



## Walk to School Day



All East Lansing elementary schools are participating in our second annual Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 4! The nationwide event encourages healthy fun and gets kids outside enjoying the fall weather. There are seven designated meeting spots throughout the Whitehills area, including a spot to drop off children who normally ride the bus so they can participate. See the WSA website for more information, a map of the meeting locations, and a link to sign up to be a parent leader.

Students who are in B&A, must ride the bus, or who get dropped off will still be able to participate—all the children will do a walk outside the school when the first bell rings at 8:40am, so no Wolf is left behind!

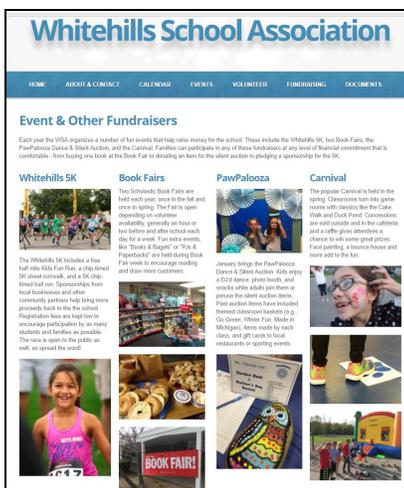
## T-Shirt Tuesday

If you haven't purchased Spirit Wear yet, you have another chance on Tuesday, October 17. We will have our long and short sleeved shirts for sale from noon to 1:00pm (half day dismissal is at 12:10pm).



## Teacher Appreciation Lunches—Can You Help?

With your help, we can offer our hard-working teachers a yummy lunch during the two half-days of conference week. Sign up by clicking on the "I Want to Volunteer" link from the WSA home page.



## See You Online!

The WSA website—updated weekly—is your one-stop shop for event information, school news, the WSA Google calendar, upcoming volunteer opportunities, meeting minutes, back issues of the Wolf Pack Wire, news on fundraising, and a list of the projects the WSA has been able to fund with those hard-earned dollars. Please bookmark [www.whitehillsparents.org](http://www.whitehillsparents.org) and visit often!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Popcorn Friday**  
Friday, October 6

**WSA Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 10  
6:00-7:30pm  
Location: Whitehills Library

**Science Club**  
Friday, October 13  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Friday due to no school 10/20)  
3:35-5:30pm  
Location: Art Room

**T-Shirt Tuesday**  
Tuesday, October 17  
12:00-1:00pm

**Teacher Appreciation Lunches and Half Days**  
Tues. & Thurs., October 17 & 19  
Location: Staff lunch room

**Marco's Pizza Night**  
Thursday, October 19  
Location: Your house!

**Box Tops Fall Deadline**  
Thursday, October 19  
Turn in to your child's teacher or box at front entrance

**No School**  
Friday, October 20

## CONNECT WITH US

**Email**  
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**Board**  
President: Joy Campbell  
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Secretary: Elizabeth Ivkovich

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

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## All About Safe Routes to School

by Zoe Yingling

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national program that encourages families to use non-motorized transportation to get to and from school. Ms. Wagner, a Whitehills Elementary second grade teacher, is the East Lansing SRTS District Coordinator. She is the link between East Lansing Public Schools and the SRTS group, which is made up of parents and community members. She told me a little bit about the SRTS program.

The SRTS group hopes to encourage more families to walk to and from school. They are working on starting the walking school buses at each elementary. At Whitehills, SRTS currently has one walking school bus that walks to school on Wednesday mornings. It provides us with physical activity. Getting fresh air and a little bit of exercise in the morning gets our brains ready for a day of learning!

Walk to School Day 2017 is Wednesday, October 4! I did it last year and it was lots of fun. Come join us!

To learn more about SRTS, visit: <http://saferoutesmichigan.org/> and <http://saferoutesinfo.org/>.



Last year's Walk to School Day was a blast – join us for the fun October 4!

## Meet Mrs. Sanders

by Emerson

Mrs. Sanders has been a kindergarten teacher for more than three years at Whitehills Elementary School. Mrs. Sanders loves to get to know the kids and being able to see the moment when they have just learned something new. She loves to cook, bake, visit zoos with her kids, garden, and to be outside. Mrs. Sanders expects a good student to have good listening skills, and to try hard.

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS

**Zoe Yingling** is a fifth grader in Mr. Montgomery's class. She likes to dance and read, and her favorite animals are hamsters and red pandas.

**Emerson** is a third grader in Mr. Grady's class. She enjoys swimming and gymnastics.

When I asked her what she did for fun this summer, she said that she went to the aquatic center, a lot of zoos, and to Lake Michigan with her son Croix (age 4), daughter Bexley (age 1), and husband. She likes teaching kindergarten because the kids are just being introduced to elementary school and are always excited to learn something new. Mrs. Sanders has already taught seven years of kindergarten, one year of sixth grade, one year of third grade, and one year of fourth grade. I had a spectacular time in her class. I know my little brother will too!

