



BooPalooza Comes to Whitehills!

There's a fun fall twist on the Palooza this year—don't miss the BooPalooza on October 26! This family event includes a DJ'd dance (costumes welcome with same guidelines as the school parade, e.g., non-scary, no masks) and multiple auction opportunities. 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 entry fee for adults. A public, online auction of incredible gift baskets at many price points opens the week before the event, and an onsite silent auction the night of BooPalooza features themed baskets and clay "Pawtery" artwork from each classroom.



Some of the creative student-selected themes for classroom baskets include *Family Game Night*, *Sweet Tooth*, and *Rainy Day*. Classrooms are seeking donations toward their theme, and we're also in need of volunteers to bring baked goods and to help with logistics. Please check the WSA website and BooPalooza Facebook event for details, click on the volunteer link from the WSA home page, or contact event chair Elizabeth Ivkovich with questions.

Introducing "Jan's Closet" Initiative

This new donation-driven program will launch on October 13 at an adults-only event at Red Cedar Spirits. Headed by Whitehills parent Mia Gougeon-Adarkwa, this program is designed to enrich students' lives and decrease barriers that would affect their ability to learn.

You are cordially invited to join us for appetizers and socializing and to donate if you are able to help kick off this program. The WSA will match the first \$1,000 in donations, doubling your impact! Learn more on the WSA website.



One-Time Partnership with Whole Foods Market



Whole Foods Market is generously partnering with the WSA on Thursday, October 18 to donate 5% of its net sales to support our initiatives. Grab your shopping list and your reusable bags and head over to Grand River Avenue for a grocery run! That's one of our half days, so bring the kids and make it a fun outing exploring responsibly sourced and healthy foods. Try a new fruit, check out some different options for school snacks, and hit their deli bar for a special half day lunch! And please share widely with coworkers and neighbors to benefit the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WSA Meeting

Tuesday, October 9
6:00-7:30pm

Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 10

Box Tops Fall Deadline

Friday, October 12

Jan's Closet Launch Party

Saturday, October 13

6:00-8:00pm

Location: Red Cedar Spirits

Teacher Appreciation Lunches and Half Days

Tues. & Thurs., October 16 & 18

Whole Foods Market 5% Day

Thursday, October 18

Marco's Pizza Night

Thursday, October 18

Half Day

Tuesday, October 23

Late Start Day: 10:45am start

Wednesday, October 24

Science Club

2nd-5th: Wednesday, October 24

K-1st: Friday, October 26

3:40-5:00pm

BooPalooza Dance & Silent Auction

Friday, October 26

6:00-8:00pm

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

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Walk to School Day is October 10!

by Eesha Umachandran

Walk to School Day is very fun. I did it last year and the year before and it was a wonderful experience.



Author Eesha (at right) on Walk to School Day as a first grader!

You start at one of the spots around the neighborhood. I usually ride the bus, but on Walk to School Day my dad drove to the church parking lot by Subway and then we went with everyone from there past the Quality Dairy. We walked across Lake Lansing Road and we were at our school.

You can keep yourself healthy when you walk with the Wolf Pack. Also, you can make new friends! All of my friends were excited and happy doing Walk to School Day together.

More Details on Walk to School Day

This nationwide event on October 10 encourages healthy fun and gets kids outside enjoying the fall weather. There are seven gathering points throughout the Whitehills area, including a spot to drop off children who normally ride the bus, like Eesha! See the WSA website for more information, a map of meeting locations, and a link to sign up to be a leader for one of the locations. Wear your Spirit Wear if you have it, or blue and white!

Students who are in B&A, who 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!

What Does Kindness Mean to Me?

by Jessica Mielock

What does kindness mean to me? To me, kindness means helping others around you and spreading kindness wherever you go. Holding the door is

kind, helping someone with a math problem they don't understand is being kind, and asking someone to play a game with you is kind. Kindness is something everyone has. If you share kindness it grows. Kindness is something that makes

others happy and it makes you feel good on the inside. Kindness can also be reversed. You can dip someone else's bucket instead of overflowing it. Don't dip from someone else's bucket to try to make yourself happy, because you'll both feel bad about yourselves. Lift someone up with your kind words. You can make someone's day and you might not even know it. That's what kindness means to me.



ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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