



Thank You for a Wonderful Year!

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of families and teachers alike, the WSA has been able to positively impact the school in many ways this year. We've hosted numerous events—some free activities for the school community, and others which served as fundraisers for WSA-sponsored projects. The playground expansion was completed this school year after two years of dedicated fundraising. The WSA also bought books for the book room, offered \$100 classroom grants to every teacher and interventionist, purchased supplies for events like Science Fair and Popcorn Fridays, funded field trips for students in need, refurbished the teacher break room, and more. In addition, nearly 20 student authors were featured right here in the Wolf Pack Wire, giving them a chance to hone their writing skills.



We are grateful for the amazing support of the parents, teachers, and other family and staff members who have volunteered countless hours (whether it was mulching in the fall, decorating the front display case, running a major event, or showing up each week to listen to a child read) to make all of these events happen for our Wolves.

Mr. Wells and the WSA cordially invite all those who have volunteered their time this year to a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on the last day of school. We hope you can join us for coffee and a bite to eat from 8:30-9:30am on the last day of school.

Third Annual Whitehills 5K—Registration Open

Join us Saturday, August 26 for this family-friendly morning! Events include a free Kids Fun Run, a chip-timed 5K run/walk through the school neighborhood, and a 5K trail run through White Memorial Park. Online registration is open; prices will increase on July 1. See <http://www.whitehills5k.com> for details and to register.



Brick Sale Continues through June 9

Create a lasting impression here at Whitehills by inscribing a brick for the front walkway; order forms are available on the WSA home page. We will ensure bricks are somehow preserved when the new building is constructed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Popcorn Friday
Friday, June 2

Brick Sale Deadline
Friday, June 9

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
Friday, June 16
8:30-9:30am open house
Location: Whitehills Library

Field Day
Friday, June 16
10:15am-12:00pm
Location: Whitehills Grounds

Summer Break!
Watch Facebook and our website for other announcements about summer play dates, grounds beautification, the 5K, and more!

WSA Meeting
Tuesday, August 8
6:00-7:30pm
Location: TBA (school library may not be available)

Third Annual Whitehills 5K
Saturday, August 26
9:00am for free Kids Fun Run
9:30am for 5K
Location: School Neighborhood

School Resumes
Tuesday, September 5
8:45am

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Meetings
At 6:00pm, second Tuesday of each month in the library

WOLF PACK WRITERS

Proudly featuring the work of Whitehills students



Who Drives the Big Yellow School Bus: A Bus Driver's Life

by Grant VanDam



Author Grant VanDam with Mr. Mike

I interviewed one of Whitehills bus drivers, Mr. Mike. He has been driving a bus for five years. You must be an early riser to be a bus driver. For example, Mr. Mike must wake up at 5:00am each day. Mr. Mike's favorite part about being a bus driver is seeing the smiles on the kids' faces. After completing his morning routes, Mr. Mike goes home, makes a pot of coffee, and either watches TV, or reads articles on his computer. He grew up in Saginaw, MI. His favorite movie is *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Mr. Mike's favorite candy bar is Twix. His favorite restaurant is Denny's. And his favorite type of music is what my parents call "Old School R&B."

Summer Plans for the Wolf Pack

by Josci Jo McNary

Summer is a great time to go out with friends, go to the beach, or go to the pool. I love summer...so I asked people what they plan to do over break. Christine, in fifth grade and ten years old, said, "I'm going to summer camp in Traverse City." That sounds super fun. Julyssa, grade 5 and also ten years

old, said, "I'm going to hang out with my friends. I'm going camping. I hope I can go to Chicago."

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Grant VanDam is a fifth grader in Mr. Montgomery's class. His hobbies are video games, sports, reading, and watching cartoons.

Fifth grader **Josci Jo McNary** is also in Mr. Montgomery's class. She likes reading, watching movies, and playing with her little brother.

Mr. Montgomery, fifth grade teacher, said, "I'm moving to Bath. I'm also going camping in Ludington." I would not want to move over the summer. That sounds like hard work. School secretary Mrs. Ward wants to go to her cabin and read, sew, and maybe go to work for her husband's business. Can I go to your cabin, Mrs. Ward? That sounds super fun and relaxing. John, an 11-year-old fifth grader, said, "I'm going out West in an RV to Mount Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park with my family." Sounds fun! Well, as for me I plan to stay at home watching Netflix and catching up on sleep and reading.



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