



PawPalooza 2017

You don't want to miss PawPalooza on January 20! This fun event for the whole family will include a DJ'd dance, silent auction fundraiser featuring fun themed baskets from each class, and the opening of the school's 1992 time capsule! The cost for the dance and refreshments is \$3 per child or two for \$5. There is no cost for adults.



Some of the creative themes for silent auction baskets include "Pure Michigan," "Grilling," "Mother's Day," "Family Game Night," and "Winter Fun." Classrooms are seeking donations toward their theme, so please check with your child's teacher or on the WSA PawPalooza Facebook event for a listing of the themes to see if you can contribute. We're also seeking donations of baked goods or other treats for the refreshment

table. Click on the volunteer link from the WSA home page to learn more, or contact event chair Elizabeth Ivkovich.

Plan Ahead for Embrace the World

Save the date for our third annual Embrace the World celebration, to be held Thursday, February 23! Last year's participants enjoyed visiting twenty tables hosted by Whitehills families and others and representing different countries and other aspects of the diversity in our school community, and also heard musical performances by fellow students.

Do you have a culture or family tradition you'd like to share? Families are invited to set up tables with information and items from their home or heritage countries (or a country to which you've traveled, or where you've lived). Other aspects of diversity are welcome, too (for example, last year there was a Black History Month table). Participants roam from place to place learning about different countries and cultures and getting their passports stamped.

If you are interested in hosting a table or otherwise helping, please check out the SignUp Genius link on the WSA website under "I Want to Volunteer." You can also contact event chair Joy Campbell via the WSA email.



UPCOMING EVENTS

School Resumes

Tuesday, January 3

Popcorn Friday

Friday, January 6

WSA Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 7:00pm

Location: Whitehills Library

MLK Day—No School

Monday, January 16

Marco's Pizza Night

Thursday, January 19

Location: Your house!

Science Club

Friday, January 20

3:35-5:30pm

Location: Art Room

PawPalooza & Time Capsule

Friday, January 20

6:00-8:00pm

Location: Whitehills Gym

Popcorn Friday

Friday, February 3

Grab a Grownup Folk Dance

(registration required)

Monday, February 6

6:30-8:00pm

WSA Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 7:00pm

(note date change)

Location: Whitehills Library

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President: Joy Campbell

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Secretary: Elizabeth Ivkovich

Meetings

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

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Happy New Year, Wolf Pack!

by Maura Mayville

Do you ever wonder about New Year's resolutions? Well, this year our principal Mr. Wells has thanked the staff and students for such a great year in 2016. Our principal plans to do many things with his family in the new year. According to Mr. Wells, his New Year's resolution is to exercise more. Personally, my resolution is to write more, like in this article!

What do **you** want to do in 2017?



Many Whitehills students have shared their opinion on New Year's. This is what some of them have said: "My resolution is that I'll eat less candy and get fit." Another student said, "I will be more grateful." Personally, I think this resolution is a great one, for many of us need to think about how lucky we are.

Popcorn Friday

by Nihat Yusifli

Hello, Whitehills students. I interviewed the Popcorn Friday volunteers on Friday, December 2. I asked them a lot of questions and I was impressed by and thankful for all that they are doing the first Friday of every month. I met with (left to right) Mrs. Belloli, Mrs. Mayes, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Crowe, and Mrs. Dziejic (not pictured).

They told me they like to volunteer because they like the smell of popcorn and they enjoy being with kids and making them happy.



ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Fifth grader **Maura Mayville** is in Ms. Beasley's class. She has many cats and even a pony. The cats' names are Betty, Harvey, Lylah, Rodney, and Lucy, and the pony is Beau.

Nihat Yusifli is a fifth grader in Mr. Montgomery's class. He likes to play soccer and basketball, listen to pop music and play *FIFA*. His favorite subject is science and his favorite food is sushi. He wants to be a doctor.

One of the volunteers comes before 8:00 A.M. to warm up the machine and the others come later. It takes about three hours to pop all the popcorn, and they pop almost eight pounds of popcorn each month. They told me that make just the right amount so everyone gets some, and they fill around 330 bags a month. There are always some leftovers. They put extra popcorn in two big bowls and give it to the staff members. Thank you to all the Popcorn Friday volunteers for taking on the hard job of making and serving pounds of popcorn to make all the Whitehills students happy!

Have an idea for an article? Contact us at whitehillsparents@gmail.com.