



STEM Festival Returns Next Week!

Come for hands-on fun and demonstrations from over 20 groups, from the ELHS Robotics Club and MSU Science Theatre to the MSU Worm Team and Geology Club. At this free open house event on Thursday, November 8 from 6:00-7:30pm, you can have fun with the visiting labs and get inspired about STEM. Outside groups come in for the STEM Festival, but our own Wolves will have their turn in the spotlight for the kid-driven Science Fair in March. Chair Kyle Enger needs a few volunteers for set-up and clean-up! Sign up on the WSA website.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Election Day: Four School Board Positions Open
Tuesday, November 6

STEM Festival
Thursday, November 8
6:00-7:30pm

Deadline for Yearbook Cover Design Contest
Friday, November 9

Popcorn Friday
Friday, November 9

WSA Meeting
Tuesday, November 13
6:00-7:00pm

Whitehills Rebuild: Community Forum
Tuesday, November 13
7:00-8:00pm

Marco's Pizza Night
Thursday, November 15

No School: Thanksgiving
Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 21-23

Science Club
This month: Aquatic Biology
2nd-5th: Wednesday, November 28
K-1st: Friday, November 30
3:40-5:00pm

Enchanted Forest Scholastic Book Fair
Monday-Friday, December 3-7

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Board
President: Joy Campbell
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Treasurer: Jeff Hicks
Secretary: Lorely Polanco

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



All Wolves are invited to enter the Yearbook Cover Design contest! The deadline is November 9. We are also seeking a yearbook coordinator—can you create memories for our kids to enjoy for years to come by helping put together the yearbook? This is a great leadership opportunity for one or more people, with very flexible timing. See the WSA website to learn more about the contest and volunteer opening.

Enchanted Forest Book Fair

We have a whimsical Book Fair planned for December 3-7. Please join us for shopping (stock up for gifts and snow days!), and watch for an evening of family fun to be announced soon. As always, our teachers will have their wish lists available, if you would like to donate a book to your classroom. We will also be partnering with a local nonprofit organization to donate books to children through the All For Books Program—watch for details!

Book Fair hours will be posted on the WSA website and in a letter that will be sent home. Our Book Fair co-chairs, Erica Dzedzic and Qadirya Dolqun, need lots of hands to help with set-up, running cash registers, and other logistics. Parents, grandparents, and others are welcome to volunteer! Click on the “I Want to Volunteer” button from the WSA home page to sign up.



Curious about current plans for the new Whitehills building? ELPS Superintendent Dori Leyko will host a forum at 7:00pm for parents and other interested community members immediately following the November 13 WSA meeting. The WSA meeting begins at 6:00pm.



WOLF PACK WRITERS

Proudly featuring the work of Whitehills students



Meet Ms. Wagner

by Ashton Shepherd

If you haven't been lucky enough to have Ms. Wagner as a teacher, she is one of our great second grade teachers. She has also taught seventh grade math. She has been teaching for thirteen years, all in East Lansing. Her favorite thing about teaching is watching the students learn and grow through the years.

Ms. Wagner grew up in a small city named Crystal Falls in the Upper Peninsula, where she lived with her parents and her three brothers (pictured here). Their home was in the country. She grew up around animals such as bobcats, bears, and raccoons.

One thing different when Ms. Wagner went to school is she had more homework and less recess than we have now here at Whitehills. Consider us Wolves lucky!

Thankfulness

by Maggie Crowe

During the month of November we often think about things we are thankful for. Studies show that people who keep track of things that they are grateful for are happier. I was curious to find out what other kids and teachers from our school are thankful for, so I asked a couple of people. Carolina, in third grade, said that she is thankful for sugar (the food), her puppy, her friends, and her family. I also asked fifth graders Lundyn and Garrett. Lundyn is thankful for her friends and family because they are a big part of her life. Garrett said he was thankful for his cats and Fortnite because they make him happy. Ms. Desilets says she is thankful for her family, job, Tucker (her puppy), her college degree, and her friends. I am thankful for my family because they are nice and patient, my dog because she gives good snuggles, and my friends because they are all great people. Now ask yourself, what am I thankful for? Then ask someone else you know!



Ms. Wagner and her family

Ms. Wagner's favorites:

Teams:

- MSU (college)
- Green Bay Packers (pro)

Things to do:

- Take walks
- Go golfing
- Watch MSU sports (of course)

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Ashton Shepherd is in Mr. Montgomery's fifth grade classroom. He loves to play water sports, play video games, and do outdoor activities with his family.

Maggie Crowe is a fifth grader in Ms. Beasley's class. She enjoys playing outside with her friends and her dog, going on trips, and Irish dance.



We are so grateful to our Whitehills Elementary family and the East Lansing community for their amazing participation in many recent initiatives. Together, we raised over \$6,000 for Jan's Closet, over \$2,800 through the Whole Foods 5% Day event, and over \$6,000 during the BooPalooza auctions! We appreciate all of our volunteers, donors, event planning committees, and participants for your dedication to supporting all of our Wolves.

Have an idea for an article? Contact us at whitehillsparents@gmail.com.