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At the Whitefield School

November brings opportunities for students, families, and the greater school community to come together at The Whitefield School. From honoring local veterans to enjoying family traditions and participating in community events, the month offers plenty of reminders of the importance of connection, gratitude, and making memories together.

This month's selection for the Peter H. Reynolds Create Bravely building-wide read aloud is *Our Table*. This heartwarming story follows Violet, a young girl who misses the days when her family gathered around the kitchen table to share meals, tell stories, laugh, and make memories. As everyday distractions and technology pull her family in different directions, their once-beloved table begins to shrink and eventually disappears. Violet finds a creative way to bring her family back together, reminding readers that meaningful connections often come from simply making time for one another.

The story highlights the importance of family traditions, being present, and appreciating the time spent together. Throughout November, classrooms will facilitate activities encouraging students to reflect on their own family memories, traditions, and the special moments they share with the people they love. As the holiday season approaches, *Our Table* provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the connections that make each family unique.

The school will also take time to recognize and honor local veterans during its annual Veterans Day celebration on Monday, November 9. Visiting veterans will be welcomed into the school as students share their appreciation through handmade cards, songs, and other special presentations. This annual tradition provides students with an opportunity to express gratitude and learn about the service and sacrifices made by those who have served our country.

Looking ahead, Winter Wednesday Off-Campus Sign-Ups will take place on Thursday, November 12, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Families will have the opportunity to register students for one of several winter enrichment opportunities, including the Bretton Woods Ski Program, Evergreen Gymnastics, Evergreen Swimming, and rock climbing at North Country Climbing Center. These programs provide students with opportunities to try new activities, develop skills, and enjoy experiences beyond the classroom.

One of the school's favorite annual community events, Turkey Bingo, returns on Friday, November 20. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with bingo beginning at 6:00 p.m. Families and community members are invited to enjoy an evening of fun, prizes, and friendly competition.

The White Mountains Regional Middle High School National Junior Honor Society members are organizing a food collection for Project Homebound. Members of the school community are encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations to help support local individuals and families.

There is an added incentive to participate in this year's food drive! If 500 non-perishable items are collected, Mrs. Fuller will have to wear a turkey costume! The challenge is on, and the school community is encouraged to help reach that goal.

As November unfolds, The Whitefield School continues to embrace the importance of learning, gratitude, and community connections. Whether through a classroom conversation, a visit with a veteran, a new winter activity, or an evening of Turkey Bingo, these shared experiences help build the memories and relationships that make a school community special.