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*Weekly Newsletter from The Principal's Corner*

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*Spring Track My Progress Testing Started Yesterday!!*

**Change in Meeting**

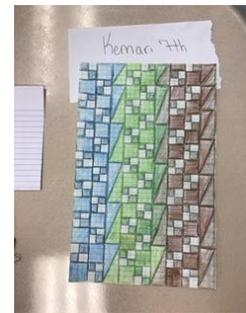
The WS School Board had planned to meet on April 13<sup>th</sup>, which is during vacation. They have rescheduled this virtual meeting for April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We will send out an agenda and link on April 19<sup>th</sup>. You can always find the link and agenda on our website, as well. These meetings are open to the public!

**News from our AD**

We have some exciting Spring Sports News! We will be combining our efforts within the WSESU to hopefully field a full 7/8 grade softball, baseball and track teams this Spring. **Weathersfield will host Softball**, Hartland will host Baseball and Windsor will host Track & Field. Practices and games for the WSESU will be hosted at Weathersfield for 7/8 graders! That is true for baseball at Hartland and Track & Field at Windsor! **All registrations for 7/8 sports will be handled through the Windsor site here: <https://app.formreleaf.com/organizations/windsor-jr-sr-high-school>** All coaches interested in 7/8 Softball will need to complete our Sports Engine registration, which includes a full background check. That registration link will be live before the end of the week. For inclement weather we will not host practices or games for softball. Due to COVID we are not permitted to use the building after normal school hours. Track and Field for 5-8 will be in Windsor. We sent new information about other K-6 sports, all housed at WS, on Wednesday. If you have any questions, please email me at [Jessica.kischko@wsesu.net](mailto:Jessica.kischko@wsesu.net)

**Art News from Mrs. Jarvis**

Art has been an exciting learning adventure for Middle School! We looked at Civil War Quilts and the stories they tell. The stories really told us about what was happening during that time. Then students investigated a quilt block further, created a paper quilt block, or sewed their own quilt block using fabric, needle and thread! The color combinations were wonderful and cheerful. I look forward to seeing them again in late April!



**Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Spring Parent-Teacher conferences will be held the week of April 5-9<sup>th</sup>. Parents have been so giving and flexible that we wanted to offer a host of times and dates that you can choose from for your remote appointments. Things will look much like they did in November for the first round of conferences. Here is the plan:

1. All conferences will be either over the telephone, in an email exchange, or held remotely through Google Classroom. Teachers have been contacting parents since late March to let them know what days and times are available for a conference the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Middle Level Team, grades 5K-8, plan to meet as a team using remote conferencing, so this medium is highly recommended for middle level parents. Ms. Stillson sent out an email to all parents in 5K-8 to announce days and times the team can meet. Once parents received this email, they responded to Ms. Stillson with what day and time works best for them. Unified Arts Teachers, (Mr. Shambo, Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Berry), plan to sit in on all of the middle level conferences, but if you care to have an individual conference with any school employee, please shoot them an email and they will schedule a time for you. This is the same for Mrs. Cole, School Counselor, Mrs. Shambo, SEI and Behavior Analyst, Mrs. Stevens, School Nurse,

special educators, the principal, and others. Please send them an email and ask for a conference and it will surely happen. Directory information can be found on the school's website.

3. Students are welcome to sit in with their parents and teacher(s) to hear about their progress.

4. In-person students and teachers will have their usual teaching/learning week, April 5-8, 2021. However, Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> is an asynchronous, (independent), learning day for students. Students will come home with work on April 8<sup>th</sup>, to be completed on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Remote lunches, if ordered, and TMP scores will also go home with students on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mark These Dates on Your Home Calendars**

As you know, the Vermont Department of Education has decided that all VT schools will be giving the SBAC test in reading and math this spring. Grades 3-8 will be tested at WS. The testing dates are below. Also, grades 5 and 8 will be taking the science assessment called the VSAT, those dates are listed below, as well. Teachers and Melissa Cole, School Counselor, are working on the schedule now. They won't be testing all day long, but a few hours each day. Perfect attendance is important during testing weeks, so please make sure all doctor and dentist appointments happen before or after the dates provided.

### **SBAC Testing for Grades 3-8**

May 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

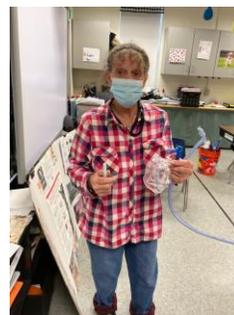
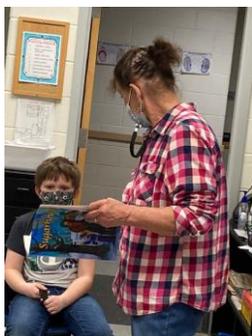
Make up dates: May 21 and 28

### **VSAT Testing for Grades 5 and 8**

May 4, 5 and 6

### **Maple Presentation by Lori Small, Grade 2 Teacher**

My second grade class had a guest speaker, (one of our very own), Theresa White, present her system of sugaring in Vermont with one of the students, Ben Brown, who compared her methods to his modern methods that he has learned from his family. The students so enjoyed the presentations and the comparisons along with a movie on the history of maple syrup making since the Native Americans began the custom. Theresa White brought her fresh maple syrup and Mrs. Michelle Smith donated her most sour pickles to our classroom for a treat of sour pickles dipped in maple syrup. What an experience! Such a great combination. Some of the students just wanted to drink the syrup, while others took the plunge dipping sour pickles into the liquid gold! Mrs. White also brought in fresh-packed, maple coated Chex mix to enjoy. The students so enjoyed the movie on the history of maple syrup making, dating back to the Native American methods to present-day, detailed presentations and the comparison with assistance from a classmate, topped off with a sweet and sour treat! Thank you Theresa White for making time to educate our students on Vermont sugaring!



### **Teachers, Parents, Students**

The WS School Board loves to hear from students about their learning and things they are doing! The board has encouraged me to extend an invitation to all WS students to come to any board meeting and share their ideas, accomplishments, or interests. Currently, the board meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm, remotely. We always publish the link and agenda before meetings so the public can join us. I will be sure to announce this over the PA system during morning announcements several times each month, but more often closest to the date of the next meeting. Please feel free to reach out to BJ Esty or me if you are interested or want to learn more. Many Thanks!

### **April Menu**

The April menu went home with students on Wed., but here it is electronically if you would like to view it.

### **TMP Test Scores**

We are sending Track My Progress test scores home on April 8<sup>th</sup> for K-8. They will be in a sealed envelope. All scores will go with the youngest child if there are more than one student in the family.

Enjoy,

*JeanMarie*

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APRIL

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  |
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|   |  |  | 1<br>VT. Maple Parfait<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice, and Milk<br><br><b>Macaroni and Cheese<br/>W/ Grilled Hot Dog<br/>Steamed Broccoli<br/>Dinner Roll</b>                  | 2<br>WW Cinnamon Roll<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice, and Milk<br><br><b>Cheese Pizza<br/>BLT Cobb Shaker Salad<br/>Peaches</b>  |
| 5<br>Cinnamon Toast Crunch<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>BBQ Roasted Chicken Drumstick<br/>Baked Beans<br/>Cole Slaw</b>            | 6<br>Zucchini Bread<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Nachos w/ Seasoned Beef<br/>Brown Rice<br/>Mexicali Corn</b>   | 7<br>Strawberry Bagel Bites<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Local Beef Burger<br/>w/ Cheddar Cheese<br/>Tatar Tots<br/>Seasoned Green Beans</b>                | 8<br>WW Cinnamon and Sugar<br>Donuts Holes<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Cheesy Bread Stick<br/>Pizza Sauce<br/>Apple Sauce</b>                                     | 9<br>WW Plain Bagel w/ Cream<br>Cheese<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>*REMOTE DAY*<br/>Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich<br/>Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dip<br/>Peaches</b> |
| 19<br>Banana Bread<br>Milk, 1% Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>WW Waffles<br/>VT Sausage Links<br/>Hash Brown Potatoes</b>               | 20<br>WW Bagel<br>w/ Cream Cheese<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Chicken and Cheese Burrito<br/>Black Beans and Rice<br/>Roasted Corn</b>               | 21<br>Local Strawberry Yogurt<br>Granola Bar<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Cheese<br/>Parmesan Potatoes<br/>Steamed Green Beans</b> | 22<br>Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Baked Potato<br/>Topped w/ Beef Chili and Cheese<br/>Steamed Broccoli<br/>WW Dinner Roll</b>       | 23<br>WW Cinnamon Roll<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Pizza, Cheese<br/>Carrot and Celery Sticks<br/>w/ Ranch Dip<br/>Pears</b>                                |
| 26<br>Golden Graham Cereal<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Cheese Ravioli w/ Meat Sauce<br/>Roasted Summer Squash<br/>Garlic Knot</b> | 27<br>Banana Bread<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Seasoned Beef Taco<br/>Seasoned Pinto Beans<br/>Spanish Style Rice<br/>House Salsa and Sour Cream</b> | 28<br>Blueberry Muffin<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Chicken Salad Wrap<br/>Pasta Salad<br/>Fresh Pineapple Chunks</b>                                       | 29<br>WW Bagel w/ Cream Cheese<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Roasted Teriyaki Pork<br/>w/ Stir-Fried Veggies<br/>Seasoned Brown Rice<br/>Vegetable Spring Rolls</b> | 30<br>WW Glazed Donuts<br>Fresh Fruit, Juice<br><br><b>Cheese Calzone<br/>w/ Tomato Sauce<br/>Steamed Broccoli</b>  |

ALL MEALS ARE SERVED WITH MILK, FRUIT, OR 100% FRUIT JUICE

\* MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*

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