



THE WHITEFIELD MONTHLY

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From the Head of School

Pray without Ceasing!

by Gary Mounce, Head of School

"Then He spoke a parable to them that men always ought to pray and not lose heart..." – Luke 18:1

It is difficult to maintain an effective prayer life. To this point, it is often said praying is hard work. The reality is it takes disciplined daily practice. In scripture, Jesus taught his disciples they ought always to pray. We see Jesus himself needed to pray. A book I read suggested our prayer life is the barometer of a Christian's spiritual condition. If you take the time to consider this, it will make you think. I hope that it will lead you to pray as well.

We have also heard prayer make a difference! As you and your family prepare for a break away from the daily routine of school, on behalf of the faculty, staff and administration I would like to pray, you have a relaxing, enjoyable, safe and restful break. When school resumes the days will be filled by numerous events, programs, ceremonies, field trips, etc... leading up to the end of the year. Therefore, I would also like to ask you to remember us in your prayers.

That same book I read suggested answered prayer comes when we continually and sincerely seek God in an intimate time of prayer; this is the key to answered prayer. So 'pray without ceasing' and remember God desires us to be victors, not victims; to soar, not sink; and to overcome, not be overwhelmed (1 Cor. 15:56-58). Listed below are some of the things you can be in prayer for:

- New Staff / Faculty which will need to be hired
- The spiritual and professional development of our current faculty
- For the Leadership team to experience God's knowledge, understanding and gain the wisdom to use it
- For Whitefield, as a school, to do education in such a way that God would be willing to add students / families.
- For our returning families and new families which will join us next year
- Upcoming trips (Senior, Junior and Eight Grade), events, ceremonies, daily classes

I want to thank you for choosing Whitefield Academy to be your partner in the education of your student(s). As always, I am grateful.

Mr. Gary Mounce



PTF INFORMATION



Otis Spunkmeyer Family Collection

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser. Our school total raised is \$6,158!!! That's wonderful!

Congratulations to Breanna Madison who sold 43 items at \$794! Also, congratulations to Mrs. Abbott's class for winning the icecream party!

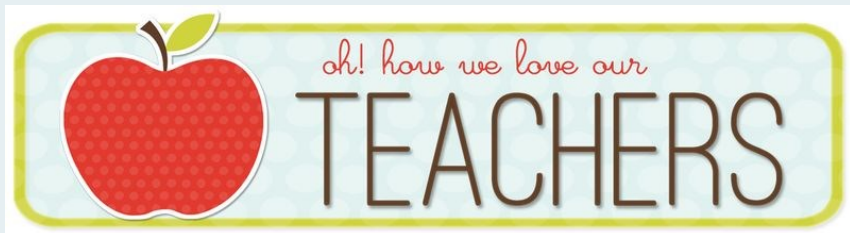
Home & Family Fundraising

April 10th - 24th

We are excited about a new fundraiser this year! This catalog has something for everyone! Teacher gifts, Birthday, Summer fun, back to school... you will find something for everyone on your list!

More details will be coming soon. Unfortunately, due to lack of participation and the recent quality of the flowers, we have chosen not to participate in the flower sale. This Fundraiser will take the place of our flower sale.

Participation in this fundraiser will give students a chance to win \$100



Teacher Appreciation Day

Teacher Appreciation Day is April 21st! Be preparing to love our teachers that day!



ACSI Information

ACSI SPEECH MEET

Whitefield Academy took 59 students from grades 1-6 to the ACSI Speech Meet at The Frankfort Christian Academy on Fri., Mar. 17th, 2017. The students chose selections from the following categories: Bible Memorization, Poetry, Fables & Folklores, Dramatic Bible Prose, Patriotic Oration, and Original Speeches. Everyone did so well and put forth their best efforts.

Superior ribbons were awarded to 51 students while 8 students earned Excellent ribbons. We also had great parent volunteers to assist with judging.

Many students have been attending the Speech Meet for several years now and truly enjoy attending. For many new students this was their first introduction to public speaking and performed very well. Learning skills and gaining experience in public speaking is a must for a wide variety of professions. To be a great communicator is an important part of a successful career. This speech competition is a wonderful opportunity for our students to grow.



ACSI CREATIVE WRITING

This year for the first time ever, Whitefield Academy hosted the ACSI District Creative Writing Festival. There were 9 schools and 107 students that participated.

Whitefield Academy submitted 27 entries into the festival. Students from grades 5-12 were given the opportunity to submit their works in the categories of Poetry (free verse and rhymed), Essay, and Short Story. The results are as follows: **Superior ribbons were given to 19 students while 8 students received Excellent ratings!**

This means that 19 students will have their work sent on to the Regional competition. Works from students earning a Superior at the Regional level will be published in a book to be placed in our school Library.

Congratulations students and teachers!



Around the School

Preschool

by Lisa Hammond, Preschool Director

The first day of Spring was just a few days ago and I find myself wanting to spend more and more time outside. Send children out to play is more than just free time for them. By encouraging children to play outside they are developing their imaginations and help them develop stronger immune systems. Going outside is the best way to get vitamin D that so many children are lacking.

Playing outside with others allows children to develop respect for themselves and others. This time to explore uses all five of their senses at one time which aides in brain development. Here at Whitefield we try as much as possible to spend at least 30 minutes a day outside when possible. We have found that the children are more willing to learn after playtime outside. They eat and rest better. Be sure to include outside time in you are planning of evening and weekends . The benefits are far greater than we realize.





Around the School

Elementary

by Dr. Bruce Jacobson, Elementary Principal

The elementary students have been busy throughout January and February with several different activities.



Top Photos:

Kindergarten classes dressed up for International Day Activities

Left Photo:

The Fifth Grade students hosted a WONDERFUL Grandparents Day Program including all elementary school levels on March 24th entitled "Sermon on the Mound." Great job by all!



Around the School

Middle School

by Dr. Bruce Jacobson, Middle School Principal



The seventh grade students dissected frogs on Friday, March 10, 2017.



Sixth graders working on various craft projects during Middle School Creative Learning Day.



The annual 8th grade trip to Washington, DC and Williamsburg, Virginia takes place from April 29th through May 4th. This is an absolutely wonderful and exciting field trip for our 8th grade students. This trip will leave a lasting impression upon them as many of Whitefield High School students and Alumni still talk about the trip for years later. Whitefield Academy and the former Highview Baptist School have been doing this trip for over 28 years. The trip is a unique opportunity for the students to see and experience many of the historical places and sites which made our nation a great nation where many of the students have only seen pictures on TV and in books but will now have the chance to visit them in person. This year the DC trip has been contracted through Miller Transportation. Both Christian and historical perspectives are shared with the students as they visit each of these historic locations. Please be in prayer during this time for an enjoyable and safe journey.



Around the School

High School

by Mr. Gary Mounce, High School Principal

STUDENT SUCCESS!¹

"Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out." – John Wooden

Obviously part of what we teach / emphasis in high school is Christian character. If a student is kind, generous, thoughtful, etc... we say they have 'good character'. Recent research² suggest certain character traits could be a measure of how students succeed in school. Below are character traits identified as qualities which "are more likely to" help students succeed in school; even more so than students who are intelligent but not as driven":



Zest – guide them to be enthusiastic about learning; show your enthusiasm.

Grit – teacher your teen perseverance; communicate examples from your life.

Self-control – make sure your teen has opportunities to grow in responsibility.

Social intelligence – help them think through social cues; identify situations where your teen put themselves in others' shoes.

Gratitude – start with the basics of saying please and thank you but also discuss why gratefulness is important.

Optimism - encourage your teen to look at the bright side of events; remember, they will learn this from you.

Curiosity - help your teen explore more about themselves; encourage them to step outside of their comfort zone.

¹ adapted from an article in [Parents Still make the Difference!](#); High School issue, February 2012

² Source: p. Tough, "What if the Secret to Success Is Failure?" The New York Times, 2011

WHAT'S COMING UP?

April

- 8 ACT Exam
- 10-13 AP US History Trip
- 10-15 Senior Trip
- 17 HS Course Requests turned off
- 19 Mid-terms
- 27 HS Host Family Meeting
- 28 Senior Lunch

May

- 13 Junior/Senior Prom



Student Life

Missions March Fundraiser 2017

by Derek Hopperton, Director of Student Life

For our annual Middle & High School “Missions March” fundraiser, we focused on an amazing local ministry: **A Woman’s Choice & Necole’s Place**.

A Woman’s Choice/ Necole’s Place is a Christ-centered crisis pregnancy center that provides for the medical, emotional, and spiritual needs of women experiencing a crisis pregnancy as well as counseling and life-skill training. They also counsel women considering an abortion and guide them towards choosing life.

This year, we had two specific fundraisers. First, on Friday, March 17th, in the spirit of “March Madness” students were able to donate \$1 (or more) for the ability to wear a shirt supporting their favorite team. Second, from March 20-24, each first period class collected coins, dollars, and checks into baby bottles placed at the front of the room.

I am excited to announce that through these fundraisers, our students raised over **\$1,500** for A Woman’s Choice/Necole’s Place! This will certainly go a long way in promoting the value and sanctity of life in our city and changing the lives of so many women and children!

It is always a joy to see our students give sacrificially. Thank you all for your participation in this worthy cause and once again being a part of Whitefield’s goal to be “salt and light” to our city!





Reminders

From the Health Office

Good news! Flu and strep cases are declining!

Spring allergies have started. **NO** medications to combat sneezing, coughing, watery eyes during the school day will be dispensed to your child on a random basis. Parents **MUST** supply this type of medication and fill out authorization forms. Please refer to our handbook for policy, or contact me at 502-231-6269 for any questions.

Spring break is a great time to do Kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals and immunizations for the 2017-2018 school year. Doctor offices book up in the summer months of July and August. Don't wait until the last minute.

Robotics

Good luck to our Robo-cats as they head to the
Robotics World Championship in St. Louis, MO
April 25-29th !



Important Dates

April 2017

- 3-7 No School – Spring Break
- 10-15 Senior Trip
- 14 No School
- 17 MS/HS Course Request turned OFF
- 19 Mid-terms
- 21 PTF Appreciation Luncheon/Day
- 24 8th Grade Trip Chaperone Meeting
- 29—5/4 8th Grade Trip

May 2017

- 1 AP Chemistry Exam
- 3 AP English Lit and Comp Exam
- 4 Prayer Walk
- 5 PTF Flower Sale Pick Up
- 5 AP History Exam
- 8 AP Biology Exam
- 9 AP Calculus Exam
- 10 AP English Lang Exam
- 11 AP Statistics Exam