



PawPalooza Returns!

Don't miss PawPalooza on January 19! This fun event for the whole family will again include a DJ'd dance and a silent auction fundraiser featuring themed baskets and art work from each classroom, as well as other auction items. The cost for the dance and refreshments is \$3 per child and \$2 more for each additional child from the same family. There is no cost for adults.

Some of the creative student-selected themes for silent auction baskets include *Family Game Night*, *Ancient Animals*, *Anything MSU*, *Hot Wheels & Hair Ties*, and *Gourmet Night*. Classrooms are seeking donations toward their theme, so please check with your child's teacher, WSA website, or WSA PawPalooza Facebook event for a listing of the themes. 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 fourth annual Embrace the World celebration on February 22! Last year participants enjoyed visiting nearly twenty tables hosted by Whitehills families and others and representing various countries, world music, and other aspects of the diversity in our school community. Attendees also watched musical and dance 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 (e.g., adoptive families, Black History Month, differing abilities). Participants roam from place to place learning and getting their passports stamped.



If you are interested in hosting a table or otherwise assisting, please check out the event link on the WSA website under "I Want to Volunteer" or contact event chair Joy Campbell.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Resumes
Monday, January 8

WSA Meeting
Tuesday, January 9
6:00-7:30pm

Popcorn Friday
Friday, January 12

MLK Day—No School
Monday, January 15

Marco's Pizza Night
Thursday, January 18

Science Club
Friday, January 19
3:35-5:30pm

PawPalooza Dance and Silent Auction
Friday, January 19
6:00-8:00pm

Popcorn Friday
Friday, February 2

Box Tops Winter II Deadline
Friday, February 9

WSA Meeting
Tuesday, February 13
6:00-7:30pm



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

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Whitehills Wolves 2018 Resolutions

by Grace Knake

Why do people make New Year's resolutions? Many people make New Year's resolutions to improve themselves. Some people find it hard to keep New Year's resolutions. I have never made a resolution but I will this year. I asked my family for ideas. Some ideas were to read more, floss every day, exercise more, be more patient with your family, and eat more veggies.



I also researched for ideas online. Some of those ideas were to spend less time on social media, volunteer, travel, learn a new skill, and spend more time with family and friends.

After hearing these resolutions I decided to make one of my own. In 2018 I want to convince my dad to get a dog!

Meet the Superintendent!

by Michaela Enger

Do you know what a Superintendent is, does, or who ours is right now? Well, *I* didn't know much until I asked Ms. Dori Leyko, our current Superintendent. I had to go to the East Lansing High School to interview her, because that is where her office is. The high school was so huge that we got lost until the journalism teacher showed us the way, which was a coincidence because I was on my way to interview someone for the school newspaper! He even said that I might be in his class someday. Then he led us downstairs to Ms. Leyko's office, and I started the interview.

I asked Superintendent Leyko some questions to learn about her job. "A Superintendent is a person who runs the whole school district," she said. "They go to lots of meetings (most of which currently are about the construction of our new schools or the schools' budgets), talk to lots of teachers, and answer lots of questions." She has been doing this since January 2017, "But," she said, "Only officially since July 1, because I was only doing it temporarily until then." A recent decision that she had to make was whether to let out school early when the weather was bad, or when to have snow days (Yes! She is the Snow Day Decider!).

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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Ms. Leyko grew up in Mason, right in this area. Her favorite color is pink, her favorite food is peanut butter, and she likes this job because every day is different and her job is always challenging.



Superintendent Leyko

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