeff Hicks  
Secretary: Elizabeth Ivkovich

**Meetings**  
At 7:00pm, second Tuesday of each month in the library

	Morning Hours	Afternoon/Evening Hours
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 – 9:00am	3:40 – 6:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 – 9:00am	3:40 – 6:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 – 9:00am <b>plus</b> <b>Books &amp; Bagels (same time)</b>	3:40 – 6:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 – 9:00am	3:40 – 8:00pm <b>plus</b> <b>Movie Night (6:30-8:00pm)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 – 9:00am	3:40 – 4:30pm

### AmazonSmile Reminder

If you're cyber-shopping this season, please remember to join AmazonSmile before you fill that cart! Through this program, Amazon donates a percentage of sales to the WSA. Learn more under the WSA website's *Fund-raising* tab or <http://smile.amazon.com>.



### PawPalooza 2017

Circle January 20 on your calendar now—you don't want to miss PawPalooza! Join us for a DJ'd dance, silent auction fundraiser featuring fun themed baskets from each class, and the opening of the school's 1992 time capsule!



# WOLF PACK WRITERS

Proudly featuring the work of Whitehills students



## Welcome, Ms. Desilets!

by Julia Belloli

Let me introduce you to one of our newest teachers at Whitehills — Ms. Desilets. She has been teaching for two years: one year at Marble and her second year here as one of our fourth grade teachers. Ms. Desilets most likes having fun with her students and teaching ALL subjects. She also loves how different each day is.

Ms. Desilets grew up in Canton, Michigan. It's only a couple hours away. She has one brother that lives in Texas. She also graduated from MSU (GO GREEN!) Ms. Desilets has two animals: one is Shadow, her dog, and Ombre, her fish. Also, she has had hamsters and mice.

What Ms. Desilets loves about Whitehills is the families. Also, she loves how the people work together. Ms. Desilets told

me that her favorite color changes a lot. Right now her favorite color is gold. Her favorite subject is science, just like some of you. The last thing I asked her was what she wanted to be when she was younger and she said a teacher or a doctor. Now you know a little more about Ms. Desilets (pictured with her family).

## Staff Spotlight on Mrs. Criswell

by Paul VanDam

Mrs. Criswell (pictured with her sons) is the reading specialist at Whitehills. She takes small groups of kids to work on their reading skills. This includes

fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, decoding, and letter identification. Her advice to struggling readers is to practice every day like you would for a sport or if you play an instrument. Some of her favorite things about Whitehills are the other teachers, students, and their families.

Mrs. Criswell's favorite book is *Charlotte's Web*. She is currently reading *Ghost of Spirit Bear* with her son. When she is not at Whitehills, she likes to travel and attend local sporting events.

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS

**Julia Belloli** is a fourth grader in Ms. Desilets' class. She loves basketball. Her favorite animal is the narwhal, and she enjoys playing with her friends.

**Paul VanDam** is a third grader in Mrs. Krumbach's class. He likes playing and watching sports. His favorite team is Michigan State. He also enjoys writing stories, playing the ukulele, and is an avid bottle flipper.



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