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Empowering all learners to wonder, explore, and grow.

From the desk of Mrs. Emery, Superintendent



Dear Whitesville Community,

As we approach the holiday season and the start of a new year, I want to take a moment to celebrate our students and the wonderful things happening within our school community. Our students and teachers have embraced our *Outdoor Education* curriculum, transforming our walking trail into a true outdoor learning center. It's amazing to see their creativity and curiosity in action!



Our students are also preparing to delight you at our Winter Concert on Friday, December 12th, at 6PM, where we will celebrate *"Christmas in a Small Town."* We hope you will join us for this special event.



I am so thankful for the dedication our entire faculty and staff show each and every day to provide the best experiences for our students. Their teamwork, creativity, and genuine care for our children make Whitesville a truly special place to learn and grow.

Our 7–12th grade students continue to thrive at Andover Central School. To help our community stay connected and share in their accomplishments, we will now be sending all Whitesville residents a copy of the ***Andover Central School Newsletter***. This will allow everyone to see and celebrate the many successes of all our students throughout the year.

From all of us at Whitesville Central School, I wish you a joyful Christmas season and a happy, healthy New Year filled with peace and gratitude.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Tammy Emery
Superintendent

Whitesville Senior Citizens

You are Invited to attend a **Luncheon at 12:00 Noon on Friday, December 12th**, followed by a delightful **Christmas Concert at 1:00 PM.**

Please call the Main Office at 607-356-3301, ext. 221 no later than **Monday, December 8th** to make your reservation or email ssherman@whitesvillesd.org.

We look forward to seeing you!



From the desk of Mrs. McNeely, Principal



Season's Greetings!

As we conclude the first marking period, it is remarkable how quickly the year is progressing. Thanksgiving has come and gone, and we look forward to the start of a new calendar year.

The fall season has been filled with excitement and meaningful experiences for our students and families; from making apple cider to participating in engaging family night events and much more.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to attend one of our *Parents as Partners* events, I encourage you to mark your calendars for future dates. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to connect, collaborate, and support our students together.

Reminders

- 🏀 **Basketball Season:** The season is underway! Please park only in designated parking spaces. Fire lanes must remain clear at all times for both entrance and exit in the front parking lot.

  As we enjoy another exciting basketball season, let's all model good sportsmanship and school spirit.

  "Let the players play, the coaches coach, the officials officiate, and the fans cheer." Together, we can create a positive and respectful environment for all.

- 🚭 **Tobacco-Free Campus:** Smoking, vaping, and the use of any tobacco products are strictly prohibited on school property.

Attendance Matters!

Consistent attendance is essential to each student's academic success. We appreciate your continued partnership in ensuring students are present, on time, and ready to learn each day.



Thank You!

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Together, we make our school a wonderful place for students to learn and grow.

Respectfully,
Mrs. McNeely





Meet Mr. Gallicchio – Director of Technology



Hi everyone! My name is Nick Gallicchio, and I'm excited to be part of the Andover and Whitesville communities. Before joining here, I worked at the Canisteo-Greenwood School District, where I gained valuable experience and built lasting connections.

Outside of work, I'm passionate about music. I play guitar and bass, sing, and also enjoy writing my own music. I listen to all genres, from classic rock and pop to hip-hop and funk. If it has a groove, I'm into it!

I also love to travel. I've been to Colorado and taken multiple trips to Massachusetts and Maine, with Cape Cod being one of my favorite spots. My next big adventure is heading to Palm Springs, California, and I'm really looking forward to it.

On the sports side, I'm a proud Buffalo Bills and Chicago Bulls fan. Whether it's catching a game, exploring a new place, or jamming out with friends, I bring energy and creativity to everything I do.

I am Looking forward to getting to know more of you and contributing to the great things happening here!





https://nyassembly.gov/mem/joe-sempolinski

WHITESVILLE – Assemblyman Joe Sempolinski presented $20,000 in unrestricted state aid to Whitesville Central School Superintendent Tammy Emery on October 2, 2025, during a talk with sixth-grade students in Teacher Amy Brundage's class.

"Whitesville is a wonderful school, it's also the smallest school district in Allegany County," Assemblyman Sempolinski said. "I'm very grateful to be able to provide this state aid to help fund programs for the students. Whitesville Central is a place where this money will have a true impact and go the furthest."

Superintendent Emery said the district will put the $20,000 from Assemblyman Sempolinski to good use.

"We are grateful to Assemblyman Sempolinski for visiting Whitesville Central School to speak with our sixth graders," Superintendent Emely said. "His passion for both history and helping children made this an exciting opportunity for our students. We are also deeply appreciative of his generous support of $20,000, which will be invested in our strategic plan initiatives to further empower our learners, teachers, and leaders to wonder, explore, and grow."

Assemblyman Sempolinski said he is happy to be able to help the district. He also thanked Mrs. Brundage for welcoming him into her classroom and her students asking excellent questions about state government and the role of he plays as a New York State Assemblyman.

"I don't work for anyone in Albany, I work for my constituents, like the students at Whitesville Central School, their parents and their teachers and staff at the school," Assemblyman Sempolinski said. "My job is to represent them and do whatever I can to help them. I'm grateful to be in a position to provide Whitesville Central School with this $20,000 for student programs."

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS



Winter brings a lot of viruses and other illnesses. How can you tell the difference between whether your child has a cold, flu or whether it is just allergies? Here is a handy chart: (link) Cold vs Flu vs Allergies | Family Allergy & Asthma



Remember, students should stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication. If you had to give a child medicine for a fever in the morning, please keep them home from school! If your child is prescribed an antibiotic for something like strep throat, they should stay home for 24 hours after the antibiotic is started. Let's have a healthy winter!

Also:

The upcoming holidays are a wonderful time of the year! But according to the American Heart Association, more people have heart attacks on December 25, December 26, and January 1 than any other day of the year. In fact, cardiac death is almost 5% higher during the holiday season than the rest of the year. Ensuring a healthy and joyous holiday season involves prioritizing both mental and heart health. Engage in activities that bring joy, practice mindfulness, and nurture supportive relationships. Here are some heart health tips:



- **Know symptoms and take action:** Heart attack signs and stroke symptoms vary in men and women and it's important to recognize them early and call 9-1-1 for help. The sooner medical treatment begins, the better the chances of survival and preventing heart damage.
- **Celebrate in moderation** Eating healthfully during the holidays doesn't have to mean depriving yourself, there are still ways to eat smart. Look for small, healthy changes and swaps you can make so you continue to feel your best while eating and drinking in moderation, and don't forget to watch your salt intake.



- **Plan for peace on earth and goodwill toward yourself:** Make time to take care of yourself during the busy holiday. Reduce stress from family interactions, strained finances, hectic schedules and other stressors prevalent this time of year, including traveling.



- **Keep moving:** The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week and this number usually drops during the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Get creative with ways to stay active, even if it's going for a family walk or another fun activity you can do with your loved ones.
- **Stick to your meds:** Busy holidays can cause you to skip medications, forgetting them when away from home or not getting refills in a timely manner. The American Heart Association has a medication chart to help stay on top of it and be sure to keep tabs on your blood pressure numbers.

The American Heart Association has more on ways to live heart-healthy during the holidays and all year long at heart.org.

Respectfully,
Sandi Barner, RN
Whitesville School Nurse



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

Parents as Partners (Session 2)

On October 17th, WCS hosted Session 2 of our Parents as Partners program. And boy, it was a great night! We had 24 children in attendance, along with their families. We loved seeing our students actively engaged with their family members! And we enjoyed getting to know our WCS families a bit more too!

Students were able to partake in three stations, creating a Halloween Cat, Pocket Pumpkins, and 'Costuming' their healthy snacks. It was truly a great evening for all our Halloween lovers!

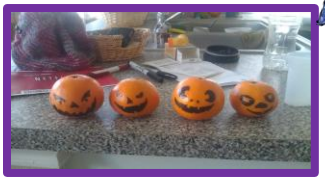
















THE BLUE JAY NEST





The Student's Wellness Center was officially opened on November 7, 2025! "This space was designed to support movement, mindfulness, and fun, complete with youth-sized row machines, stationary bikes, trampolines, tumbling space and even a jungle gym!" -Mrs. Emery 💙🤍💙 Students have been tasked with creating artwork for the walls and voting on a name for the space to make it their own!















Classroom News



Fourth grade has had an exciting and productive start to the year! In ELA, we began by reading *Small Steps*, the true story of Peg Kehret, a woman who survived polio. Students used this mentor's text to guide their own personal narratives. We then explored the Middle Ages—both in Europe, focusing on Catholicism, and in Arabia, focusing on Islam. Students wrote an opinion paragraph comparing the two regions and are now drafting historical fiction pieces set in the medieval world. Next up: poetry, with a festive Christmas theme!

In math, we've practiced 1-digit by 2-digit multiplication and division, learned strategies like place value charts and area models, and worked with factors and multiples to identify prime and composite numbers. Our next unit will continue these skills with multi-digit operations. Fridays are our favorite: Fun Friday math games and a class-wide Monopoly match that is still ongoing!





In science, we completed our first unit by studying the structures and functions of crayfish and paper white flowers. Students wrapped up by creating animal research presentations highlighting how different structures help animals survive. It's been a rich, hands-on season of learning in 4th grade!





Our Celebration of our Personal Narrative Unit. (The creator of Candyland was a teacher who had Polio.)





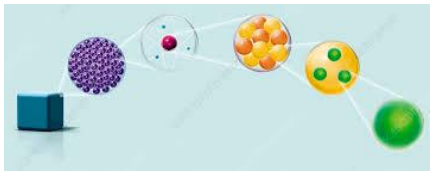
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Fifth grade boys have been busy so far this year. We have completed Units 1 in math and ELA. Fifth graders are now studying Native American History as part of lessons related to Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to expanding our knowledge and visiting the Seneca Iroquois Nation Museum in Salamanca this month.

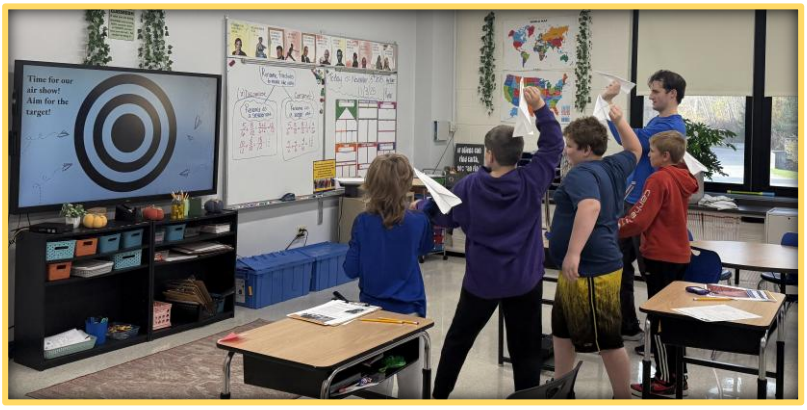
In math, students are learning all about fractions which include adding and subtracting mixed numbers and whole numbers. In December, students will be starting Module 3, which will include multiplication and division with fractions.

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In science class, students have been exploring concepts related to the structure and properties of matter. This includes developing models to show that matter is made up of particles too small to be seen and making observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties. Students will also measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that matter is neither created nor destroyed when changing it in any way, including heating, cooling, and mixing. Finally, students will conduct investigations to determine whether mixing two or more substances results in new substances.

We recently had REV theater come for a visit. Students immersed themselves in all things about Amelia Earhart, including making paper airplanes of their own. They learned all about her travels across the world; and how to do this very day, no one is certain of what happened to Ameilia Earhart. They loved the play and sent REV theater their feedback and any questions they had.







ELA:

We started the year reading about Roald Dahl and the book "Boy: Tales of Childhood" as part of our new ELA Unit. We learned how the writer focuses on writing to show versus telling us about the characters. As we finished the Unit, we wrote narratives about who caused more trouble, the boys, or the adults. Our next Unit focuses on Mysteries and Investigations, where the students will "read like an investigator" in relation to the Yellow Fever and Sherlock Homes.





Math:

We have been learning about Ratios and Rates. We spent time learning how to write and compare ratios, find equivalent ratios, and then compare ratios in different real-life relationships. We then talked about rates in math and applied it to speed, which we can use in science class. Finally, we learned about how to read and write percents. Our next unit focuses on finding factors, multiples, divisibility, as well as working with decimals and fractions.



Science:
Our first kit was learning about Energy, with a focus on things in our home that use and convert energy. By the end of our unit, we learned how to find energy efficient items to help us save energy. Our next unit focuses on Force and Motion. We will look at the safety features of two vehicles and decide which one will have the best safety system. We will learn about speed, acceleration, mass, and Newton's 3 Laws of Motion.

Social Studies:
We will be covering the Eastern Hemisphere this year. We have learned some basic map skills and will continue to learn more about geography, environment, cultures, and economic systems there.



We also learned about some local geography and history as we walked the course of the Ridge Walk in Wellsville. We climbed the path, spent time reading all the signs and listened to the people giving presentations about the historical and/or scientific features of the area.





Physical Education

So far this school year in Physical Education, students have been working hard to build their fitness, teamwork, and sports skills. We began the year with activities that focused on cooperation, movement, and personal goal setting. Students have practiced basic skills in games such as soccer, volleyball, parachute, and racquet activities while also learning about the importance of stretching, good sportsmanship, and staying active.

As we move forward, we'll continue to develop strength, endurance, and coordination through fun group games and skill challenges. I'm proud of everyone's effort and positive attitude in class!

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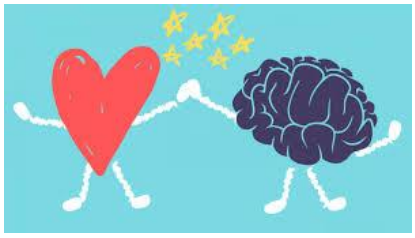


This year our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students are thriving in their Social Emotional Learning (SEL) class. SEL skills include self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.

We began by creating a safe place to discuss the principles that inform us about how we should treat ourselves and one another. We are building on the foundations that parents, or guardians, are working on at home. Our partnership is key to producing the character in our children that will bring the change that our community and culture needs.

During our time together, every child has a voice and can share what they believe or value in their lives. Facilitating these meaningful conversations is building their confidence, resilience to handle stress and increasing their knowledge of how to interact with others in a way to create meaningful relationships. It is always a highlight to see our students applying the skills or principles we are learning when a conflict arises or when a peer may need help.





Here at Whitesville Central School, we are developing people who are going to be compassionate, helpful and advocate for others' needs above their own. I am grateful to see how much our students have grown and look forward to what this next quarter will bring!



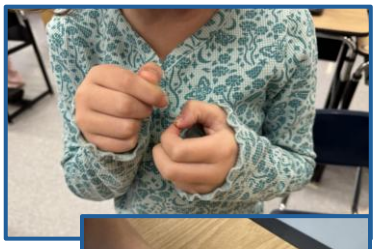
Cooking Club



The Cooking Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 3:15–4:15 and is open to all 3rd–6th grade students who want to learn real-life kitchen skills. We've started the year by talking about healthy food choices, what balanced eating looks like, how to prepare foods safely, and how simple ingredients can become delicious meals. Students have also learned the expectations for working safely in our small kitchen and the importance of cleanliness and teamwork. Beginning next week, we'll officially start cooking! Throughout the year, students will follow recipes, measure ingredients, practice mixing and chopping safely, and prepare a variety of fun, nutritious dishes. Our goal is to have some community events to celebrate the students' newly acquired skills as well as some bake sales to support future years of Cooking Club! Cooking Club is all about building confidence, responsibility, and joy as students create food together in a warm, supportive environment.

Lady's Club







Ladies Club is a schoolwide morning program offered to all girls every Wednesday from 7:15–7:45. This club gives students a gentle, encouraging start to their day while building confidence, independence, and practical life skills. So far this year, we've learned about daily hygiene routines and practiced hands-on hair care, including different braiding techniques. We've now begun our sewing unit, where students are learning essential stitches, how to mend small tears, and the basics of caring for and repairing clothing. As their skills grow, they'll finish the unit by designing and creating their own decorative pillow to take home. Ladies Club is a place where girls can learn real-world skills, express creativity, and enjoy community with one another. It's a sweet, intentional space that helps them feel capable, supported, and ready for the day ahead. ** Lady's Club Pictures (Threading a Needle)*

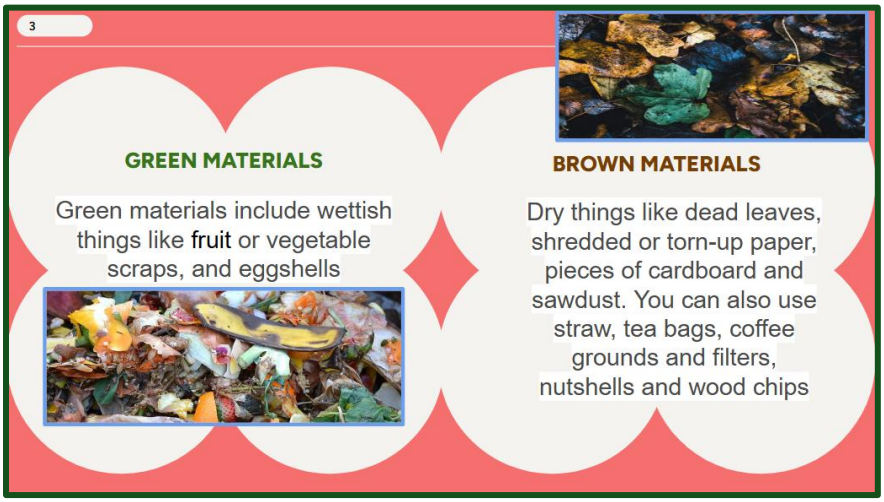


Nature Club

During Session 1 of WCS Nature Club the students learned about composting and why composting is important for our Earth. Club members learned the difference between 'green' materials and 'brown' materials for composting. The students identified 'greens' that they eat in our WCS cafeteria.

Mr. Mike, our head custodian, created a Compost Bin for the Nature Club to begin their Composting School-Wide Initiative! Mr. Mike and his staff have been adding 'browns' to the 'greens' that Ms. Sheri has been collecting when preparing our students' meals. A big thank you to both!

Club members presented a slide deck in every classroom sharing what composting is and how we, as a school, can help. Students will be collecting 'greens' in the cafeteria, adding to our compost bin. Great job to our Nature Club members!



General Guidelines:

- Put in twice as much brown stuff than green - if get gets too watery, add more brown stuff!
- To help the materials decompose into compost faster, have kids turn over and stir the contents, or poke with a stick

WCS Annual Bizarre Bazaar

December 18, 2025



The WCS Music Department is *joyfully* accepting donations for our ever-popular holiday fundraiser! As you deck the halls and prepare for the season, we invite our families and friends to set aside special items to contribute.

Donations may be dropped off in the **Main Office** and will make their way to **Mrs. Lowe's room**. We are especially in need of gifts for **"DAD"** and **"GRANDPA."**

Your generosity helps make this event a merry success each year! Thank you for your wonderful support. Our Bizarre Bazaar will be held on **December 18, 2025!**

For these items to be "giftable", please ensure they are very "clean like-new" or new and could include:

- ties/belts/scarves/hats/mittens/gloves/purses
- Fishing lures/sports memorabilia
- mugs/tins/baskets/holiday plates
- ornaments/decorations/ holiday items
- Children's books
- movies/DVD's
- board games / puzzles/toys
- frames
- kitchen towels, place mats, household items etc.
- jewelry/perfume/hand cream/nail polish
- posters/wall hangings
- stuffed animals
- computer games/ video games
- pens/pencils/stationary/candles
- crafts or craft supplies
- knick-knacks

All proceeds from this fundraiser support student activities and field trips sponsored by the WCS Music Department.

WCS Upcoming Music Dates



Friday, December 12th – Sr. Citizen Holiday Concert @ 1:00 pm in the WCS Small Gym

Friday December 12th – Elementary Holiday Concert @ 6:00 pm in the WCS Small Gym



Take the Lead on Lead: Safeguarding Your Family's Health

by Allegany County Department of Health



The Allegany County Department of Health would like to remind any residents doing home renovations that there are ways to keep lead dust to a minimum. Allegany County has many older housing units and those that were built before 1978 most likely contain lead paint. Lead is a metal that can harm children and adults when it gets into their bodies. Lead can be found in dust, air, water, soil, and in some products used in and around our homes.

Do-it-yourself projects can easily stir up dangerous lead dust. Lead paint dust or chips can cause serious health problems, especially for children and pregnant women. Children and pregnant women must not do any lead paint removal work, and they should stay out of the work area until clean-up is complete. If you're not sure you can clean up every day, arrangements for temporary living quarters should be made.



As a homeowner you can do the work yourself, however, the Allegany County Department of Health has grant funding to help address lead-based paint hazards in privately-owned homes and rental units that were built before 1978; with priorities set for homes with children under the age of six and pregnant women due to the

long-lasting effects that Lead poisoning can have on them. Remediation work may include painting, enclosure, removal, and replacement of windows, doors, moldings and other surfaces or components that contain lead hazards. **The deadline to apply for the free home repairs is December 1st, 2025. Visit https://www.alleganyco.gov/departments-health-lead/ to learn more.**

But if you choose to do the work yourself, there are ways to keep health risks to a minimum.
Protect your family and home during renovation projects by setting up safely, controlling the dust and cleaning up completely. Always use a method that creates the least amount of dust.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO DISTURB LEAD-BASED PAINT FOLLOW THESE PRACTICES:

- **WORK SMART**
  - Choose paint removal methods that minimize dust.
  - Avoid sanding, burning, and grinding; and replace building components rather than removing paint when possible.
  - Wear disposable coveralls, shoes, hair covering, goggles and a properly fitting respirator.
  - Only HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) respirators will filter lead dust and fumes. Simple paper or fabric dust masks will NOT protect you from lead dust.

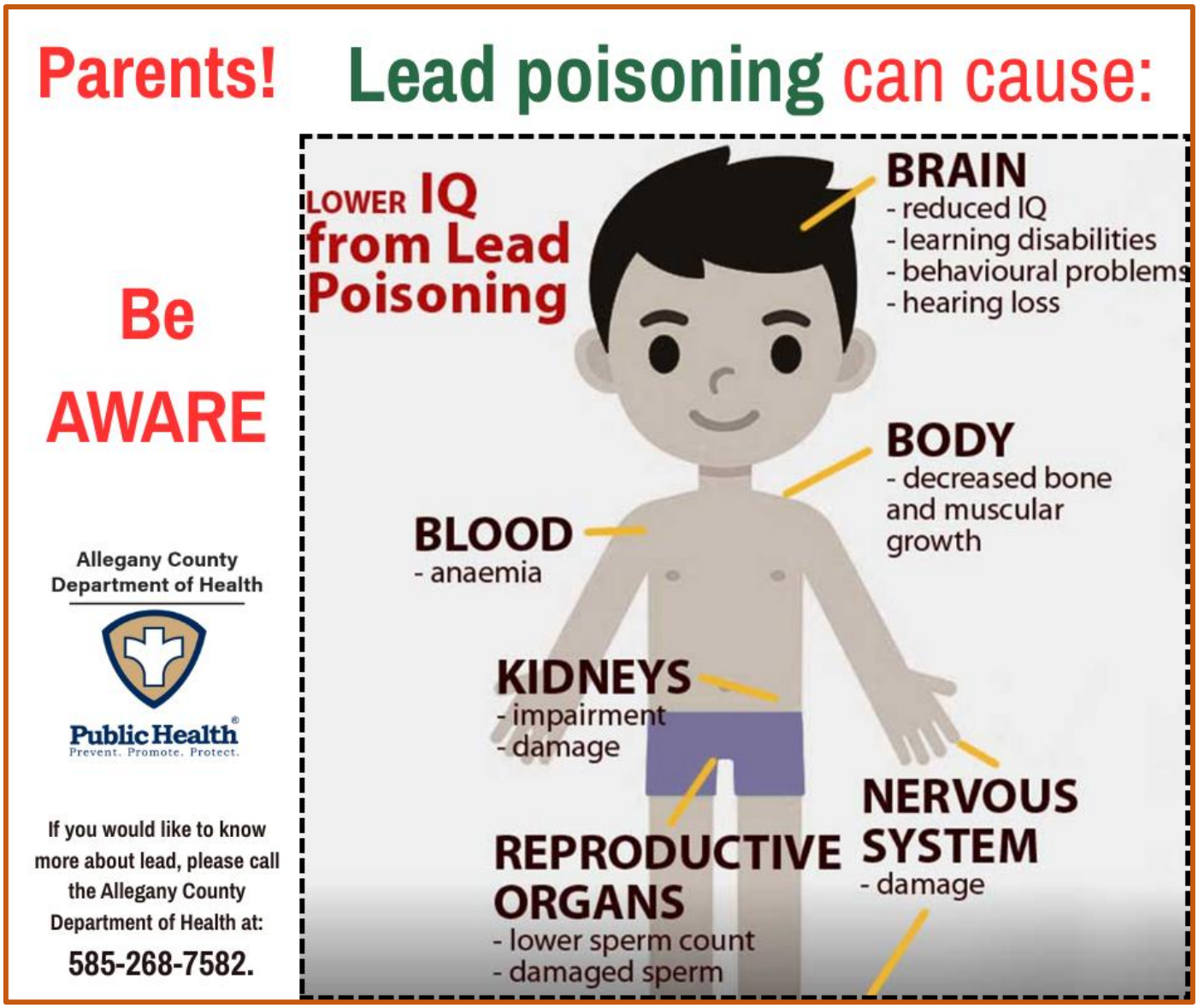





- **WORK WET**
  - When paint removal is necessary, use water while working to reduce dust.
  - Use a water spray bottle to wet any surface to be scraped or sanded.

- **WORK CLEAN**
  - Prepare the work area. Use plastic sheeting to cover floors, furniture and other items that may collect dust.
  - Close Windows and cover doorways to work areas with plastic sheeting.
  - Plastic sheeting isn't expensive and must be thrown out after the job is done.
  - Clean up carefully. Before leaving the work area, dispose of coveralls, and remove dust from your clothes with a HEPA filtered vacuum cleaner.
  - Shop vacs should not be used for cleanup because they can spread lead dust.
  - Shower as soon as you can, so you do not spread lead dust around your home or elsewhere.
  - The Allegany County Department of Health has HEPA filtered vacuum cleaners available to borrow.





What is lead poisoning?
Lead can harm a young child's growth, behavior, and ability to learn. Children under six years old are more likely to get lead poisoning than any other age group. Most often, children get lead poisoning from breathing in or swallowing dust from old lead paint that gets on floors and windowsills, hands and toys. Lead can also be passed from mother to baby during pregnancy.

What you should know about lead testing:
Children who may have been exposed to lead-based paint should have a blood lead test to see if they have elevated blood lead levels. All children one and two years of age, or who may have been exposed, should be tested. Other children under six years of age, or who may have been exposed, should be tested if their doctors think they are at risk.

For more information and methods on making your home lead-safe or for lead testing call the Allegany County Department of Health at 585.268.9250, follow us on Facebook or visit https://www.alleganyco.gov/departments-health-lead/

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: $2.35
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

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December



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1 Chocolate Chip French Toast Cheese, Pepperoni, Chicken Wing Pizza, Corn	2 Egg & Cheese English Muffin Soft Shelled Taco Black Beans	3 Bacon Breakfast Pizza Chicken Alfredo Broccoli	4 Sausage English Muffin Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Tossed Salad	5 Cinnamon Roll Mac & Cheese Tater Tots
8 Pancakes Pizza Crunchers Mixed Veggies	9 Egg & Cheese Bagel Walking Tacos Refried Beans	10 Breakfast on a Stick General Tso's Chicken Rice, Peas	11 Sausage Bagel Pulled Pork Sandwiches Potato Smiles	12 Frudels Turkey Gravy Mashed & Sweet Potatoes Corn
15 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Wrap Cheese, Pepperoni, Chicken Wing Pizza, Green Beans	16 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Taco Salad Black Beans	17 Waffles French Toast Sticks Sausage Link	18 Sausage Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese	19 Cini Mini Chicken Nuggets French Fries
22 Poptarts Christmas Oranament Pizza Reindeer Snack	23 Sausage Biscuit Chicken Fries Potato Smiles	24	25	26







Whitesville Central School
December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9 Board of Education Regular Meeting 6:30 PM	10	11	12 Senior Citizen Luncheon 12:00 PM, Concert 1:00 PM Elementary Concert 6:00 PM	13
14	15	16	17 Parents as Partners 5 – 6:30PM	18	19	20
21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Winter Recess 12/24 – 1/2	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



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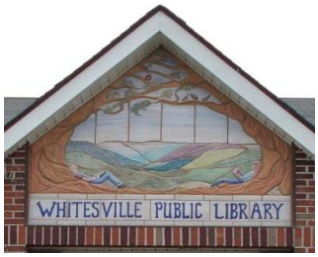


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
5 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Mozzarella Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Tossed Salad	6 Egg & Cheese Croissant Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans	7 Pancakes WCS Bowl Corn	8 Sausage Croissant Meatball Sub Potato Smiles	9 Bagel Bar Hamburger/Cheeseburger Mashed Potatoes
12 Bagels with Cream Cheese Cheese, Pepperoni, Chicken Wing Pizza, Carrots	13 Egg & Cheese English Muffin Walking Taco Black Beans	14 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Wrap Chicken Noodle Casserole Mixed Veggies	15 Sausage English Muffin Hot Ham or Hot Turkey on a Pretzel Roll Sweet Potatoes	16 Cinnamon Roll Hot Dog Tater Tots
19  	20 Egg & Cheese Bagel Taco Pizza Corn	21 Breakfast on a Stick General Tso's Chicken Mixed Veggies	22 Sausage Bagel Lasagna, Bread Stick Peas	23 Frudel Cheese Omelet Home Fries Sausage Link
26 Poptarts Pizza Bagel Green Beans	27 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Quesadilla Carrots	28 Blueberry Pancakes Chicken Finger Sub French Fries	29 Sausage Sandwich Nachos & Cheese Black Beans	30 Cini Mini Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese

Whitesville Central School
January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year	2 Winter Recess	3
4	5 **CLASSES RESUME**	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board of Education Regular Meeting 6:30 PM	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day **NO SCHOOL**	20	21	22	23 Parents as Partners Event 5-6:30 PM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 End of 2nd Quarter	31



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Columbus/Indigenous People Day was a busy day at the library. Many pumpkins were painted. Thank you to the parents that took time to bring everyone down to participate. We will have winter crafts available on MLK Day, Monday, January 19th from 9:30-4:30. Drop in at your convenience and enjoy a craft.

Thank you to all who donated to the Great Give Back 2025. We were able to collect many items to be donated to the Allegany TNR.

Thank you to all who allowed the Library Jays to visit their lawns. Thank you for the donations. The Jays have now returned to library. They will return in the fall.

Thank you to all who submitted a survey to help the Board compose a 5 year plan. Your responses will be taken into consideration as we compose a plan that will best serve our patrons.

The final budget discussion will be at the December Board meeting on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00 pm. The public is invited to join this meeting.

We have received a grant from the COSAC (Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Council) of STLS. This will be used to purchase craft supplies for the Senior Center. Karen visits the center about one time per month to do crafts with the group. If you are interested in joining these crafts contact the library or Barb for date and time.

The library has the opportunity to host a family Spanish Class. *Bring the whole family to the library for Family Spanish Class. This will be a fun and welcoming way to learn together! Taught by Keri Coleman, certified Spanish teacher with experience working with all ages, these free classes will meet twice per month the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. All skill levels and ages are welcome, and no prior Spanish experience is needed. Families are encouraged to learn side by side so you can keep practicing and having fun at home.*

Winter is a great time to sit and enjoy a good book. On January 6th at 5:00 the library will host a Show and Tell Book Club. The great thing about a Show and Tell book club is there is no specific book to read. Each participant brings their current read, hard copy, digital or audio, and shares with the group.

On Saturday, December 13th we will host our annual Family Game and Craft Night. This will be from 6-9 and at the Fire Hall. We will have crafts for all ages, games, snacks and more. This year there is some interest in a Euchre game to be included. Children that pre-register by December 6th will receive a special gift. Join us for this festive event.

The library board has recently adopted a policy of no pets in the library. This is for the safety of patrons and pets. The most docile animal can become agitated if unintentionally stepped on or bumped. Exceptions will be made for service animals (with documentation) and animals brought in for programming.

On Tuesday, December 2, at 6:00 pm, Missy (Sharon) Flamini will be at the library to stencil Christmas welcome mats. Class is limited to 15 attendees. The price will be $15/mat. This is for all ages, all experience levels. Registration with money must be at the library by 4:00 Friday, November 21. **Dates to Remember:**

December			
Tuesday	2	Christmas mats	6:00
Saturday	13	Family Game/Craft Night	6-9
Tuesday	16	Senior Center	11:00
		Board Meeting	6:00

January			
Thursday & Friday	1 & 2		Closed
Tuesday	6	Show & Tell Book Club	5:00
Monday	19	Winter Craft Day	9:30-4:30
Tuesday	20	Board Meeting	6:00

SPIRIT WEEK 2025

WHITESVILLE PRIDE

MONDAY
SEPT. 29TH
PJ DAY

TUESDAY
SEPT. 30TH
RED, WHITE, & BLUE DAY

WEDNESDAY
OCT. 1ST
PINK DAY
TO KICK OFF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR ALL THE FIGHTERS, WEAR ALL OF YOUR PINK!

THURSDAY
OCT. 2ND
TEACHER-STUDENT SWAP
TEACHERS DRESS LIKE STUDENTS, STUDENTS DRESS LIKE TEACHERS!

FRIDAY
OCT. 3RD
BLURPLE DAY
SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND WEAR ALL OF YOUR BLUE AND PURPLE GEAR!!















SPIRIT WEEK













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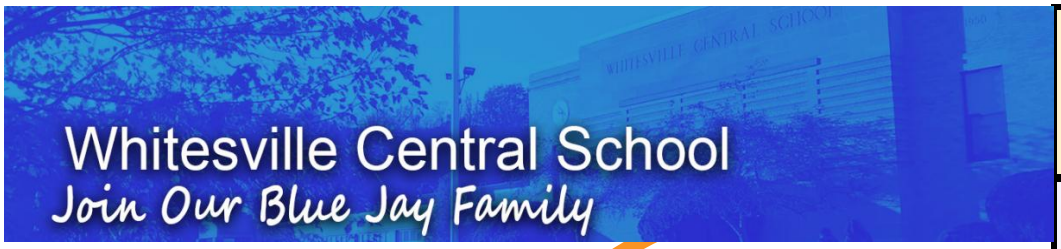
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS – UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9th
Board of Education Meeting

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December 12th
Senior Citizen Luncheon & Concert

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December 12th
Elementary Concert

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December 24th – January 2nd
Winter Recess
NO SCHOOL

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January 5th
Classes Resume

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January 13th
Board of Education Meeting

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January 19th
Martin Luther King Day
NO SCHOOL

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January 30th
End of 2nd Quarter