



New Science Club Sign-Up Procedure



Based on parent feedback to improve access to Science Club, the sign-up process has been updated. Each month, families who want to participate will need to register their student(s) in advance by using Sign Up Genius. This student sign-up will open the week prior to Science Club every month. This means families can commit to just one session at a time, spreading access more equitably and not holding spots for students who can't make it in a given month. There is a limit of 22 students for each K-1 session, and 30 students for each 2nd-5th grade session.

All students with Science Club permission slips on file for this academic year have been added to a sign-up group using the email(s) given on the existing permission slip; others can be added at any time by emailing a completed permission slip to Kyle Enger or turning it in at the front office. Members of this sign-up group will be emailed when the student sign-up opens each month; Sign Up Genius will also send an automated reminder before each Science Club session for which your student is registered. Learn more and print permission slips if you haven't already by visiting the Science Club website (whitehillsscienceclub.weebly.com), or contact organizer Kyle Enger at engerks@protonmail.com.

Plan Ahead for Embrace the World

Save the date for our annual Embrace the World celebration on February 21! Last year participants enjoyed visiting twenty tables representing various countries and other aspects of the diversity in our school community.



Attendees also watched musical and dance performances by fellow students. This year we're excited that our third graders will be singing at the event!

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 nation, a country to which you've traveled, or a place you've lived. Other aspects of diversity are welcome, too (e.g., adoptive families, Black History Month, differing abilities). Participants "travel" from place to place learning and getting their passports stamped.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Resumes
Monday, January 7

WSA Meeting
No meeting in January

Popcorn Friday
Friday, January 11

Safe Routes to School Kick-Off Event
Wednesday, January 16
6:30pm at Pinecrest

Marco's Pizza Night
Thursday, January 17

MLK Day—No School
Monday, January 21

Science Club
2nd-5th: Wednesday, January 23
K-1st: Friday, January 25
3:40-5:00pm

Popcorn Friday
Friday, February 8

Box Tops Winter II Deadline
Friday, February 8

WSA Meeting
Tuesday, February 12
6:00-7:30pm



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Board
President: Joy Campbell
Vice President: Jen Gorchow
Treasurer: Jeff Hicks
Secretary: Lorely Polanco

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

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What Are Your Plans for 2019?

Some people make New Year's *resolutions* on January 1. Resolutions are things you hope to do in the new year. Examples of resolutions are:

- ◆ Make at least three new friends by the end of the school year.
- ◆ Perform a random act of kindness each week.
- ◆ Choose healthy snacks each day.
- ◆ Exercise or play outside three days a week.
- ◆ Give at least one compliment each day.

Your Favorite Gym Teacher, Mrs. Volovsek

by Sam Krefit

Did you know that Mrs. V has been teaching for 20 years? But not always in gym—she also taught math for two years. Mrs. V grew up in a little town in northern Michigan called Charlevoix,

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Sofia McKinney is a nine-year-old in Ms. Desilets' fourth grade class. Sofia loves dance, animals, reading, and just started playing basketball.

Sam Krefit is a fifth grader in Ms. Beasley's class. He enjoys playing basketball, soccer, skiing, and mountain biking. He has a younger brother and an older sister.

with an older and younger brother. Growing up she was very active, playing touch football, softball, tag, biking, and swimming at the beach. She even said she would beat her brothers in playing the basketball game HORSE every time! She still is very active playing pickleball, yoga, dancing, and being with her family.

Mrs. V loves being with her family the most! She has two children, Anton and Emily. Mrs. V's favorite place to travel is St. George's Island in Florida. She said it is a beautiful place to visit.

Ring in the New Year

by Sofia McKinney

New Year's Eve is a holiday filled with traditions that celebrates the ending of each year and the beginning of the next year. People often say what they want to accomplish in the New Year, which is called a New Year's resolution.

Traditions can vary greatly, and not everyone celebrates New Year's Eve. For those who do, many celebrations include watching the ball drop at midnight.

Principal Johnson, Mrs. Ward and Ms. Desilets all hope to accomplish something new in 2019. Ms. Desilets wants to make people laugh and spread joy to teachers and kids at Whitehills Elementary. Principal Johnson also hopes to spread more joy, and celebrate with friends and family while enjoying good food.

Mrs. Ward will be starting a new tradition this year as her kids are all grown up. Her 2019 resolution is "to find joy in the little things."



Mrs. Volovsek and her family over winter break