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February/March
2026
Edition

Jim "Basketball" Jones came to Whitesville in December with a powerful Growth Mindset presentation for students. With a background in Special Education, his message focuses on learning from your mistakes, owning your effort, perseverance, and being kind and encouraging. He gets his point across through his skillful basketball moves, he had everyone fully engaged and laughing the entire time. Check out www.jimbasketballjones.com



See inside for
2026-2027 Pre-K and
Kindergarten Enrollment!



Empowering all learners
to wonder, explore,
and grow.

The Whitesville Central School District Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting jointly with the Andover Central School Board of Education on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the David A. Howe Public Library, 155 North Main Street, Wellsville, NY, in the Gallery Meeting Room.

The purpose of this meeting is for the Boards to engage in a discussion regarding the existing partnership between the districts. This meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

~ LEGAL NOTICE ~

Whitesville Central School District Special Meeting

From the desk of Superintendent Emery

Dear Whitesville Community,

We are halfway through the school year and six months into our three-year tuitioning agreement with Andover Central School District. This is a natural and appropriate time to begin conversations about “*what happens next.*” The next two and a half years will move quickly, and thoughtful planning now will ensure we make the best decision for Whitesville Central School.



At our January Regular Board of Education meeting, we heard from Mr. Scott Payne, Commissioner’s Representative in the Field, who shared that there are many options available to WCS and ample time to consider what is the right decision for our students and community.



To continue this important dialogue, we will be holding a **Special Board Meeting on February 11 at 6:00 PM** in the Gallery Room at the David A. Howe Library in Wellsville. While WCS has shared student athletes with Andover since 2020 and tuitioned students since 2023, this will be the first time the two Boards of Education have met together. This meeting will allow both Boards to hear directly from Mr. Payne and Mr. David Elliott, NYSED Coordinator of Educational Aid Services.

Community members are encouraged to attend so you can hear this information firsthand and stay informed as we look toward the future.

Thank you for your continued support of all our students.

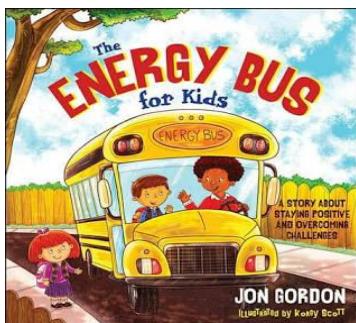
With Blue Jay pride,
Mrs. Tammy Emery



CHARACTER EDUCATION

Tessa Levitt/WCS Curriculum Coordinator

This year, we have split our character education program into two groups. Our PK-2nd grade students and our 3rd-6th grade students meet every other week. The PK-2 group has been listening to and discussing the text “The Energy Bus” for kids by Jon Gordon. Each week we discuss the rules of the text and learned one rule a week and then discuss the message in a restorative circle: giving each student a chance to share their thoughts.



Rule 1: Create a Positive Vision

Rule 2: Fuel Your Ride with Positive Energy

Rule 3: No Bullies Allowed

Rule 4: Love Your Passengers

Rule 5: Enjoy the Ride



The Energy Bus will surely take you on the RIDE of your LIFE!



Message from Principal McNeely



As winter is in full swing and we eagerly await the arrival of spring, I'd like to share a few helpful tips and important updates to support our students and families during the colder months. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Winter Season Tips for Families

- Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for cold weather, including coats, hats, gloves, and scarves, as we may go outside for arrival, dismissal, or recess when weather permits.
- Encourage regular handwashing and healthy habits to help prevent the spread of seasonal illnesses.
- Maintaining consistent routines, including regular bedtimes, can help students stay focused and energized during the winter months.



The Importance of Attendance

Regular school attendance plays a critical role in student success. Being present each day allows students to fully engage in instruction, build strong learning habits, and maintain meaningful connections with their teachers and peers. We appreciate your continued efforts in supporting consistent attendance.



Important Reminders – No School

- **February 9:** Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- **February 16–20:** Winter Recess
- **March 13:** Superintendent's Conference Day



Read Across America Week

We are excited to celebrate *Read Across America* during the week of **March 2**.



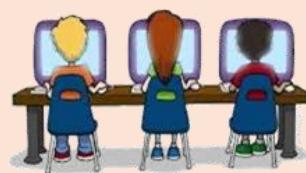
This year's theme is "**Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers.**" We look forward to promoting a love of reading and celebrating the diverse stories that bring us together.

New York State Testing Information

The New York State ELA assessments for students in grades 3–6 will take place in April and May. These assessments are important measures of students' academic progress and help us identify both individual and overall instructional needs.

To help your child perform their best, please ensure they get plenty of rest and enjoy a healthy breakfast on testing days.

- **ELA CBT** (Computer Based Testing): April 22–23
- **Math CBT:** May 6–7
- **Science CBT:** May 12



For additional information about grades 3–8 state assessments, please visit:
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/ei/parentguide/parentguide.pdf>



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

February is National Children's Dental Health Month.

We will have activity pages and coloring pages in the nurse's office to remind students of how to keep their teeth and gums healthy.

- ❖ Finished coloring pages will be put on the wall in the nurse's office.
- ❖ Everyone who completes a coloring page or activity page will get a new toothbrush and toothpaste.
- ❖ There's also a page to take home to record when teeth are brushed twice a day for 5 weeks. There will be a prize for students who bring back their form filled out!

We want to see every student with a healthy smile!



February is also Heart Health Month!

Did you know that brushing your teeth and eating healthy foods keep your heart healthy too?

Other things to keep your heart healthy are:

- Keep moving! Exercise as a family-- ride bikes, take a walk, go swimming, or play games outside.
- Limit screen time.
- Schedule check-ups before sports season
- Keep healthy options on hand to eat.
- Check your salt intake.



March is National Nutrition Month

This is the perfect time to take a look at what your kids are eating. It might take time to make some changes, but don't worry if your kids don't take to eating a perfectly balanced diet right away. Small adjustments now will make sure your kids are developing healthy eating habits that will carry them into adulthood.



Here are four ways to help you provide more nutritious options:

1) Make Mealtimes Meaningful

We all have busy schedules, but taking time to sit down together for a family meal can have a huge impact on your kids' relationship with food.



One of the best things nutrition-wise about sitting down and eating with your kids is that you are able to set a good example for them. They can see you eating and enjoying healthy options.

If you have older kids who are busy with school, sports, and friends, family mealtimes will give you the opportunity to see how your kids are eating and enable you to encourage them to make healthier choices.

Not only will eating together encourage better nutrition, but it will also help your kids develop valuable social skills.

If you can't eat together every evening, choose two or three evenings a week that all can eat together at home.

2) Take Baby Steps

New habits aren't formed overnight. Don't feel like you have to change everything at once. Try a few of these easy tips for getting more nutrient dense foods into your kid's diet:

- Add in one more serving of vegetables per day. Then, after a few weeks, start adding one more serving of vegetables per meal.
- Swap white rice for brown rice or cauliflower rice or swap pasta for 100% whole wheat pasta.
- Drink more water and limit juices and sodas/
- Try some fruit-based desserts like strawberries, whipped cream, and a few dark chocolate chips.



3) Balance Is Best

Limit sugary options and junk food but don't cut them out completely.



Allowing your children to occasionally indulge in a sweet or salty treat won't do much harm. Limiting them entirely could cause them to go overboard the next time they are at a friend's house and you are not there to make them a healthier choice.

Instead, teach your children that a nutritious diet is about balance. You can have a slice of cake for dessert, but you have to eat some veggies too.

4) Have Healthy Options On-Hand

- Keep fresh fruit and veggies stocked in your kitchen. It's even better if it is where the kids can see it!
- Be prepared for the week by making little snack bags of things like baby carrots, sliced apples, or homemade trail mix.
- Keep the junk food tucked away or simply don't buy it. Out of sight, out of mind!



Respectfully,
Sandi Barner, RN
Whitesville School Nurse



Odyssey of the Mind

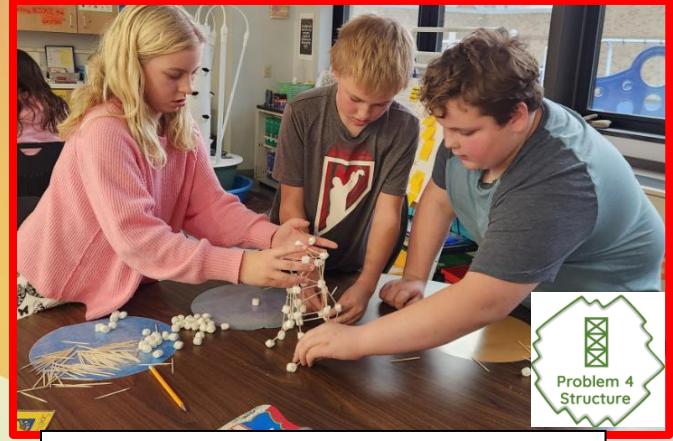
Students were selected in grades 4 through 6 to participate in Odyssey of the Mind. OM is an enrichment program that meets after school, providing students with opportunities to think 'outside the box', problem solving through teamwork and collaboration.

WCS has 2 teams (Division I and Division II) that will participate in the Regional Competition on February 28th competing against other schools within Allegany County. The first step is to select the problem they'd like to explore and solve. Our teams are currently in the process of creating solutions that will be presented at the competition!

We wish our OMers the best of luck as they compete!



OMers had to line up in order of Birth dates without verbally communicating.



OMers had to create a free-standing structure out marshmallows and toothpicks.



Classroom NEWS



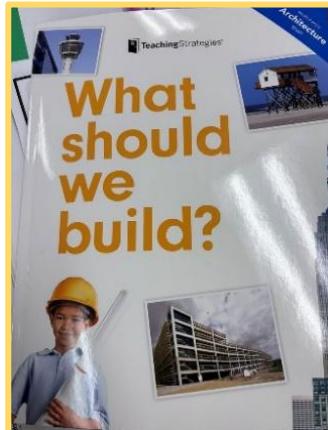
PRE-KINDERGARTEN



Greetings from Pre-K at WCS!

We have been so busy since our return from winter break. We have been getting outside as much as we possibly can and enjoying what winter exploration has to offer!

Our outdoor education class has been a great addition to our littlest minds and enforces a love of nature and fosters a natural curiosity of their surroundings.



Our students are currently working through an architecture unit for our curriculum! We are diving deep into the world of structures, exploring our own school structure, and will soon be creating our own blueprints for an architecture project!

In ELA, students are progressing in developing an understanding of the sounds within words. Our math is primarily focused on numeral identification and their amounts. No matter what we are learning, we strive to put those concepts into real world situations for a deeper understanding! We are so glad you are here to watch these little Bluejays soar! -Mrs. McCaig

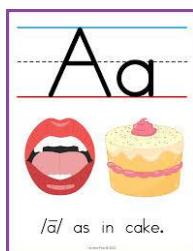
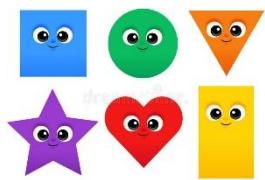


KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten has been busy, busy, busy!

In math, we learned all about flat and solid shapes. We learned circle, square, rectangle, hexagon, and triangle as well as cube, cylinder, sphere, pyramid, rectangular prism, and cone. The kids learned about corners and faces, curved sides and straight sides, and open and closed shapes. Now that the kids are shape masters, we have moved on to learning about measurement. They will be learning height and length and learning to compare things using longer than, taller than, shorter than, or the same as.



In ELA, we have been busy finishing up mastering all our letter sounds and letter formation. We have learned all our singular letter names and sounds and are working on putting them together to create words. We have also been memorizing “tricky words” and reading from our short stories.

In Listen and Learning, we finished our Native American unit. We learned about the Lakota Sioux tribe, the Lenape, and then Wampanoags. We compared their food, clothing, shelter, and location in the United States with ourselves! Now we are learning about Kings & Queens. We will learn all about the royal family and royal objects like the crown, the royal orb and scepter, and the throne and palace. We will end our unit learning about fictional kings including King Midas, Old King Cole, and some classic princesses. We will also have ourselves a royal tea party to end our unit!!

The holiday season was a very exciting time for us as well! We got to go on a skating field trip, make many seasonal crafts, enjoy lots of special treats and even had a game day with 1st grade!

We are so excited to see all the learning the 2026 year will hold!



Elijah participating in a marshmallow race against first grade!

Elijah enjoying gingerbread making before Christmas break!



Zoe having fun at the skating rink before Christmas break!



Zoe & Elijah made Christmas countdown chains together!



FIRST GRADE

First Grade wrapped up 2025 with LOTS of exciting learning! The holiday season flew by as we stayed busy exploring new skills.

In reading, we've been working on vowel combinations to become stronger readers.

In math, we've practiced adding and subtracting one- and two-digit numbers.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to start a new Astronomy unit in science! We'll be learning all about the Sun, Moon, and Stars, and discovering fascinating facts about our eight planets.



SECOND GRADE



Our second graders have been making tremendous progress and have been learning exciting new things here at Whitesville!

In reading, we are concluding a unit on Greek mythology. We've enjoyed reading a variety of entertaining myths that explain ancient beliefs of how things in nature came to be. In December, we learned about various cultures and how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Our next topic of study will be "Fighting for a Cause".



In math class, we are continuing to learn various strategies for subtraction. Many of these strategies are unfamiliar to parents, so make sure you check out the parent pages to see

the new strategies we've been trying out! Ultimately, we want students to develop a deep sense of numbers and become comfortable using different strategies to find the correct difference between two numbers.



In science, we've been learning about the wonders of water. We've been enjoying investigating and exploring the effects water has on our environment. We have numerous activities and explorations planned as we deepen our knowledge and understanding of the world around us!



THIRD GRADE

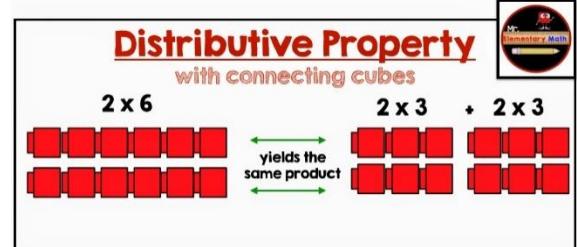


We have made it through the Holidays and are off and running in the New Year!



The ELA/Science unit we are wrapping up is Light and Sound. We learned that light and sound both travel in waves, but that light travels much faster than sound. Did you know that the color white reflects all the visible colors of light and that black absorbs all the visible colors of light? The next ELA/Social Studies unit we will be diving into is the Vikings! We think we will love learning about the Nordic warriors.

In Math, we are learning our 6, 7, 8, and 9 multiplication and division facts. In addition to the facts, we learn to apply the distributive property of multiplication, and try to solve one and two step word problems.



This winter we are looking forward to Outdoor Education when we can get outside and enjoy the beauty of winter. Most Third-Grade students also attend Nature Club and Cooking Club which are after school activities that enhance our student's learning. They love all the extra activities that have been offered this year!



Third Grade wishes everyone a Wonderful Winter Season!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Physical Education has been full of **movement, teamwork, and fun!** Our students have been working hard while learning new skills, building confidence, and developing healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

Students participated in a variety of **skill-based and fitness-focused units** designed to support physical, social, and emotional growth. One of our major focuses has been **teamwork**. Through partner and small-group activities, students learned how to communicate, take turns, encourage others, and work together toward a common goal.





Third - 6th Grade also enjoyed our **hockey unit**, where they practiced stick handling, passing, shooting, and spatial awareness using safe, age-appropriate equipment. Emphasis was placed on control, safety, and teamwork rather than competition. Small-sided games allowed all students to stay active, have frequent opportunities to handle the ball, and experience success.

Pre K-2nd Grade explored **locomotor and movement skills** such as running, jumping, hopping, skipping, and dodging through fun games and challenges. These activities help students improve balance, coordination, and agility while reinforcing listening skills and following directions.



Thank you for supporting Physical Education and helping encourage active, healthy lifestyles at home. We look forward to an exciting remainder of the school year filled with movement, learning, and fun!

PLAY AND LEARN OUTDOORS – OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Outdoor Education is in full swing! Children have been exploring, creating, and connecting with nature through different subject areas: Math, Science, Reading, Writing, Music, and Art. They have already been showing deeper connections with one another, community, and with the natural world while having fun!

Some of the favorite topics were:

- Engineering, designing, and building nests as teams.
- Importance of Blue Jays, squirrels, and oak trees
- Love for Community: Judy Loughlin, and Kim Howe came back to teach!
- Stone Soup in the woods
- Owls and Sumac
- Giving back to others

It is a true blessing to have the opportunity to work with your children as they are growing, learning, and most importantly, having fun! I am looking forward to our adventures in the colder months.



DAILY READING: 5 REASONS TO MAKE IT PART OF YOUR FAMILY ROUTINE



BOOSTS ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Reading strengthens vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing
- Children who read at home score higher on tests
- Reading for pleasure supports achievement in every subject



SPARKS IMAGINATION & CREATIVITY

- Books open doors to new worlds, ideas and possibilities
- Reading aloud activates the imagination and language centers of the brain
- Encourages curiosity and a lifelong love of learning



BUILDS EMPATHY & CONNECTION

- Stories help children see the world through others' eyes
- Promotes emotional understanding and empathy
- Reading together strengthens family bonds



CREATES LIFELONG LEARNERS

- Reading regularly builds confidence and independence
- Encourages students to become curious, informed citizens
- A love of reading = a habit of success



2026-27 PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

In order to identify all children who are eligible to enter Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten in September 2026, please complete the form below and return it **no later than March 31, 2026**, to Mrs. Waters in the Main Office or you may contact the school at 607-356-3301, ext. 221. This information will be used to generate a mailing list for sending registration packets in April.

(Full Day) PRE-KINDERGARTEN: If you live in the Whitesville Central School District and you have a child whose fourth birthday falls on or before December 1, 2026, your child is eligible to enter Pre-kindergarten in the Fall of 2026.

KINDERGARTEN: If your child's fifth birthday falls on or before December 1, 2026, your child is eligible to enter Kindergarten in the Fall of 2026.

Registration packets will be mailed in early April. Information regarding the dates for registration and screening will be included in the packets. ***Non-residents may also request packets.***

Please refer to the Guidance Office tab on www.whitesvillesd.org for more information.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN



Whitesville Central School District

UPK & K Enrollment Packet Request for 2026-2027

KINDERGARTEN



(Circle One): Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten Registration

Child's Full Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male / Female (please circle)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number where you can be reached:

Home _____ Cell _____

Complete and return to the Whitesville Central School Main Office on or before March 31, 2026.



Child Exploitation and Empowering Students to Protect Themselves!

Online predators to blame for suicides and sex trafficking.

**STUDENT
WELL-
BEING**

BEING

U.S. Department of Justice officials say teens must be educated about online threats.

When a child or adolescent has a brush with online predators, the results can be tragic – and can occur shockingly fast, according to a presentation by U.S. Department of Justice officials at NYSSBA's 2025 Annual Convention & Education Expo in New York City.

It all starts with an online flirtation with someone pretending to be a peer. Impersonation is not difficult; perps grab photos of teens from Facebook or some other source and create an online persona. “You’ve got a kid sitting in their house, feeling very safe. They’re not understanding the person they’re talking to is not the person they say they are. It is very difficult for kids to resist this stuff, and yet they have to,” said Marcia Cohen, assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York who has prosecuted hundreds of child exploitation cases. Predators try to make connections through social media sites and interactive video games, reaching thousands of potential victims.

It is vital that kids feel safe telling an adult if something is happening, said Angela Tassone, an FBI special agent. “It’s super-important for a child to know it’s not their fault,” she said. “When kids are faced with this, they feel like they’re alone,” said Interim U.S. Attorney Tom Wheeler of the Southern District of Indiana. “If they have a place to go, they’re not going to end up in a suicide situation. And then we can go after these people.”

Steve Crocki, chief of the Child Exploitation Unit at the U.S. Department of Justice, said children should know that an image they think is private might still be seen. For instance, teens and pre-teens might think Snapchat is safe because that app makes photos and videos disappear shortly after being viewed. All a bad actor needs is a camera or second cell phone to record the image before it disappears, with the victim having no idea. If parents find out their child has interacted with an online predator, it’s important not to delete anything. That way, investigators recover evidence and continue to build a case. Parents should also set all their child’s online accounts to “private” and be able to access all their child’s apps, games, and platforms.

What to do for an online incident:

- Contact your local/state police department.
- Call the FBI Albany Field office at 518-465-7551 (or other regional office).
- Call 1-800-CALL-FBI or contact tips.fbi.gov.
- Submit a report to ic3.gov. Be sure to provide as much detail as possible.



By Alan Wechsler, Special Correspondent
New York State School Boards Association – www.nyssba.org

Resources:

- **InternetSafety101.org** – This website for adults offers a free, “evidenced-based curriculum, created in partnership with the Department of Justice, ... designed to prevent Internet-initiated crimes against children through educating and empowering parents and caregivers to protect children from online pornography, sexual predators and cyberbullies, as well as social media, online gaming and mobile dangers.” Affiliated videos produced by PBS are available to vimeo.com/ondemand/internetsafety101.
- **Youforyouth.org** – Provides educational support, life skills, career readiness, and recreational activities to users, including “digital literacy.”
- **Love146.org** – Dedicated to ending child trafficking. Teaches online safety.
- **takeitdown.ncmec.org** – If a sextortion incident occurs, this app can be used to keep track of the offensive image, notify law enforcement if it appears and help contact website hosts to enable removal.
- **nctsn.org** – National Child Traumatic Stress Network was created to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for children and families who experience or witness traumatic events.
- **nsvrc.org** – National Sexual Violence Research Center, dedicated to combating crimes against children by providing high quality research and statistics to the public, policy makers, law enforcement personnel, and other child welfare practitioners.
- **laurenskids.org** – Educates adults and children about sexual abuse prevention.
- **NetNanny.com** – Officers an app that can be imbedded in a child’s phone so a parent can monitor phone use.

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Extra Meal: \$1.50

Everyday Breakfast Choices:

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

Lunch is FREE this year.

Extra Meal: \$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

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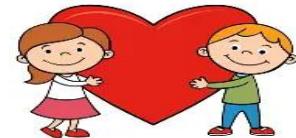
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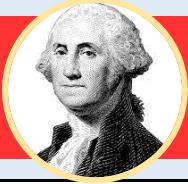


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chocolate Chip French Toast Cheese, Pepperoni, Chicken Wing Pizza, Green Beans	3 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Taco Salad Black Beans	4 Waffles Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese	5 Sausage Biscuit Spirals with Meat Sauce Corn	6 Bagel Bar Pulled Pork Sandwiches French Fries
9 Pancakes Pizza Crunchers Carrots	10 Egg & Cheese Croissant Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans	11 Bacon Breakfast Pizza General Tso's Chicken Rice, Peas	12 Sausage Croissant WCS Bowl Corn	13 Cinnamon Roll Hamburger/Cheeseburger Potato Smiles
23 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, Chicken Wing Pizza, Mixed Veggies	24 Egg & Cheese English Muffin Nachos and Cheese Black Beans	25 Breakfast on a Stick Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes	26 Sausage English Muffin Spaghetti w/ Meat Balls Green Beans	27 Frudels Hot Dogs Tater Tots



Whitesville Central School

February 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9 Parent-Teacher Conference Day NO SCHOOL	10 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm 	11 Special Joint Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 pm at the David A. Howe Library	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13	14
15 	16 Presidents' Day Mid-Winter Recess 16th – 20th NO SCHOOL	17 Mid-Winter Recess NO SCHOOL	18 Mid-Winter Recess NO SCHOOL	19 Mid-Winter Recess NO SCHOOL	20 Mid-Winter Recess NO SCHOOL	21
22 George Washington's Birthday	23 CLASSES RESUME 	24	25	26	27	28

Abraham Lincoln Quotes:

- **On Life and Success** - “Whatever you are, be a good one.”
- **On Character and Integrity** - “Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.”
- **On Leadership and Democracy** - “Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.”

George Washington Quotes:

- **On Leadership and Character** - “It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.”
- **On Perseverance and Spirit** - “99% of failures come from people who make excuses.”
- **On Leadership and Duty** - “Leadership is not only having a vision, but also having the courage, the discipline, and the resources to get you there.”

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MARCH



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Egg, Cheese, Sausage Wrap Cheese Omelet, Hash Brown, Ham Slice	3 Egg & Cheese Bagel Taco Pizza Baked Beans	4 Chocolate Chip French Toast General Tso's Chicken Rice, Peas	5 Sausage Bagel Spirals with Meat Sauce Roll, Sweet Potatoes	6 Cini Mini Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese
9 Waffles Cheese, Pepperoni, Chicken Wing Pizza, Carrots	10 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Walking Taco Black Beans	11 Bagel with Jelly or Cream Cheese WCS Bowl Corn	12 Sausage Sandwich Lasagna, Garlic Bread Tossed Salad	Superintendent's Conference Day
16 French Toast Sticks Sausage Link Mozzarella Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Mixed Veggies	17 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Quesadilla Broccoli	18 Bacon Breakfast Pizza Wrap Chicken Fries Potato Smiles	19 Sausage Biscuit Meatball Subs Green Beans	20 Bagel Bar Hot Turkey or Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Roll Sweet Potatoes
23 Breakfast on a Stick Pizza Bagel Corn	24 Egg & Cheese Croissant Soft Shell Taco Baked Beans	25 Pancakes Chicken Alfredo Broccoli	26 Sausage Croissant Spaghetti with Roll Peas	27 Cinnamon Roll Chicken Noodle Casserole French Fries
30 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, Chicken Wing Pizza, Carrots	31 Egg & Cheese English Muffin Nachos & Cheese Black Beans			



Whitesville Central School

March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9	10 Budget & Regular Board Meeting 6:30 pm 	11	12	13 Superintendent Conference Day NO STUDENTS 	14
15	16	17 <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31		<p><i>“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.”</i></p> <p>— Dr. Seuss</p>		



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Thank you to all that attended our Family Game and Craft Night. It was a very wintry night, but everyone enjoyed making crafts and playing games. Thank you to all that donated and supported this annual event.

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.* The February dates are Tuesday the 10th and 24th. Please join us.

We had four attend our first Show and Tell Book club. Each brought a book or books they have recently read and discussed why they liked it or didn't enjoy it. On February 3rd at 5:30 the library will host the second one. 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. All are invited to join us.

Saturday, February 7th is Bring Your Child to the Library Day. This year, Richard Impriano, a local children's author from Harrison Valley, PA will be joining us to read his book "Billy's Big Adventure" at 10:00. He will have copies to purchase and will sign them. The library will also have crafts and snacks for everyone to enjoy.

It is the time of year we contact our legislators to please include library funding in the new budget. The library will have postcards for you to sign. Please stop at the library, sign your name and leave it for us to return to STLS. They will send them on to our legislators to let them know libraries are important to our communities.

Dates to Remember:

February

Tuesday	3	Show & Tell Book Club
Saturday	7	Bring Your Child to the Library
Tuesday	10	Spanish with Keri
Tuesday	17	Board Meeting
Tuesday	24	Spanish with Keri

March

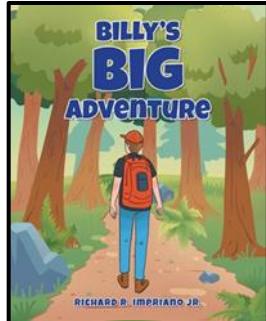
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Senior Center
Crafts



Family Game
Night



Bring Your Child
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NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS **DUE APRIL 1, 2026**

Requests for transportation for the 2026-27 school year of non-public school children must be submitted to the Whitesville Central School District Superintendent's office by April 1, 2026.

Regulations require that the district transport students to non-public schools when a student resides within fifteen (15) miles of the non-public school. The fifteen (15) miles is measured from the home of the student to the non-public school.

**Send requests to:**

Tammy Emery, Superintendent
Whitesville Central School
692 Main Street
Whitesville, NY 14897

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 guidance office 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS –

UPCOMING EVENTS**February 9th**

Parent/Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL

**February 10th**

Board of Education Meeting

**February 11th**

Special Joint Board Meeting with the Andover Central School Board of Education

**February 16th- 20th**

Mid-Winter Recess

NO SCHOOL**February 23rd**

Classes Resume

**March 10th**

Board of Education Budget & Regular Meeting

**March 13th**

Superintendent Conference

NO SCHOOL