

# BLUE JAY BY-LINE

## WHITESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOME OF THE  
BLUE JAYS

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October/November  
2026  
Edition

Empowering all learners to wonder, explore, and grow.

# FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL



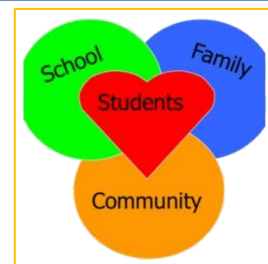
# ABC 123

## From the desk of Superintendent Emery



Dear Whitesville Community,

As we move into October and look ahead to November, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, families, and community for the continued support you show our school each day. It is wonderful to see our students learning, growing, and building relationships throughout the school year.



As our district continues to look toward the future, I encourage community members to stay informed by visiting our school website for updates and information. I also welcome and encourage residents to attend our Board of Education meetings. Your participation and engagement are an important part of our school community.

As we approach Veterans Day, we extend our sincere gratitude to all who have served and continue to serve our country. We are especially grateful for the sacrifices made by our local veterans and their families.

Finally, as Thanksgiving approaches, I wish all of our Whitesville families and community members a safe, happy, and blessed Thanksgiving. May this season remind us of the many things we have to be thankful for, including the special community we share.

Gratefully,  
Mrs. Tammy Emery  
#teamwhitesville  
#ParentsAsPartners



## SCHOOL CLOSINGS, DELAYS or EARLY DISMISSALS

### Stay Informed and Prepared



- **Keep Emergency Contact Information Updated**

It is essential that your child's emergency contact information is accurate and up to date. Please notify the school of any changes as soon as possible. Additionally, we encourage all families to have a plan in place in case of early dismissals.

- **School Communication via Apptegy**

WCS uses the Apptegy platform to keep parents and staff informed through phone calls, text messages, and emails. This system is used to share important updates, including school cancellations and delays due to inclement weather.

- **Additional Sources for School Closings and Delays**

You can also find school closing and delay information on the following media outlets:

- Television: NBC (Channel 2), CBS (Channel 4), and ABC (Channel 7)
- Radio: 101.9 FM and 103.5 FM – Wellsville





## Message from Principal McNeely



**Fall is here, and we are off to a great start!**

We are excited for another great year with our students and families. Please take a look at our **Parents as Partners** and **Morning Clubs** calendars below and mark your calendars. More information will be shared as dates get closer!

### PARENTS AS PARTNERS

| Month       | Activity               |                           |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| September   | Back-to-School Cookout |                           |
| October 23  | Halloween Fair         | Mrs. Perkins/Mrs. Bissett |
| November    | Turkey Trot            | Mrs. Lumia                |
| December 18 | Santa Claus Lane       | Mrs. Perkins/Mrs. Bissett |
| December    | Caroling               | Mrs. Lowe                 |
| January     | TBD                    | —                         |
| February    | Skating or Bowling     | Mrs. Perkins/Mrs. Bissett |
| March       | TBD                    | Mrs. Case                 |
| April       | Skating or Bowling     | Mrs. Perkins/Mrs. Bissett |
| May         | TBD                    | —                         |
| June        | TBD                    | Ms. Stebbins              |



### ☀ MORNING CLUBS

**Monday–Friday:** Gym — Mr. Hendrickson

**Monday:** Yoga — Mrs. Lumia

**Tuesday:** Ladies Club — Mrs. Case

**Wednesday:** Crafts — Mrs. Perkins

**Thursday:** Book Club (Grades 3–5) — Mrs. Bissett/Mrs. Case



### 📅 UPCOMING DATES

- **October 4–10:** Fire Safety Week — “*Safe Charging is a Superpower*”
- **October 12:** No School — Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day
- **November 11:** No School — Veterans Day
- **November 23:** No Students — Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **November 24–27:** No School — Thanksgiving Break

### ❤ ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

**Every school day counts!** Regular attendance is important for your child's learning and success. Unless your child has a **fever of 100.4°F or higher or is vomiting**, please make every effort to have your child in school.

Mrs. McNeely



# **EMPOWERING STUDENT FUTURES**

## ***School Board Recognition Week***



**October 12-16, 2026 is School Board Recognition Week**, a time to honor and thank the dedicated members of our Board of Education for their service to our students, staff, and community.

School board members are elected volunteers who devote countless hours to making thoughtful decisions that support the success and well-being of every student. Their responsibilities extend far beyond monthly meetings. They help establish the district's vision and goals, oversee policies and budgets, advocate for educational excellence, and ensure that our schools remain responsive to the needs of our community.

The members of the Board of Education serve with commitment, integrity, and a genuine desire to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our students.

They balance these important responsibilities alongside

their careers, families, and personal commitments, all while working to ensure that our schools continue to grow and thrive.

On behalf of the students, staff, families, and residents of our district, we extend our sincere gratitude to our Board of Education members for their leadership, dedication, and service. Their efforts help shape the future of our schools and make a positive difference in the lives of our students every day.

**Please join us in thanking our Board of Education members for their unwavering commitment to our school community.**

*"School boards are the cornerstone of local governance in public education, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed."*

Thank you, Board of Education, for your continued support and leadership. Your service is deeply appreciated.



The members serving our district, and their years of service are as follows:

- ❖ **Mr. Jeffrey Erdmann** – 17 years
- ❖ **Mr. Charles "Chip" Cutler, Jr.** – 11 years
- ❖ **Mrs. Erica Matteson** – 5 years
- ❖ **Mrs. Tammy Ellison** – 1 year
- ❖ **Ms. Ruthie Jacobs** – newly appointed



## HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION



### Flu Clinic

The Allegany County Department of Health is coming to the **Whitesville Fire Hall** on Tuesday, October 13 from 2:00-5:00pm to give flu vaccines. They encourage pre-registration, but walk-ins are welcome as well. Bring your insurance card.

**November 13 is World Kindness Day!** Remember that showing kindness is good for everyone, including yourself. Kindness boosts well-being, reduces stress and helps physical and mental health, strengthens relationships and social connections. Kindness is contagious, so spread some kindness today! In a world where you can be anything, be kind!

**Gratitude** also has many physical and emotional benefits. We can be grateful every day, not just Thanksgiving Day!

Mosaic Health wants to return to Whitesville School this fall to bring dental services to our students right here at school! They will be doing screenings, x-rays, cleanings, intra-oral photos, fluoride treatments, sealants, and telehealth dental exams. We need enough students to register in order for them to be able to come. Insurance will be billed or a sliding pay scale is available for those without dental insurance. Please be sure to complete your student's enrollment form promptly in order for your student to be seen.

You may scan the QR code or visit: <https://mosaichealth.org/community-dentistry-online-registration>

Mrs. Barner,  
School Nurse

**mosaic health**  
*Better happens together.*

**DENTAL SERVICES ARE COMING TO  
YOUR STUDENT'S SCHOOL**

NO NEED FOR YOU TO MISS WORK OR FOR YOUR STUDENT TO MISS SCHOOL.  
SERVICES PROVIDED ON-SITE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

  
SCREENINGS

  
CLEANINGS

  
FLUORIDE  
TREATMENTS

  
DENTAL HEALTH  
EDUCATION

  
INTRA ORAL  
PHOTOS

  
REFERRAL  
SERVICES

  
X-RAYS

  
TELEHEALTH DENTAL  
EXAMS BY A DENTIST

  
SEALANTS

**ENROLL YOUR STUDENT TODAY!**

**SCAN THE QR CODE  
WITH YOUR PHONE OR VISIT**  
[MOSAICHEALTH.ORG/COMMUNITY-DENTISTRY-ONLINE-REGISTRATION](https://mosaichealth.org/community-dentistry-online-registration)



IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ENROLLMENT FORM SENT HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR STUDENT'S SCHOOL TO REQUEST ONE.  
QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: (585) 243-7847

## #HEALTHYTHANKSGIVING

# HEALTH BENEFITS OF GRATITUDE



Improved sleep  
quality



Decreased blood  
pressure



Better mental  
health



Increased  
energy levels



Stronger  
relationships



Increased  
immune system

- The Royal Society 2004: Positive health: connecting well-being with biology
- Psychosom Med PMC 2017 Jul 1: A pilot randomized study of a gratitude journaling intervention on HRV and inflammatory biomarkers in Stage B heart failure patients
- Journal of Happiness Studies volume 22, pages413–445 (2021) Gratitude Interventions: Effective Self-help? A Meta-analysis of the Impact on Symptoms of Depression and Anxiety



### Why do we celebrate World Kindness Day?

We celebrate World Kindness Day on November 13th each year to highlight good deeds, promote empathy, and remind people that compassion connects all human beings across different races, religions, and backgrounds.

- **Bridge divides:** It shows that kindness is a shared human trait that brings people together past political or cultural differences.
- **Make kindness visible:** It turns everyday, quiet acts of generosity into a shared global focus.
- **Create a ripple effect:** It proves that small, simple choices can inspire others to act kindly too.
- **Boost health and happiness:** Doing good things for others releases feel-good chemicals in our brains and lowers stress.

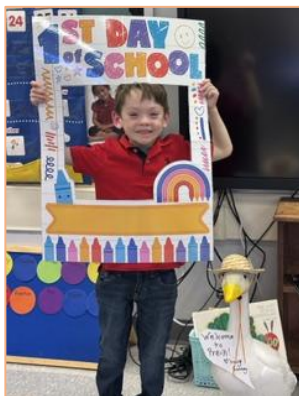
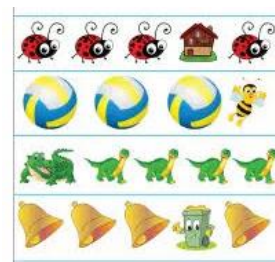
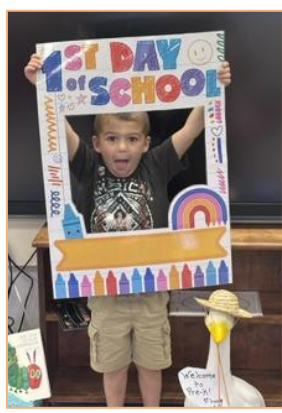
# Classroom NEWS



## PRE-KINDERGARTEN



Welcome to Pre-K at WCS! We are so excited to welcome eleven of our youngest bluejays to our full day preschool program. Here our focus is on learning through play and exploration and creating a growth mindset without fear of failure. We are all about promoting a safe space for our littlest minds!



So far, our pre-k students have focused on getting to know each other, attributes that make them unique, being in tune and naming our feelings and emotions, and how to operate in a school setting with our new classroom family. In ELA, we have been working on identifying letters in our name, initial sounds in a word, rhyming words, and blending parts of a word together. Math has included comparing objects that are

the same, same but different, and sorting items into categories up to five. We are so excited for the year ahead! - Mrs. McCaig





# KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten is off to a great start! Students came ready to have fun, make new friends, and learn! We have started ELA with our Nursery Rhyme unit and are loving learning and comparing nursery rhymes every day! We have also started our skills unit learning our right from our left, solidifying directionality, and learning how to do simple writing strokes. This is preparing us for learning how to write letters later in the year! In math, we are learning about attributes. We are learning how to sort objects based on their shape, color, or size. We are excited to be starting a new science and social studies curriculum this year!

The kids have been busy learning the rules and expectations of Kindergarten and are doing great! We are learning to share, take turns, use kind words and be a good friend. We can't wait to grow and learn together this year!



Zander Hunt on the first day of Kindergarten!



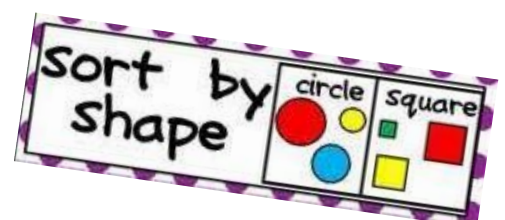
The whole class enjoying some "Jitter Juice" to chase those first day jitters away!



Gary Harrison on the first day of Kindergarten!



Cliffen & Elaina enjoying some play time!

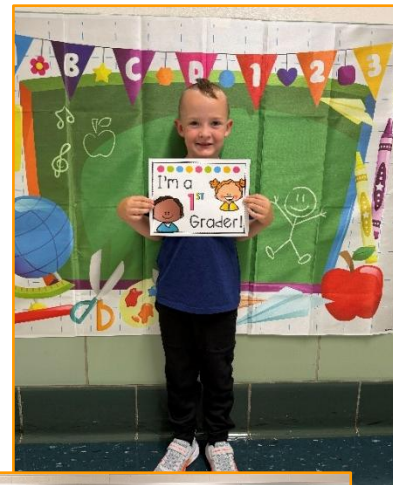
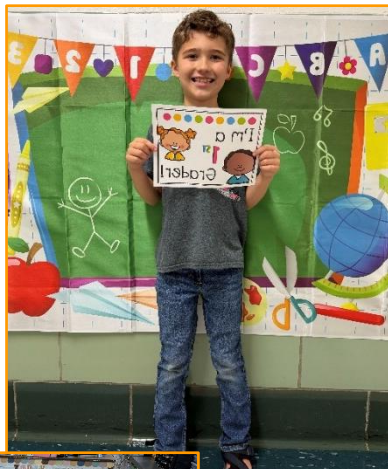




## First Grade News

We are off to a wonderful start in first grade! Our students have been busy learning classroom rules and routines and practicing what it means to be responsible, respectful learners. We also had the opportunity to visit our new science room and explore the Bluejay Nest, where students learned how to use the equipment safely and responsibly. We are excited for a fantastic year of learning and discovery together!

### Mrs. Katie Matteson's First Grade Class



Join Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts TODAY!  
Contact Rashell Pastore at 585-610-3182 for more information and to register today!

Girl Scouts is for girls entering k-12th  
Boy Scouts is for boys entering k-6th

Girl Scouts will meet bi-weekly on Tuesdays at WCS 4:00pm- 5:00pm.  
Boy Scouts will meet bi-weekly on Tuesdays at WCS 4:00pm- 5:00pm.



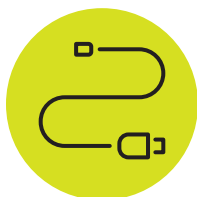
# Safe Charging Is a **SUPERPOWER**

## Charge into Fire Safety™

Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in. Everyday charging habits can help prevent lithium-ion battery fires.

**Safe charging is a SUPERPOWER!**

### USE YOUR CHARGING SUPERPOWERS



#### CHEAP CHARGER? DON'T CHANCE IT.

Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer.

**Why it matters:** Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the chance of fire. Cheap or off-brand chargers may not meet important safety standards.



#### SOFT SURFACE? HARD PASS.

Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk, or bare floor.

**Why it matters:** Devices and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows, and couches can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.



#### FEELS HOT? STOP USING IT.

Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds.

**Why it matters:** A damaged battery can overheat and start a fire.



#### FULLY CHARGED? TIME TO UNPLUG.

Unplug your device when it is fully charged.

**Why it matters:** Leaving a device plugged in can increase heat and stress on the battery.



#### FOR TOOLS AND RIDES, CHARGE OUTSIDE.

Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging.

**Why it matters:** These batteries are larger and store more energy. Fires can grow quickly if the battery fails.



#### OUT OF SIGHT? NOT IN FLIGHT.

When on a plane, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device, such as if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell.

**Why it matters:** If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to be able to respond quickly.

— Working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan can help make a life-saving difference. —



#### BATTERY SAFETY STARTS BEFORE YOU PLUG IN

Buy products listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, ETL, or CSA.\* Listed products meet important safety standards.



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# Safe Charging Is a SUPERPOWER

Charge into Fire Safety™



## Family Power Check

Work together and see how strong your charging superpowers are.  
Small actions. Big impact. Be a hero every time you plug in!

Total your **points** and  
enter your **score** below.

Circle one for each: ☐ Always ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never

|    |                                                                                          |  |                         |                         |                         |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | We use the correct charger for our device.                                               |  | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 |
| 2. | We charge all our devices on something hard.                                             |  | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 |
| 3. | We look for warning signs from our devices like heat or a smell.                         |  | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 |
| 4. | We unplug when charging is done (at 100%).                                               |  | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 |
| 5. | We charge e-bikes, e-scooters, and large tools outside.                                  |  | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 |
| 6. | When on a plane, we charge our devices where we can see them in case there is a problem. |  | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 |

**15–18 points**  
**SUPERCHARGED HERO**

You are doing a great job!

**10–14 points**  
**POWERING UP**

Keep going.  
You are close.

**6–9 points**  
**LEVEL UP**

Pick one habit to practice.

### Family Power Mission

What is one charging habit your family will work on?

\_\_\_\_\_

### Superpower Pledge

We make safe choices every time we plug in.

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**FIRE  
PREVENTION  
WEEK™**

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Your Logo

WCS has been approved to participate in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) - Breakfast and Lunch are FREE this year for all students.

Extra Entree: \$1.50

**Everyday Breakfast Choices:**

Main Breakfast, Cereal, Toast, Muffin, Yogurt, Oatmeal, Fruit, Juice & Milk

Lunch is FREE this year.

Extra Entree: \$3.20

**Everyday Lunch Choices:**

Main Menu, Chicken Patty, Julienne Salad, Cereal, Fresh Carrots, Fruit & Milk

Must have Money on Account to Purchase:

K-5th Grade morning milk or Juice \$0.65 each

Snacks \$0.75 each

Ice Cream \$1.00 each

Any Questions or information on accounts, please contact

**CAFÉ BLUEJAY**

607-356-3301 ext. 231

OR

[ssherman@whitesvillesd.org](mailto:ssherman@whitesvillesd.org)



Monday



Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday



Friday

|  |                                |                                       | 1                                               | 2                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                    |                                |                                       | Sausage Sandwich                                | Frudel                                        |
|                                                                                    |                                |                                       | Cheesy Breadsticks<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Carrots | Chicken Patty<br>Mixed Veggies                |
| 5                                                                                  | 6                              | 7                                     | 8                                               | 9                                             |
| Sausage Pizza                                                                      | Egg & Cheese Croissant         | Waffles                               | Sausage Croissant                               | Cinnamon Roll                                 |
| Pizza Crunchers<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Green Beans                                   | Soft Shell Taco<br>Black Beans | Bluejay Bowl<br>Corn                  | Chicken Alfredo<br>Broccoli                     | Texas Hot<br>French Fries                     |
|  | 13                             | 14                                    | 15                                              | 16                                            |
|                                                                                    | Egg & Cheese Biscuit           | Chocolate Chip<br>French Toast        | Sausage Biscuit                                 | Bagel Bar                                     |
|                                                                                    | Taco Pizza<br>Corn             | Tangerine Chicken<br>Rice, Peas       | Spirals with Meat Sauce<br>Green Beans          | Hamburger/Cheeseburger<br>Carrots             |
| 19                                                                                 | 20                             | 21                                    | 22                                              | 23                                            |
| Bacon Pizza                                                                        | Egg & Cheese Bagel             | Breakfast on a Stick                  | Sausage Sandwich                                | Cini Mini                                     |
| Mini Triangle Pizzas<br>Mixed Veggies                                              | Taco Salad<br>Chick Peas       | Popcorn Chicken<br>Potato Smiles      | Mac & Cheese<br>Breadstick, Corn                | French Toast Sticks<br>Sausage Link           |
| 26                                                                                 | 27                             | 28                                    | 29                                              | 30                                            |
| Poptart                                                                            | Egg & Cheese Croissant         | Pancakes                              | Sausage Croissant                               | Frudel                                        |
| Cheese, Pepperoni,<br>Chicken Wing Pizza<br>Carrots                                | Walking Taco<br>Black Beans    | Chicken Nuggets<br>Roll, French Fries | Meatball Sub<br>Peas                            | Hot Ham & Cheese on<br>Pretzel Roll, Broccoli |



# Whitesville Central School

## October 2026



| Sunday                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                         | Tuesday                                                                                                              | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                                                                                                     | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Refer to the Sports Schedule for Games                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                      |           | 1        | 2                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |           |          |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4<br> | 5<br>Fire Prevention Week<br>                                                                                 | 6                                                                                                                    | 7         | 8        | 9                                                                                                          | 10                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 11                                                                                    | 12<br><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Columbus Day/<br>Indigenous Peoples Day<br><br>School Board<br>Recognition Week | 13<br>Board Meeting<br>6:30 PM<br> | 14        | 15       | 16                                                                                                         | 17<br>Whitesville Scouts<br>sponsored Craft, Art<br>& Vendor Show<br>10-3:00 PM<br> |
| 18                                                                                    | 19                                                                                                                                                                                             | 20                                                                                                                   | 21        | 22       | 23<br> Halloween Fair | 24                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 25                                                                                    | 26                                                                                                                                                                                             | 27                                                                                                                   | 28        | 29       | 30<br>                | 31<br>Halloween<br>Trick or Treating<br>6 -8:00 PM<br><b>Only</b> houses with<br>porch light on                                                                         |

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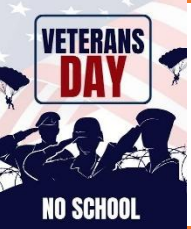
| Monday                                             | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                                    | Thursday                                            | Friday                        |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2<br>Egg Omelet, Sausage Link                      | 3<br>Egg & Cheese Biscuit      | 4<br>Waffles                                 | 5<br>Sausage Biscuit                                | 6<br>Cinnamon Roll            |
| Personal Pizza<br>Carrots                          | Quesadilla<br>Broccoli         | Chicken Fingers<br>Tater Tots                | Cheesy Breadsticks<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Green Beans | Corn Dog<br>Mixed Veggies     |
| 9<br>Sausage Pizza                                 | 10<br>Egg & Cheese Bagel       | HONORING THOSE<br>VETERANS DAY<br>WHO SERVED | 12<br>Sausage Sandwich                              | 13<br>Bagel Bar               |
| French Bread Pizza<br>Mixed Veggies                | Nachos & Cheese<br>Black Beans | Lasagna<br>Peas                              | Chicken Patty<br>Mashed Potatoes                    |                               |
| 16<br>Poptart                                      | 17<br>Egg & Cheese Croissant   | 18<br>Chocolate Chip<br>French Toast         | 19<br>Sausage Croissant                             | 20<br>Cini Mini               |
| Mozzarella Sticks<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Green Beans | Soft Shell Taco<br>Corn        | Chicken Fries<br>Potato Smiles               | Spaghetti with Meatballs<br>Carrots                 | Tomato Soup<br>Grilled Cheese |
| PARENT / TEACHER<br>CONFERENCES                    | HAPPY THANKSGIVING             |                                              |                                                     |                               |
| 30<br>Bacon Pizza                                  |                                | Thankful<br>FOR YOU                          |                                                     |                               |
| Pizza Crunchers<br>Marinara Sauce                  |                                |                                              |                                                     |                               |



# Whitesville Central School

## November 2026



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                              | Monday                                                                                                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                                     | Thursday                                                                                                                              | Friday                                                                                                                                                | Saturday      |
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| <div>1</div> <div>Daylight Saving Time Ends</div> <div>Set Your Clocks Back</div>  | <div>2</div>                                                                                                                                                 | <div>3</div>  <div>MIDTERM ELECTIONS</div>                                                            | <div>4</div>                                                                                                                                  | <div>5</div>                                                                                                                          | <div>6</div> <div>Girl Scout sponsored Purse Palooza 6 -8PM</div>  | <div>7</div>  |
| <div>8</div>                                                                                                                                                        | <div>9</div>                                                                                                                                                 | <div>10</div> <div>Board Meeting 6:30 PM</div>                                                        | <div>11</div> <div>VETERANS DAY</div>  <div>NO SCHOOL</div> | <div>12</div> <div>Thank You Veterans</div>        | <div>13</div>                                                                                                                                         | <div>14</div> |
| <div>15</div>                                                                                                                                                       | <div>16</div>                                                                                                                                                | <div>17</div>                                                                                                                                                                          | <div>18</div>                                                                                                                                 | <div>19</div> <div>Picture Day</div>              | <div>20</div>                                                                                                                                         | <div>21</div> |
| <div>22</div>                                                                                                                                                       | <div>23</div> <div>Parent/Teacher Conference</div>  <div>NO CLASSES</div> | <div>24</div> <div>THANKSGIVING BREAK 24<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup></div>  <div>NO SCHOOL</div> | <div>25</div>                                                                                                                                 | <div>26</div> <div>HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY</div>  | <div>27</div>                                                                                                                                         | <div>28</div> |
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## AW – SPORTS SCHEDULE

| Thursday, October 1st   |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 6:00 PM                 | Soccer Boys Var           |     | Friendship-Scio                | Andover Central School Varsity Field             |
| Friday, October 2nd     |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 7:00 PM                 | Soccer Girls Var          | A   | Fillmore                       | Fillmore Central School Stadium Field            |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls JV       | A   | Cuba-Rushford/Bolivar-Richburg | Cuba-Rushford High School Gym                    |
| 8:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Var      | A   | Cuba-Rushford/Bolivar-Richburg | Cuba-Rushford High School Gym                    |
| Saturday, October 3rd   |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 11:00 AM                | Soccer Boys Var           | A   | Jasper-Troupsburg              | Jasper-Troupsburg Sports Complex Soccer Field    |
| 10:00 AM                | Soccer Boys Modified      | A   | Cuba-Rushford/Bolivar-Richburg | Cuba-Rushford High School Football Field         |
| 10:00 AM                | Soccer Girls Modified     | A   | Cuba-Rushford/Bolivar-Richburg | Cuba-Rushford                                    |
| 10:00 AM                | Volleyball Girls Modified | A   | Cuba-Rushford/Bolivar-Richburg | Cuba-Rushford High School Gym                    |
| Monday, October 5th     |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 7:00 PM                 | Soccer Boys Var           | A   | Fillmore                       | Fillmore Central School Stadium Field            |
| 6:15 PM                 | Soccer Boys Modified      | H   | Friendship-Scio                | Whitesville Central School Soccer Field          |
| 5:00 PM                 | Soccer Girls Modified     | H   | Friendship-Scio                | Whitesville Central School Soccer Field          |
| Tuesday, October 6th    |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 7:00 PM                 | Soccer Girls Var          | A   | Wellsville                     | Wellsville Elementary School Turf/Track Facility |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Var      | H   | Houghton                       | Andover Central School Gym                       |
| Thursday, October 8th   |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 5:00 PM                 | Soccer Boys Var           | A   | Cuba-Rushford                  | Cuba-Rushford High School                        |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Var      | H   | Friendship-Scio                | Andover Central School Gym                       |
| Friday, October 9th     |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Modified | H   | Campbell-Savona/Bradford       | Andover Central School Gym                       |
| 7:30 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Var      | H   | Campbell-Savona/Bradford       | Andover Central School Gym-Basketball            |
| Saturday, October 10th  |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 3:00 PM                 | Soccer Boys Var           | H   | Arkport-Canaseraga             | Andover Central School Varsity Field             |
| 1:00 PM                 | Soccer Girls Var          | H   | Dundee/Hammondsport            | Andover Central School Varsity Field             |
| 11:15 AM                | Soccer Boys Modified      | H   | Fillmore                       | Andover Central School Varsity Field             |
| 10:00 AM                | Soccer Girls Modified     | H   | Fillmore                       | Andover Central School Varsity Field             |
| Tuesday, October 13th   |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 6:00 PM                 | Soccer Boys Var           | A   | Avoca-Prattsburgh              | Avoca Central School Varsity Soccer Field        |
| 6:00 PM                 | Soccer Girls Var          | H   | Jasper-Troupsburg              | Andover Central School Varsity Field             |
| 5:00 PM                 | Soccer Boys Modified      | A   | Canisteo-Greenwood             | Canisteo-Greenwood Elementary                    |
| 5:00 PM                 | Soccer Girls Modified     | A   | Canisteo-Greenwood             | Canisteo-Greenwood Elementary                    |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls JV       | A   | Fillmore                       | Fillmore Central School Gym-Basketball           |
| 7:30 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Var      | A   | Fillmore                       | Fillmore Central School Gym                      |
| Wednesday, October 14th |                           |     |                                |                                                  |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title                 | Site                                             |
| 6:00 PM                 | Soccer Girls Var          | H   | Charles Finney                 | Andover Central School Varsity Field             |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Modified | A   | Fillmore                       | Fillmore Central School Gym                      |

| Thursday, October 15th  |                           |     |                        |                                               |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title         | Site                                          |
| 5:00 PM                 | Soccer Boys Var           | H   | Genesee Valley-Belfast | Whitesville Central School                    |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls JV       | H   | Hinsdale               | Andover Central School Gym-Basketball         |
| 7:45 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Var      | H   | Hinsdale - Volleyball  | Andover Central School Gym                    |
| Friday, October 16th    |                           |     |                        |                                               |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title         | Site                                          |
| 6:00 PM                 | Soccer Girls Var          | H   | Genesee Valley-Belfast | Whitesville Central School                    |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Modified | H   | Hinsdale               | Andover Central School Gym                    |
| Monday, October 19th    |                           |     |                        |                                               |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title         | Site                                          |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Modified | A   | Wellsville             | Wellsville Elementary School Intermediate Gym |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Var      | A   |                        | Campbell-Savona High School Gym               |
| Tuesday, October 20th   |                           |     |                        |                                               |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title         | Site                                          |
| 5:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls JV       | A   | Wellsville             | Wellsville Secondary School High School Gym   |
| 6:30 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Var      | A   | Wellsville             | Wellsville Secondary School High School Gym   |
| Wednesday, October 21st |                           |     |                        |                                               |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title         | Site                                          |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Modified | H   | Genesee Valley-Belfast | Andover Central School Gym                    |
| Thursday, October 22nd  |                           |     |                        |                                               |
| Time                    | Team                      | H/A | Opponent/Title         | Site                                          |
| 6:00 PM                 | Volleyball Girls JV       | H   | Genesee Valley-Belfast | Andover Central School Gym-Basketball         |
| 7:45 PM                 | Volleyball Girls Var      | H   | Genesee Valley-Belfast | Andover Central School Gym-Basketball         |



## **BOOSTER CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Keep those cans and bottles coming!**

**We are STILL collecting bottles and cans to help support our athletic programs. Every bottle, every can and every donation makes a difference for our student athletics.**



**Thank you for supporting  
our athletes and the  
Booster Club!**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

# TRUNK OR TREAT

PRESENTED BY YOUR WHITESVILLE GIRL SCOUTS

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026**

**5:00-5:30 PM**  
Back into a space and  
trick-or-treat your trunk!

**5:30-6:30 PM**  
Trunk or Treating!

**6:30 PM**  
Announcing Winners for  
Best Decorations!

**Bring LOTS of candy!**  
Prizes will be awarded to 3 best  
decorated trunks.

**Location:**  
Commercial Ave, Whitesville  
Trunks still needed. Contact  
Whitesville Girl Scouts on  
Facebook to sign up.

**If you are  
interested...**  
Contact Whitesville Girl Scouts  
on Facebook OR Rashell Pastore to  
reserve your spot before  
October 3rd!  
"Golf carts and trucks  
are welcome!"



WHITESVILLE CUB SCOUTS  
PRESENTS

# CHILI COOK-OFF

**MONDAY, 10/12/26**

  **BRING THE HEAT!**  |  **5:00-6:30 PM**

**Hot Prizes for the best chili!**  
Chili entries can be checked in on Commercial Ave,  
Whitesville NY

Along side the Girl Scout Annual Trunk or Treat  
Contact Rashell Pastore to Register Today!  
 [rashellpastore@gmail.com](mailto:rashellpastore@gmail.com) or 585-610-3182

**FREE TO ENTER!**



 **Purse Palooza** 

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**  
— ♥ — 6-8 PM — ♥ —

**AT THE WHITESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
LARGE GYM**

|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>\$25</b><br>PRESALE<br>TICKETS | <b>\$30</b><br>AT THE DOOR |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|

**FOR 10 ROUNDS**

 **DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES, DAUBERS,  
AND MORE!** 

**COME ON OUT AND**  
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**During Purse Palooza!**

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**TRI COUNTY YMCA OF NY**  
Whitesville Early Learning Center Staff

 **FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 6TH**  
6:00 – 8:00 PM

 **DURING  
PURSE PALOOZA**

**\$5 PER CHILD**

 **INSIDE THE DAYCARE CLASSROOM  
IN WHITESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL**

 **TO PRE REGISTER YOUR CHILD  
CONTACT KAYLEE AT**  
 **khunt@tricountyymcany.com**

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 CRAFT, ART, & VENDOR SHOW  
**10/17/26**  
 10AM - 3PM  
 at  
**WHITESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL**

SHOP LOCAL!  
 SUPPORT  
 OUR  
 COMMUNITY!

**KIDS FUN ZONE!**  
 BOUNCE HOUSES,  
 OBSTACLE COURSE,  
 AND MORE!  
**\$5** ALL DAY  
 WRIST BANDS!

**VENDOR ITEM AUCTION!**

**BAKE SALE!**

**CONCESSION STAND!**

**CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**  
 12PM - 2PM  
**\$10 BUY IN PER PERSON**  
 SIGN UP THE DAY OF  
 OR BY EMAILING  
 Rashellpastore@gmail.com  
**CASH PRIZE!**

**MAC & CHEESE Contest!**  
 12PM - 2PM  
**FREE ENTRY!**  
 TROPHY FOR TOP 3!

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**WHITESVILLE GIRL SCOUTS**  
**WHITESVILLE CUB SCOUTS**

COME FOR THE FUN, STAY FOR THE COMMUNITY!  
 Thank you for supporting our local youth!

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST EVER  
**COMMUNITY HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**

This is a free family event sponsored by the Whitesville Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts

Come on out and kick off the holiday season by singing Christmas in a small town, enjoy seeing the holiday tree light up for the first time, sip on some hot cocoa, and enjoy some holiday fun!

Rumor has it that the **GRINCH** plans to stop the lighting ceremony! Don't worry local law enforcement will be on stand by in case the **GRINCH** tries anything other than photo ops with the community.

**SUNDAY 11/29 5-6PM**

**AT THE WHITESVILLE AMBULANCE BAY**





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**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO:**

SAM HANBACH  
SHANBACH@TRICOUNTYYMCANY.COM



**WHITESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL**

692 MAIN STREET  
WHITESVILLE, NY 14897

## **BENEFITS OF OUR DAYCARE:**

**SAFE, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT**  
WHERE KIDS ARE CARED FOR LIKE FAMILY

**SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL GROWTH**  
LEARNING TO SHARE, COMMUNICATE, & BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

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**SCHOOL READINESS**  
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**HEALTHY MEALS & SNACKS**  
KEEPING KIDS FUELED & FOCUSED

**FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING**  
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**CLEAN, SAFE FACILITIES**  
WITH STRICT HYGIENE & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

**DAILY UPDATES**  
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LIVES EVERY DAY!**



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## **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

We are currently hiring **Assistant Teachers** in all of our daycare locations open Monday-Friday:

- » Bath, NY
- » Cohocton, NY
- » Swain, NY
- » Whitesville, NY

If you are caring, reliable, and passionate about working with children, we would love to hear from you!

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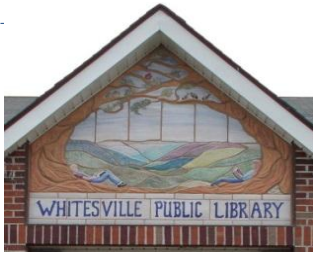
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## Whitesville Public Library

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[www.whitesvillelibrary.org](http://www.whitesvillelibrary.org)

[whitesville@stls.org](mailto:whitesville@stls.org)

### **STLS applied for a grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation on behalf of the Allegany County Libraries.**

Whitesville Public Library was awarded \$5,500. We have purchased some items, some are ready to be checked out. Some have not yet arrived, some are waiting to be added to the catalog. We will be ordering more items soon. We are waiting for the shed to store them in to arrive. Items available now include Yard Yahtzee/Farkle, Kan Jam, Cornhole, Lawn Tic Tac Toe, metal detector, bird watching kits and more. Stop in and borrow them with your library card.

**Two programs will be resuming in October.** The Show & Tell Book Club will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30. There is no specific book to read. Each attendee comes prepared to tell about your current or recent read. Let us know if you like it or you don't. This gives everyone ideas for their next read. Keri Coleman will also be teaching the Family Spanish program. This program will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. This program is for all levels. Keri makes it a fun and engaging time for all.

**Bob Kronenwetter, a new community member, is interested in beginning a Writing Group at the library.** If you would like more information about this contact us and we will get answers for you. Day and time will be announced after we know what the interest is.

**Annette Gill will be at the library from 9-5 on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 9-5 and Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9-5 to answer any questions you have about your Medicare or insurance needs.** Annette is very helpful in finding you the right fit for your needs.

**On Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> we will have a Pumpkin Decorating Day.** You are invited to stop in between 10-4 and paint a pumpkin, stay as long as you are able. We have a variety of pumpkins to choose from.

**Have you seen the Library Blue Jays?** They are visiting around town. If they land in your lawn a donation will get them moved to another location. If you have a lawn you would like them to visit let us know, if not, the trustees will choose one. Thank you for supporting us in our **FUN RAISER!!**

**A fun, informal library program is a Puzzle Challenge.** Ravensburger Wrike has donated 5 puzzles to the library for this program. All puzzles are identical. Five teams of four members will compete to see who can complete the puzzle first. We will hold our first Puzzle Challenge on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Register your team of four soon. There is no charge to enter.

### **Dates to Remember:**

#### **October**

|          |    |                         |            |
|----------|----|-------------------------|------------|
| Tuesday  | 6  | Show & Tell Book Club   | 5:30       |
| Monday   | 12 | Pumpkin Decorating      | 10:00-4:00 |
|          |    | Spanish                 | 5:30       |
| Tuesday  | 20 | Board Meeting           | 6:00       |
| Saturday | 24 | Card Making with Denise | 9:00       |
| Monday   | 26 | Anette Gill             | 9-5        |
|          |    | Spanish                 | 5:30       |
| Saturday | 31 | Trick or Treat          | 6-8        |

#### **November**

|          |    |                                 |       |
|----------|----|---------------------------------|-------|
| Tuesday  | 3  | Show & Tell Book Club           | 5:30  |
| Monday   | 9  | Anette Gill                     | 9-5   |
|          |    | Spanish                         | 5:30  |
| Saturday | 14 | Puzzle Challenge                | 10:00 |
| Tuesday  | 17 | Board Meeting                   | 6:00  |
| Monday   | 23 | Spanish                         |       |
|          |    | 26 & 27 Closed for Thanksgiving |       |

# Safe Swimming



## Tips for Everyone

- Always swim with someone else and keep an eye on each other.
- Pay extra attention to your children around water.
- Consider your health. Medical conditions like a seizure disorder or heart condition can put people at greater risk of drowning.
- Avoid water that is greater than chest deep if you can't swim.
- Don't use alcohol or drugs if you plan to swim.
- Do not dive into water unless you know it is at least 8 feet deep.
- Pay attention to the weather. Never swim during a storm or when you see lightning.
- The safest place to swim is at a public beach or at a pool with lifeguards.

## Know the Signs of Drowning

Each year, hundreds of New Yorkers drown. It can happen to anyone, anywhere there is water. Drowning occurs quickly and silently. Someone drowning may appear to be splashing or waving when they are struggling to stay afloat.

Reduce your risk. Learn basic swimming skills. Consider taking a CPR class. Rescue breathing, first aid, and calling 911 could save a life.



## Keep Kids Safe

Kids and teens have the greatest risk of drowning. Always keep little ones within arm's reach, even in the shallow end.

Lifeguards and life jackets don't take the place of close adult supervision. Keep kids away from the pool by putting up a strong fence with a locked gate.

## Stay Healthy

Germs can spread through water. Avoid getting sick by not swallowing water, and rinsing off before and after you swim. Never swim in cloudy or discolored water.

Stay out of the water if you are sick with diarrhea, or if you have open cuts or wounds. Don't pee or poop in the water. Take children on frequent bathroom breaks.

## When Boating

Always follow safe boating practices and wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved (I-III label) life jacket. Air-filled swimming aids, like water wings and floats, should never be used.

## More Information

[health.ny.gov/SwimSafe](http://health.ny.gov/SwimSafe)



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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct. 5 & Nov. 19**  
School Picture Days

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**Oct. 12**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Columbus/Indigenous Peoples  
Day

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**Oct. 13 & Nov. 10**  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting

\*

**Oct. 23**  
Halloween Fair

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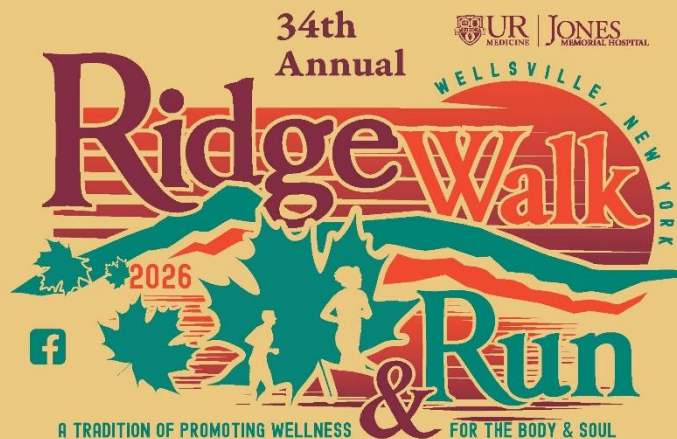
**Nov. 11**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Veterans Day

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**Nov. 23**  
**NO CLASSES**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

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**Nov. 24 – 27**  
Thanksgiving Recess



**OCTOBER 18, 2026**

**RUN: 5K • 10K • 25K**  
**WALK: 2MI • 6MI • 9MI • 25K**

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