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Principal

Mrs. Michelle Kersikoski
Assistant Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – DR. REDCAY

Hello, WHEC Families,

We are moving into April, and it is hard to believe we are closing in on the final two full months of the school year. I hope everyone is having a fantastic and restful Spring break and will be ready to return on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

The month of March has brought us many great events and activities. We ended the month with an author's visit from Ross Burach, who announced our Tournament of Books Champion and had students engaged and illustrating their very own book characters. Music in our Schools was again a big hit with the staff and students, and I want to thank all our musicians who took the time to play for us during the week. We had our first of two Spartan Sprouts to help welcome our new Spartans and had multiple classes go on field trips.

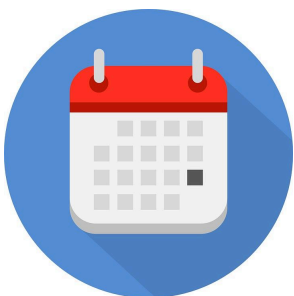
April brings just as many opportunities as we work to get into everything we have planned before the end of the year. We will see our student prize cart make its way into classrooms this month, and our third and fourth graders will be working hard on the PSSAs starting on Monday, April 22nd, and continuing through Thursday, May 2nd.

As always, please continue to check in with Class Dojo and your classroom teacher to stay up to date with what's happening in April.

Have a great rest of your Spring break, and we will see everyone in April.

Take care-

Dr. Redcay



[School Cafe](#)

IMPORTANT DATES AND LINKS

Monday, April 1 - Spring Break, No School

Friday, April 12 - PTA Roller Skating Party at Skateaway

Monday, April 22 - Wednesday, April 24 - ELA PSSA (Grade 3 and 4 only)

Monday, April 29 - April 30 - Math PSSA (Grades 3 and 4 only)



[Breakfast Menu](#)
[Lunch Menu](#)



[Join the PTA](#)

[Become a Volunteer](#)

[Watch Dog Sign-Up Genius](#)

[Confidentiality Form](#)

[Volunteer Agreement](#)



Friday 4.12.24 | 5 to 7 PM

Skate Night!

Join the Wyomissing Area PTA for a fun roller skating event!

Skateaway
2275 Lancaster Pike
Free Admission
Bring your own skates or:
Skate rental is \$3
Roller Blade rental is \$4



GET INVOLVED! – VOLUNTEERING, WATCH DOGS, PTA

All volunteers must have current clearances on file and be approved by the School Board in order to volunteer directly with our students. Please visit www.wyoarea.org/our_district/volunteers for more information or email: volunteer@wyoarea.org

Complete the WHEC Volunteer Agreement and Confidentiality form and return it to the WHEC main office. We will not hold a monthly volunteer or Watch Dog training as we have in the past, but we ask that you review our agreement and expectations before returning the form.

Once those documents and clearances are on file and the Board of Directors has approved you, you can sign up for classroom opportunities and a day for our Watch Dog Dads through our [Sign-Up Genius](#).

Message from our PTA:

[Wyomissing Area PTA Roller Skate Party New Date!!!](#)

Friday, April 12th from 5-7pm

Skateaway

2275 Lancaster Pike

Bring your own Skates, Rent Skates for \$3, Rent Rollerblades for \$4

The cost to enter for students is free; however, we will be asking for optional donations to the school such as tissues, hand sanitizers, paper towels, kids socks, gloves, hats and items for our prize cart

Amazon Link: [PTA WHEC Prize Cart Amazon Link](#)



Our WHEC theme
This year is H.A.P.P.Y. =
Have a Positive,
Productive Year

[School Forms](#)

WHEC News!

SPARTAN SPROUTS



Choose one of two sessions:

SESSION 1

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
4:30-6:00

SESSION 2

Thursday, May 30, 2024
4:30-6:00

FREE PROGRAM FOR INCOMING WYOMISSING AREA KINDERGARTENERS!

Do you have a child in the Wyomissing Area entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2024? Then this is for you!

Join us for a **FREE** program at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center on Thursday, May 30, 2024 from 4:30pm-6pm.

Spartan Sprouts is a program designed specifically for incoming Kindergarteners to introduce strategies and activities that can easily be done at home and will help prepare the children for school in the fall. The event includes hands-on activities and a Wyomissing Area swag bag filled with all of the materials and instructions necessary to continue to practice at home.

We cannot wait to meet our future Spartans and their families at this fun-filled event!

Reserve your spot today for one of the sessions at this [link](#).

Questions?? Contact Toni Wengerd at twengerd@wyoarea.org



MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS



Our March Madness book competition has ended! It was a very close battle to the finish. The book that came out on top is Goodnight Butterfly - read by Mr. Caruso and Mr. Weidner! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated teachers and principals who breathed life into these stories, and to the students whose enthusiastic participation made this event a success!

We were thrilled to wrap up our March Madness book competition with a bang! All of our books in this year's competition were written by Ross Burach. Guess who surprised us as a special guest to reveal the winning book? None other than the talented author himself! Not only did he announce the winner, 'Goodnight Butterfly,' but he also treated all grade levels to a delightful presentation filled with his humorous stories and invaluable insights into the world of writing and illustrating. Thank you, Ross, for making our March Madness extra special!





WE CELEBRATED MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH DURING MARCH!



Students and staff enjoyed a week of wonderful music during music in our schools at WHEC. Parents, teachers, and members of the community performed in 3 different locations in the building as students arrived each morning. Student performers played instruments and sang during the morning announcements as well. To conclude music in our schools, our 3rd and 4th graders enjoyed a brass assembly sponsored by the Reading Musical Foundation and WAMA. A special thanks goes out to all our performers!





READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK



We had many guest readers visit WHEC during Read Across America week in March, including Pennsylvania State Representative Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz, District 129.

Our students enjoyed celebrating the week with various dress-up themes aligned to their Dr. Seuss books too!

STEAM ROOM NEWS

from Dr. Wengerd

Did you know that there is going to be a solar eclipse on April 8th?

In the STEAM Room we've been preparing for the eclipse by talking about what a solar eclipse is and how to safely view the eclipse. Every student K-4 has made a safe viewer that they can use the day of the eclipse and bring home to use after school on the 8th. Stay tuned on Class Dojo for more information about the eclipse from the STEAM Room!



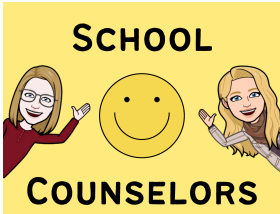
[Email Mrs. Kern](mailto:mrs.kern@wyoarea.org)

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE – MRS. KERN

Spring is just around the corner which means so are field trips! Field trips offer students a unique opportunity to learn outside the classroom and explore new places. They also require extra preparation to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone!

- Wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes
- Bring snacks and water
- Wear sunscreen - please put sunscreen on your child before coming to school on the day of the field trip.
- If your child needs medication on the trip, please let your teacher or school nurse know by filling out the field trip form.
 - All medication will need a doctor's order to be given - see medication policy and form.
 - If the student has an epi-pen or inhaler and the paperwork is already filled out in the nurse's office there is no need to fill it out again.





[Email Mrs. Cheslock](mailto:mcheslock@wyoarea.org)
School Counselor K-2

[Email Mrs. Stem-Zmoda](mailto:rstemzmoda@wyoarea.org)
School Counselor 3-4

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELORS – MRS. CHESLOCK & MRS. STEM-ZMODA

Mrs. Molly Cheslock (K-2) - mcheslock@wyoarea.org - ext. 4506
Mrs. Rebekah Stem-Zmoda (3-4) - rstemzmoda@wyoarea.org - ext. 4505

We can also be reached on Class Dojo!

Classroom Guidance Lessons for March

The school counselors teach classroom lessons which focus on social, emotional, behavioral, and career skills and growth.

Kindergarten continued with coping skills and practiced mindfulness with a focusing game, story, and deep breathing.

First Grade practiced coping skills with a snowman play and snowman drawing of their favorite coping skills.

Second Grade practiced coping skills with stations: mindfulness, puzzles, nature, and organizing.

3rd Grade continued our focus on careers in March. We learned about community helpers through some activities and playing Career Bingo. We ended our unit on careers by seeing how our interests align with different careers through a Career Interest Inventory. Students loved seeing what careers they may like to do one day based on their current interests! Ask your student to show you their results!

4th Grade finished up our unit on careers with a special Guidance / STEAM project with Dr. Wengerd and Mrs. Stem-Zmoda! All month long, students learned about Entrepreneurship. We even learned about some Berks County entrepreneurs along the way. Students were paired based on similar ideas and began creating a business plan. We have some really creative entrepreneurs at WHEC!

Spartan Skills

April's Spartan Skill is Creativity. Creativity is all about expressing yourself in your own special way and making the world a more colorful and exciting place! Creativity is like being an artist with a wild imagination. It's about coming up with new ideas and using your imagination to make something special and unique. Creativity means thinking outside the box, trying new things, and expressing yourself.

Check out the [Counselor's Corner Website!](#)



[Excuse Notes](#) - or use the QR Code to send an excuse email!



[Email the Attendance Secretary](#)

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Phone calls to report absences are no longer required. Please utilize our email to communicate: whec-attendance@wyoarea.org

Please do not call or email the school office after 12:00 p.m. to change after-school plans for your child unless it is an emergency.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT



For WHEC Technical Support, please contact: [Zach Myers](#)

For PowerSchool Help, please contact: SISHelp@wyoarea.org

Upcoming security changes to the PowerSchool Parent Portal may require you to reset your password to more complex rules including: minimum of 8 characters and no previous passwords. Users will also be prompted to change their password if the password is a well-known password. PowerSchool will check existing or newly created passwords with a known list of existing passwords that are security risks.

If you need help with your Parent/Guardian Account please email:

Student Information System (SIS) Support.
SISHelp@wyoarea.org
(610) 374-0739, Ext. 1140



FROM OUR SUPPORTING AGENCIES & ORGANIZATIONS

WASD Community Bulletin Board

The community bulletin board is a service to families in the Wyomissing Area School District. The goal of the bulletin board is to share information that may directly benefit the students and families of the WASD. Click [HERE](#) to check it out!

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) identifies students who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, and/or academic difficulties which pose a barrier to learning and academic success.

There may be times when you do not know how to help your child. This is okay and someone else may know how to help. Contact your child's school counselor or scan the QR code to request the SAP process.



Cook Center for Human Connection

As always, check out the [ParentGuidance.org](https://www.parentguidance.org) resources where you can access free courses led by licensed therapists on more than 50 topics. To access the course, simply navigate to ParentGuidance.org and click on-demand courses.

In response to parent concerns about student health and well-being, Wyomissing Area School District is partnering with ParentGuidance.org to deliver [presentations developed by licensed therapists](#). This series will be virtual, interactive, and is designed to help parents and caregivers support students. Registration, attendance and interactions are kept totally anonymous from other viewers.

Parents, do you find yourself looking for ways to connect with your child more?

Parent Coaching is a free resource that connects you with a parenting coach and content created by therapists, to help you navigate the ups and downs of parenting.



[Cook Center](#)



[Parent Guidance - Coaching](#)



Click here to register for support from a coach:
<https://cookcenter.info/coaching>



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Wyomissing Area Education Foundation (WAEF)

Save the Date: Blue & White Party Honoring the Gage Family - April 19th!

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate our annual fundraiser, the 2024 Blue & White Party, is set for Friday, April 19th, 2024, from 6:30pm -10:30pm, at the Neag Planetarium on the Reading Public Museum grounds. This much-anticipated event is a time for us to come together and recognize the exceptional contributions of individuals who have made a significant impact on our community.

This year, we are proud to honor the remarkable *Gage Family: Bill, Gwen, and Kristi*, as the 2024 Distinguished Alumnus. Their dedication to excellence in education and unwavering support for the Wyomissing Area School District have left a lasting legacy that inspires us all.

The Blue & White Party is more than just a celebration—it's an opportunity to support the mission of the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation as WAEF relies on community support! Our mission is clear: to foster excellence in education within the Wyomissing School District and provide every student with an enriching educational experience that maximizes their potential. Save the date, spread the word, and let's make this year's Blue & White Party a night to remember!

For sponsorship, tickets, or donations, visit
<https://www.wyoarea-foundation.org/2024bluewhite>.

To assist with event planning or volunteer on the night, email Samantha Kaag at Skaag@wyoarea.org.



Please join us for the 2024

Blue & White
PARTY

benefiting Wyomissing Area Education Foundation

Friday, April 19, 2024 | 6:30 – 10:30pm

NEAG PLANETARIUM
on the grounds of the Reading Public Museum

We will honor the 2024 Distinguished Alumnus, The Gage Family (Bill, Gwen, and their daughter Kristi)

Blue & White attire is suggested | Silent & Live Auction | Tickets: \$100 per person

Sponsorship opportunities are available. RSVP by March 29th

www.wyoarea-foundation.org/2024bluewhite

