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Weekly News Letter from The Principal's Corner
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VACATION WEEK STARTS MONDAY.....HURRAH!!!

Track My Progress Spring Scores for K-8

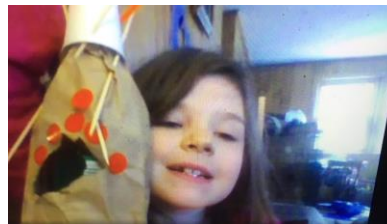
We will send individual TMP spring student scores home for K-8 in math and reading with the students today. Testing began on April 1st! Please check your child's backpack for the scores and for the cover sheet that explains them. If you have more than one child in your family, we are sending all scores home with the youngest child. Remember, this is an electronic assessment. It provides excellent data for progress monitoring, as it informs instruction for teachers.

News About Remote Only for Next Year

At the start of the new school year this fall, only in person instruction will be offered at WS. Home Study is an option for families who follow the AOE guidelines, but a school sponsored remote option will no longer be available. If you have children currently in Home Study and want to return to in person learning at school, please contact Laurie Brown at 674-2144, ext. 107, or at lbrown@wsesu.net so she can register your children for in person learning. If you are currently enrolled in a remote option only and do not want to come back to in person learning, you may apply for a Home Study program with the state of Vermont and you will have to follow all of their requirements. If your child is currently in remote only learning and you want them back in school for the fall, simply call the school to let them know. Class lists and teacher assignments will be created in late May, so we want to make sure we know who will be returning and thus put them on a class list for the fall. Please make sure to make this change by May 10th. Thank you so much!

News from Kirsten McNamara, Remote Only Primary Teacher

Remote-Only 2nd graders worked hard two weeks ago in science, learning about different kinds of birds. Their final project was to plan, design, and build a prototype bird feeder that would attract certain kinds of birds. Here are two Weathersfield scientists sharing their hard work!



News From Our AD

Grades K – 6 Softball & Baseball:

We will be hosting softball and baseball this spring at Weathersfield. Depending on registration numbers, we will be hosting combined K (t-ball), 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 Softball and Baseball. We will be offering a limited number of games for our 3/4 and 5/6 teams this spring to play outside competition. Our 1/2 grades will be kept 'in-house'.

Registration is open now! Registration link here: <https://weathersfield-athletics.sportngin.com/register/form/341708260>

Rules will be similar to what we had in the fall:

- All practices will be held outdoors, social distanced with **masks at all times** for players and coaches
- Rain or inclement weather - practices/games will be cancelled, and families notified via email, text, Facebook and a school announcement

- The school will not be available at any point this season for our use
- *Students & Coaches must pass a COVID screening daily (if the child was screened during the day for school, they do not need to be screened again)
- If the child was not in school, they will not be able to participate that night for practice
- *All spectators MUST stay in their cars, regardless of the warm weather
- All are prohibited from using the playground equipment and the swing sets while practices are in session
- Coaches and AD's will be responsible for sanitizing all equipment before & after practices
- Porta-Potty is for coaches and students only, no exceptions
- Hand sanitizing stations will be established and required for participants to use them frequently throughout practices
- No sharing personal equipment including water bottles, gloves & hats
- Helmets & bats will be sanitized between use
- Practices will likely begin the week of April 19TH for K-6

More sport specific rules and guidelines are available on our Weathersfield Sports Website: <https://weathersfield-athletics.sportngin.com>

Grades 7/8 Softball, Baseball & Track –

We will be combining forces to create one WSESU Team for 7/8 Softball, Baseball and Track & Field, (5-8 in Windsor) this year. This effort is to provide a cohesive athletic development opportunity at the middle school level. All athletes who register will have an opportunity to play for the WSESU! Softball practices will be held at Weathersfield, Baseball at Hartland and Track & Field in Windsor registration is open now! Practices begin the week of April 12. Registration link here: <https://app.formreleaf.com/organizations/windsor-jr-sr-high-school>

Questions about 7/8 Teams?

7/8 Softball – Jessica Kischko @ Weathersfield - Jessica.Kischko@wsesu.net

7/8 Baseball – Jenna Paul @ Hartland - JPaul@hartlandvt.org

5, 6, 7 & 8 – Track & Field – Andy Tufts @ Windsor - atufts@wsesu.net

News from the School Counselor

With the weather warming up, our students have been enjoying lessons outside this week. Our school counselor, Melissa Cole, brought students out to our new Pavilion for each of her lessons. Ms. Cole has been teaching the 2-4th graders the Problem Solving Steps as a part of the Second Step Curriculum. This week students worked as a team to use the skills they've learned and complete different problem solving challenges. Below are pictures of Mrs. Huebner's 2nd grade class on Tuesday, March 30th with Ms. Cole playing the COVID friendly game of Don't Touch Me. Students collaborated to come up with a strategy to get to the other side of the circle while not touching anyone, putting their foot on the center circle before making it to the other side, and having the whole group switch places as quickly as possible. Mrs. Huebner's class was the quickest class to tackle this challenge by completing the activity in 6 seconds.



Please see the thank you letter from Mrs. Berry attached.

Have a super wonderful vacation,

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April 4, 2021



THANK YOU for helping to make our Kids Heart Challenge event a success!

This year, approximately 190 students at Weathersfield School, participated in our annual Kids Heart Challenge. Together, we raised \$6,952.12 for the American Heart Association – thanks to your support!

In addition to raising funds to support the organization's mission, students participated in activities to embrace a lifetime of healthy living and social responsibility. Plus, thanks to the generous efforts of you and your child(ren), our school also earned valuable resources through the American Heart Association Points Program. We will receive a gift certificate for P.E. equipment!

We had 28 students that raised over \$100 or more! 12 Students raised over \$200! Top fundraisers were Mckenzie Brusio and Zander Emond, who raised \$500 each!

All WS students participated in the event as part of the Physical Education program. K-4 participated in Glow Game events for healthy hearts. Glow jumping, volleyball, bowling, golf, dance, and more were enjoyed by the students. Glow necklaces, disco lights and music also filled the room. Grades 5-8 will participate in Glow events after April Vacation.

Thank you to all students, parents, families, friends and staff for the outstanding support and generosity of this annual Kids Heart Challenge event!

With Heartfelt Thanks,

Mrs. Laura Berry

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K-8 Physical Education