



## Welcome Back, Wolves!

We hope you all had a fun and relaxing summer! We're looking forward to another fantastic year at Whitehills and can't wait to get to know even more families this year. The WSA is made up of dedicated parents working to make Whitehills a great place for our kids. Please visit (and bookmark!) our website at [www.whitehillsparents.org](http://www.whitehillsparents.org) to learn more about our work, including event planning, volunteer coordination, and fundraising.



## Ice Cream Social Next Week

Following Curriculum Night (when you'll have a chance to meet your child's teacher, specials teachers, and tour the school and classroom), the Ice Cream Social gives families an opportunity to have a treat, learn more about the WSA, and sign up for one of our many volunteer opportunities (it takes a village!). Spirit Wear t-shirts will also be available for sale, with the short sleeve version featuring the 2017 winning design by fifth grader Tyler Keefe.

## Walk to School Day Returns Next Month

Get out your Spirit Wear and your walking shoes on Wednesday, October 4! All ELPS elementary schools participate in this activity to get kids outside enjoying the fall weather. Whether or not your student normally walks, drop them off (and join us if you like!) at one of the designated gathering points to walk to school. See the WSA website for more information, a map of meeting points (including a safe spot to drop off students who usually ride the bus), and a link to sign up to be a parent leader.



## Seeking Student Writers!

This year we will continue to feature student writing in the Wolf Pack Wire! If you have a budding journalist who is interested in writing an article encouraging fellow Wolves to come to an upcoming event, a staff profile, a paragraph about a cool thing to do in the community, a story, or something else, we'd love to hear from you! Flip this issue over to see our student authors' work and learn about some of our newest Wolves.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Picture Day**  
Friday, September 8

**WSA Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 12  
6:00-7:30pm  
Location: Whitehills Library

**Curriculum Night & Ice Cream Social**  
Thursday, September 14  
6:00-7:30pm  
Location: Your classroom(s) then playground

**Science Club**  
Friday, September 15  
3:35-5:30pm  
Location: Art Room

**Marco's Pizza Night**  
Thursday, September 21  
Location: Your house!

**School Directory Deadline**  
Friday, September 29  
Form available in this packet and online via WSA website!

**Walk to School Day**  
Wednesday, October 4  
Location: Join a group at a designated gathering spot!

**Popcorn Friday**  
Friday, October 6

## CONNECT WITH US

**Email**  
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**Facebook**  
<http://www.facebook.com/whitehillsparents>

**Web**  
<http://whitehillsparents.org>

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

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

# WOLF PACK WRITERS

Proudly featuring the work of Whitehills students



## Welcoming Our Newest Wolves

by Michaela Enger

Hey, Wolves! Give a warm Wolf Pack welcome to... all of our new Whitehills kindergarteners! We interviewed some of our incoming students about some of the things our new Pack is excited and worried about! First, Ben Lewicki says that he is most excited about the library and gym. Bodhi Kiebler is looking forward to the spider web climber, while Chloe Lam is a little bit nervous about missing some of her friends from DK. Bella Brewer says, "I'm excited about jumping on the jumpy cactuses [referring to the playground jumping poles] and going to cactus jumping parties!" Riley Nichols is a teensy bit worried but very excited about the playground, as is Aubrey Donahue. Jace Brown wishes to make new friends and is not worried at all. Carrick Enger is excited about art class, and Pippa Holtz is looking forward to meeting her new teacher — though she's a little worried about mean kids. We can show Pippa and all of our new students (in older grades, too!) that we're not mean by welcoming all of our new classmates. Wolves are Safe, Respectful, and Kind, and we are happy to have you in the Wolf Pack!



## Meet Mr. Johnson!

by Joe Veselovsky

I had the opportunity to interview our new principal, Mr. Johnson. He is a very nice man. He has five children, ages 2½ to 16, so he knows a lot about elementary school kids! Mr. Johnson taught for four years at Marble Elementary and also taught in the Lansing School District for eleven years. He decided to become a principal because he had been teaching for a long time and realized he wanted to do more than teach. He studied educational leadership and a bunch of teacher and principal stuff.



Mr. Johnson with some of his family at the Whitehills 5K (missing two kids!)

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS

**Michaela Enger** is a fourth grader in Mrs. Brenner's class. She enjoys art, acting, and playing Minecraft.

**Joe Veselovsky** is a fourth grader in Mrs. Brenner's class. He likes playing video games, swimming, and acting.

Mr. Johnson wants to learn about the kids at Whitehills this year. He wants to help them out and get them through any rough or hard situations. He sounds like a really good guy.

I asked him what his favorite food is. Guess what? He likes tacos and Chipotle. Also, his favorite color is green, which makes sense because his favorite team is MSU! He also likes the Detroit Tigers.

Overall I thought Mr. Johnson was a very nice man. He was really easy to talk to so when you get to school, make sure you tell him "hi"!