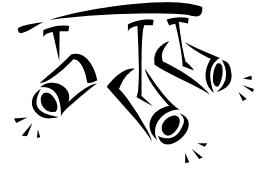




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### **Monthly Report – February 2008** **Ronald J. Farrar, Principal**

#### **Overview of Activities for February**

- Whitin School Monthly Faculty Meeting on February 4
- Annual Student Variety Show Performances on February 6
- Crisis Team Planning Meeting on February 7
- Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conferences on Friday, February 8
- iPass Training for School Secretaries on February 12
- Whitin School Council Meeting at 1:00PM on February 27

#### **Subject/Course/Classroom Activities**

**Monthly Faculty Meeting:** The monthly meeting for Whitin School faculty was held on Monday, February 4. Some topics included: plans for parent conferences, Study Island/ISSP update, crisis team meeting, schedule for upcoming MCAS tests, student of the month for February, and upcoming events. A copy of the complete faculty meeting agenda is attached.

**Student of the Month:** Whitin School Students of the Month for February were selected by teachers based on the theme of “Positive Attitude.” Students were recognized for improvement in various categories, including grades, attendance, conduct, participation, attitude, ect. A listing of Students of the Month for February is attached.

**Student Variety Show:** The annual Whitin School Student Variety Show, coordinated by Kathleen Penza, was held on Wednesday, February 6. Afternoon and evening performances included many different acts that featured singing, dancing, comedy skits, karate demonstrations, and several instrument solo performances. Congratulations to Mrs. Penza and the students for a great Variety Show. A listing of all the acts is attached.

**Central District Music Auditions:** Several individual members of the Whitin School Band participated in the Central District Music Auditions held on Saturday, February 2. Kathleen Penza, Band Director, was pleased to announce that Craig Robbins (grade 8) has been selected to the Jazz Band, and Andrew Reardon (grade 7) has been accepted to the Concert Band. Both Students received the highest scores in the district. This is the second consecutive year that Whitin School is being represented in the Central District Music Festival. Congratulations to Craig, Andrew, and Mrs. Penza.

## **PTO Reports and Parent Information**

**PTO Monthly Meeting:** Whitin School PTO held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 6:30PM in the school library. A group of parents have been attending PTO monthly meetings. Copies of PTO meeting agenda and monthly Parent Newsletter are attached for your review.

### **Upcoming Events:**

March 3	Monthly Whitin Faculty Meeting
March 4	Whitin Geography Bee
March 7	Curriculum Day
March 11	Jazz and Pasta Night
March 12	School Council Meeting
March 12	PTO Monthly Meetings
March 14	Faculty/Student Basketball Game
March 24	March-April MCAS Testing Begins



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DATE: February 4, 2008  
TO: Whitin School Faculty  
FROM: Mr. Farrar & Ms. Mayer  
RE: Faculty Meeting

### **Faculty Meeting Agenda for Monday, February 4, 2008**

- Carrot of the Day...
- Crisis Team: February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00
- Study Island/ISSPs
- Parent Teacher Conferences  
Half-Day: Periods 1-2-3-4  
Conferences: 11:20-2:20
- Cell Phones
- School Council Update: February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00  
Handbook Revisions
- Reading/ELA MCAS Schedule (See Back)
- Student of the Month  
Positive Attitude  
Submit by Wednesday, February 13
- Upcoming Events  
Variety Show: February 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 & 7:00  
Final B-Ball Game: February 11<sup>th</sup>  
PTO Meeting: February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30  
February Vacation: February 18-22
- Report for Math Teachers on First Steps: Dr. Boyaj & Kara Ekstrom



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PARENT NEWSLETTER  
February 2008



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**Parent Conferences on February 9**

Mid-year parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the afternoon on Friday, February 9 (11:30 AM – 2:30 PM). **This is a half day for students.** Conference sign-up forms were sent home to parents in report card envelopes during the last week of January. Priority for conference time on February 9 will be given to parents of students who are struggling with their schoolwork.

**Monthly PTO Meeting on February 13**

The next monthly meeting of the Whitin Middle School PTO is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, starting at 6:30PM in the school library. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend monthly PTO meetings and participate in PTO sponsored activities.

**Yearbook Orders Due February 14**

Order forms for this year's yearbook were sent home in report card envelopes. The cost for a yearbook is \$20.00 (checks made payable to Whitin Middle School.) Order forms and payment should be turned in by Thursday, February 14. Yearbooks are usually distributed in the last week of school.

**Variety Show on February 6**

Whitin School will host a variety show showcasing students' talents on Wednesday, February 6. The performances will be at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. The cost is \$3.00 for students and seniors and \$5.00 for adults. Acts include comedy, singing, dancing and much more! The snow date is Thursday, February 7.

**Notes from the Nurse: February - National Dental Health Month**

It is a fact that we all have bacteria (germs) in our mouths. The bacteria mix with your saliva and bits of food in your mouth to form a coating (dental plaque) that sticks to your teeth. Acids found in plaque can wear away enamel on teeth. These acids can get inside the teeth and create holes or cavities.

The best way to brush your teeth is use small circular motions, keeping the tips of the bristles more or less in the same place. This helps the bristles remove plaque from under the gum line and in between the teeth. You should spend about 10 seconds on each tooth. Concentrate on brushing one tooth at a time. Scrubbing your teeth back and forth misses plaque, injures gum tissue, and can erode dental enamel.

Twice daily brushing and cleaning between teeth with dental floss or dental cleaners, plus eating a balanced diet and limiting sweets and between-meal snacks can help prevent gum disease for everyone. Routine visits to a dentist help to keep teeth and gums healthy.

Source: Oral-B Laboratories

**February Vacation: February 18-22**

Whitin Middle School PTO Meeting  
Wednesday February 13, 2008  
**6:30pm** in the Whitin Library

## Agenda

- ❖ **Review January Meeting Minutes**
- ❖ **Review Treasurer's Report**
- ❖ **Calendar of Upcoming Events**
- ❖ **Update on School Council**
- ❖ **Update on Fundraisers**
- ❖ **Ideas for This Year's Grade 8 Class Trip**
- ❖ **Plans for Teacher Appreciation Week**
- ❖ **New Business**

**WHITIN MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday January 9, 2008

**Attendance**

Laura Derderian, Ron Farrar, Chris Stack, Kay Klos, Anne Maloney, Donna Lombard, Linda Kuros, Sandy Petrillo

**Review of Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2007**

Minutes from the December meeting were accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was accepted with a balance of \$27,160.99

**Calendar of Upcoming events**

December 18	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade social 2:30 - 4:00 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade dance 7:00 - 9:00
December 31	Report cards sent home
February 2	Variety Show 2:30 & 7:00
February 8	Early Dismissal - Parent/ Teacher conferences

**Update on Magazine Drive**

Money is still coming in via online sales.

Laura Derderian is seeking out a new representative for next year.

The profit, as well as, school spirit were the benefits of this fundraiser.

**School Council**

A meeting was held on January 9, 2008. The focus of the meeting was handbook review and revision. The items covered were truancy, habitual lateness, excused vs. unexcused lateness, determining the number of absences that define truant.

Policies were also reviewed.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be going to Six Flags.

PTO is responsible for the cost of the busses. Last year the cost was \$1,965.00.

**Classroom Request**

PTO received a request for reimbursement from Deb Prince for postage (\$45.20) for the pen/epals program for her class. This request was approved.

It was emphasized again the need to submit the request before the cost is incurred to guarantee reimbursement.

**New Business**

Smencils were discussed and it was decided we will go forth with purchasing Smencils to sell in the school store.

Different fundraiser ideas were discussed for a spring fundraiser. Some ideas presented were an auction and bulb or candy catalog. A decision will be reached by the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday February 13, 2008.

Submitted by,  
Chris Stack  
Co-President

# Whitin Middle School

## Student of the Month – Positive Attitude

### February 2008

#### Grade 5

Nathanial Bryington  
Brodie Dacus  
Yan DeSouza  
Anna DuBois  
Rebecca Dubovsky  
Matthew Ferrara  
Kathryn Kincaid  
Jocelyn O'Brien  
Naomi Racicot  
John Sawyer Shaw  
Alexandra Teare  
Timothy Tetreault

#### Grade 6

Reid Boutin  
Julia Dion  
Bryce Fournier  
Martina Ghobrial  
Mickaela Lussier  
Luke Maloney  
Tara Seeley  
Victoria Thanthavongsa  
Amber Yaroshefski

#### Grade 7

Adrianna Belanger  
Luke Burgess  
Lindsey Centrella  
Cameron Dailey  
Gerardo Gonzalez  
Nicole Lucciarini  
Mikaela Shanley  
Dezerae Corely-Tinio

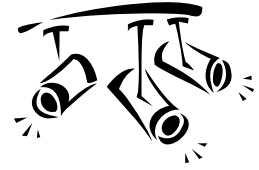
#### Grade 8

Jacqueline Goddard  
Kayla Hryzan  
Kristyn Laferriere  
Dylan Murray  
Bridget Wallace



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### HONOR ROLL 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2007-2008

#### **Grade 8 High Honors**

Micaela Connors, John Cotter, Kevin MacDougall, Haley Ostrem, Daniel Penza, Christopher Powloka, Lindsay Sweet

#### **Grade 8 Honors**

David Baker, Joshua Banks, Alyssa Berthelette, Emily Brochu, Alexander Brule, Elizabeth Caccavelli, Brittani Campbell, Katelyn Chabot, Alexandra Compton, Cody Conrad, Nicole Coolbrith, Chelsea Cota, Carolyn Cote, Peter Cournoyer, Molly Coutu, Rachel DeYoung, Alex DiCrescentis, Jerome Drane, Maggie Dugan, Zadok Emerick, James Flagg, Cassandra Gala, Samantha Giroux, Taurie Gniadek, Jacqueline Goddard, Tyler Grondin, Alexander Hall, Lauren Hammer, Christopher Hanson, Thomas Hough, Zachary Kent, Kristyn Laferriere, Andrew Lemoine, Jason Mannka, Brendan Nolan, Erik Oleksyk, Lindsey Poole, Craig Robbins, Lauren Rogers, Angela Sawyer Shaw, Grace Sharrow, Sara Shields, Smanatha Sottile, Katelyn Stefanick, Christopher Storey, Emma VanLoon, Megan Villemaire, Bridgit Wallace

#### **Grade 7 High Honors**

Seth Blackburn, Emily Cahill, Lindsey Centrella, Caitlin Francis, Seth Gordon, Kevin Gurney, Jake Hession, Mickayla Holt, Christopher Kelly, Dakota Krouner, Debora Lopes, Rachel Lozeau, Wade O'Neil, Andrew Reardon, David Roxo, Marc Tetreault Jr., Abigail White, Benjamin Wright

#### **Grade 7 Honors**

Tyler Amour, Emily Anderson, Baron Apple, Ashley Arsenault, Katerina Batchelder, Adrianna Belanger, Timothy Bouchard, Kerri Chamberlain, Amber Christie, Ryan Clifford, Jennifer Cogliandro, Danielle Combs, Colleen Conde, Jack Cone, Meghan Considine, Paige Consoletti, Olivia Cormier, Bradley Couture, Andrew Dabney, Amanda DiLuca, Miranda Doiron, Brendan Downs, Jillian Ebbeling, Gregory Ensom, Erika Ethier, Meghan Ferschke, Cameron Fiorentino, Joseph FitzGerald, Autumn Gentzler, Mitchell Goldman, Jeffrey Graveson, Edward Greene, Daniel Haines, Nicole Jolicoeur, Alyssa Knapik, Stephen Knapp, John Lamanuzzi, Richard Lanoue III, Paige Lavallee, Andrew Legg, Savana Lesperance, John Lobe, Stephanie Lozeau, Nicole Lucciarini, Christopher Mannka, Jared Mansfield, Alexandria McCrohan, Holly Noel, Michelle Paquette, Courtney Pavlis, Kyle Perry, Paul Peso, Joseph Petrillo, Alicia Phillips, Samantha Powers, Collin Proehl, Fernando Pogleasa, William Robbins, Jonathan Robert, Mikaela Shanley, Drew Simpson, Alex Sokoloski, Daniel Sullivan, Allison VanFechtman, Nicole Venditti, Justin Vieira, Alycia Wagner, Krystal Waters, Christian Wrightson, Zachary Young.

### **Grade 6 Honor Roll**

Joseph Adamson, Laurelyn Anderson, Marina Beaudry, Alexander Blair, Mary Boucher, Reid Boutin, Mitchell Braga, Courtney Britt, Benjamin Brule, Dante Calarese, Andrew Callahan, Demetrius Chokshi-Fox, Lauren Christian, Kayla Clinton, James Connors, Tarah Corcoran, Katherine Cota, Jack Coyne, Thomas Crudele, Madeleine Cullen, Carly D'Amato, Rachael Demrest, Luke Derderian, Domenic DiBattista, Julia Dion, Taylor Dion, Megan doCurren, Christopher Ferrick, Thomas Flagg, Bryce Fournier, John Gareri, Martina Ghobrial, Adrian Gilbert, Michaela Giroux, Roxana Gonzalez, Kaci Granger, Matthew Gray, Matthew Hamel, Luke Higgins, Verity Hirsch, Lucas Hogan, Hannah Holbrook, Alexandra Jameson, Kerri Jones, Mark Jordan, Nikole Kamishlian, Jonathan Klos, Joshua Lavigne, Shayna Leary, Daniel Lemire, Theresa Loell, Mariah Lombard, Victoria Luccio, Mickaela Lussier, Katherine MacDonnell, Ricky Machado-Grimes, Shawn MacNeill, Nathaniel Magill, Patrick Malone, Luke Maloney, Veronica Mattson, Julia Moore, Mary Morcos, Sean Nolan, Tyler Normandin, Ryan Nulty, Mitchell Page, Courtney Pepin, Jacob Peters, Katlyn Peters, Gina Petrillo, Nicholas Petrillo, Brady Phillips, Olivia Preservati, Courtney Rogers, Devin Rolandelli, Andrew Ross, Alyssa Rota, Marissa Rousseau, Abigail Sawyer, Kristina Sefakis, Erica Sherlock, Nicole Sherlock, Jacob Simmons, Chrystina Smith, Olivia Stack, Seleste Stahmer, Jared Stewart, Melissa Taylor, Victoria Thanthavongsa, Taylor Thomas, Gillian Toomey, Tyler Trahan, Julia Turgeon, Carey Twyman, Jacqueline Tysen, Molly Wallace, Katherine Wills, Samantha Wise, Kelsey Wojnowski, Amber Yaroshefski.

### **Grade 5 Honor Roll**

Anthony Abate, Danielle Albertelli, Carly Alden, Amanda Alves, Pooja Amin, Abishek Arokiadoss, Julia Baker, Bailey Bean, Alexis Berlinguet, Daniella Birri, Jacob Bodell, Travis Brown, Nathaniel Bryington, James Caffrey, Jacob Carter, Domenic Cattani, Ashley Cavaliere, Abigail Centrella, Samantha Chamberlain, Vincent Cifizzari, Kyle Clark, Emily Cole, Patrick Cole, Jordan Cornell, Joshua Cournoyer, Nicholas Coutu, Miranda Cox, Michael Cyr, Connor Dailey, Samuel Danis, Elizabeth Davidson, Victoria Desplaines, Casey Dionne, Anna DuBois, Rebecca Dubovsky, Owen Dugan, Lilli Ebbeling, Diana Eldredge, Matthew Ferrara, Colin Fiorentino, Jessica FitzGerald, Matthew Fonseca, Logan French, Jeremiah Frolo, Cameron Gallagher, Trevor Gardner, Kasey-Lee Gariepy, Brittany Genest, Sandra Ghobrial, Thalia Gilbert, Daniel Gniadek, Emily Greeson, Zachary Grenon, Daniel Haynes, Katherine Holt, Nicholas Horne, Baron Horwath, Johy Hyland, Jordan Hynes, Shayne Irvine, Felisha Jacques, Danielle Jolicoeur, Amber Jones, John Kapinos, Kathryn Kincaid, Lacie Kraich, Kaitlin, Kraus, Zoe Krouner, Alexander Kuros, Daniel Lanoue, Marta Leitao, David Lozeau, Osvaldo Luna, Sophie Makowski, Elizabeth Maloney, Jessica Maloney, Ryan Manz, Brianna Matheson, Emily Melo-Coppinger, Brianna Morais, Melissa Morton, Jocelyn O'Brien, Emily Pascucci, Andrew Perry, Justin Pickering, Catarina Pilotte, Jacob Powers, Sabrina Prince, Stefania Prosser, Naomi Racicot, Sean Raleigh, Claudia Daniella Rodas, Claudia Patricia Rodas, Mikayla Rooney, Jacob Rota, Jennifer Roy, William Russell, Megan Salemi, John Sawyer Shaw, Mackenzie Schultzberg, Tara Seeley, Kamaldeep Sidhu, Brandon Silbor, Isadora Silva, Erik Silveira, Katherine Skerry, Ian St. Pierre, Jake Taparousky, Nicholas Taparousky, Alexandra Teare, Jacob Tekut, Timothy Tetreault, Lindsey Thiebault, Michael Tominsky, Melissa Truett, Mackenzie vanLingen, Alexandra Van Loon, Sydney Volpe, Branden Wagar, Courtney Walker, Kaitlyn Waters, Tyler Wilcon, Alexandra Wojnowski

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**VARIETY SHOW 2008**  
**2:30 PM**

1. **Star-Spangled Banner – Matt Gray, guitarist**
2. **Behind Those Hazel Eyes – Danielle Jolicoeur, vocalist**
3. **Yankee Doodle – Alexandra Teare, flutist**
4. **Strut – Theresa Loell, dancer**
5. **Bigger Than Us – Emily Greeson, vocalist**
6. **Hurt – Amber Yaroshefski, dancer**
7. **See You Again – Holly Washburn, vocalist**
8. **Rockstar – Elizabeth Davidson, tumbler**
9. **Tennessee Blues – Katherine Wills, violinist**
10. **One, Two, Three, Four – Verity Hirsch, dancer**
11. **If We Hold On Together – Melissa Taylor, vocalist**
12. **Be A Clown – Alexis Berlinguet, Chelsea Berlinguet, Julia Dion, Kylie Eccleston, Ashley Cavalieri, Tiana Henderson - comediennes**
13. **You and Me Together – Emily Greeson and Felisha Jacques, vocalists**
14. **Yesterday – Christopher Kelly, pianist**
15. **Jonathan the Cook – Joe Adamson and Devin Borjeson-Troupe, comedians**
16. **Breaking Free – Theresa Loell and Jonathan Klos, vocalists**
17. **Smoke on the Water re-mix – Jacob Rota, alto sax ;Jacob Tekut, drums**
18. **Clumsy – Missy Morton, Alex VanLoon, Jessica Fitzgerald, dancers**
19. **My Way – Craig Robbins, trombonist**
20. **I Love Rock n’ Roll – Nicole Jolicoeur, vocalist**
21. **Irish Step Dance – Mikaela Shanley and Nicole Venditti, dancers**

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**VARIETY SHOW 2008**  
**7:00 PM**

22. Star-Spangled Banner – Matt Gray, guitarist
23. Harry Potter themes – Ben Wright, alto saxophonist
24. Strut – Theresa Loell, dancer
25. Don't Speak – Olivia Asagarian and Amanda Ballou, vocalists
26. Sawmill Creek – Dylan Murray, clarinetist
27. Hurt – Amber Yaroshefski, dancer
28. A Thousand Words – Carolyn Cote, vocalist
29. A Place in this World – Harley Bison, karate demonstration
30. One, Two, Three, Four – Verity Hirsch, dancer
31. Everywhere – Danielle Combs, vocalist
32. Smoke on the Water re-mix – Jacob Rota, alto sax ;Jacob Tekut, drums
33. Yesterday – Christopher Kelly, pianist
34. Jonathan the Cook – Joe Adamson and Devin Borjeson-Troupe, comedians
35. Breaking Free – Theresa Loell and Jonathan Klos, vocalists
36. Clumsy – Missy Morton, Alex VanLoon, Jessica Fitzgerald, dancers
37. My Way – Craig Robbins, trombonist
38. I Love Rock n' Roll – Nicole Jolicoeur, vocalist
39. Boston – Dan Penza, keyboardist and vocalist
40. Irish Step Dance – Mikaela Shanley dancer
41. The Lion Sleeps Tonight and My Girl – Craig Robbins, Andre Caron, Dan Penza, vocalists

## MCAS TEST SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2008

### **Grade 5**

Mon. March 24	<b><u>Reading Comprehension Test</u></b>	
	ELA Practice Test	8:30 - 10:00 AM
Tues. March 25	ELA Session 1	8:00 – 10:15 AM
Wed. March 26	ELA Session 2	8:00 – 10:15 AM
Thu. March 27	ELA Session 3	8:00 – 10:15 AM
Fri. March 28	ELA Make-Up	8:00 – 10:15 AM

### **Grade 6**

Mon. March 31	<b><u>Reading Comprehension Test</u></b>	
	ELA Practice Test	8:00 – 11:00 AM
Tue. April 1	ELA Session 1	8:00 – 11:00 AM
Wed. April 2	ELA Session 2	8:00 – 11:00 AM
Thu. April 3	ELA Session 3	8:00 – 11:00 AM
Fri. April 4	ELA Make-Up	8:00 – 11:00 AM

### **Grade 7**

Tues. March 25	<b><u>ELA Composition Test</u></b>	
	Session A: First Draft	8:00 – 9:20 AM
	Supervised Break	9:20 – 9:40 AM
	Final Composition	9:40 – 11:00 AM

### **Grade 7**

Mon March 31	<b><u>Reading Comprehension Test</u></b>	
	ELA Practice Test	
Tue April 1	ELA Session 1	11:45 – 2:00 PM
Wed April 2	ELA Session 2	11:45 – 2:00 PM
Thu April 3	ELA Session 3	11:45 – 2:00 PM
Fri April 4	ELA Make-Up	11:45 – 2:00 PM

### **Grade 8**

Mon. March 24	<b><u>Reading Comprehension Test</u></b>	
	ELA Practice Test	12:30 – 2:00 PM
Tue. March 25	ELA Session 1	12:30 – 2:00 PM
Wed. March 26	ELA Session 2	12: 30 – 2:00 PM
Thu. March 27	ELA Session 3	12:30 – 2:00 PM
Fri. March 28	ELA Make-Up	12:30 – 2:00 PM

MCAS Alternate Assessment Due May 9<sup>th</sup>