

WMS NEWS

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Whitehall Middle School Families,

As we approach the much-anticipated Spring Break, I want to thank our students, staff, and families. Our school community continues to shine, and it is a pleasure to watch our students grow academically and personally.

Spring Break begins tomorrow, April 4th, and students will return to school on Monday, April 14th, 2025. I encourage all our students and families to take this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones. This break provides an excellent opportunity to unwind and return ready for the exciting final stretch of the school year.

Looking ahead, please note that our 8th-grade students will be taking the PSAT on April 22nd.

On behalf of the entire Whitehall Middle School staff, I wish you a safe and enjoyable spring break. We look forward to seeing our students back in the classrooms on April 14th.

Enjoy the break!

Craig Thompson
WMS Principal



WMS Believes...

1. Students must feel safe, cared for, and valued for learning to take place.
2. It's our job to spark student curiosity and help students identify/pursue their interests.
3. Students thrive on intentional structure.
4. School decisions should reflect the distinctive nature of middle school students.

6th Grade News:

Math- We are completing our unit of study on Expressions & Equations. After spring break, we will dive deeper into positive and negative numbers, absolute value, inequalities and the coordinate plane. We will also be taking the last math NWEA test shortly after spring break.

Geography- Students have been learning how history has shaped and impacted the Geography of North and South America.

ELA - This week students completed their end of year NWEA assessment as well as wrapped up Module 2 of our studies. All research problem and solution essays should be turned in along with both of their notes and planning packets. All materials were emailed home and students have access to these items in Google Classroom. When we return from break, we will begin our Module focused on remarkable accomplishments in space science. Students will be analyzing and interpreting informational text and considering point of view and bias.

Science- We are continuing our exploration of the Universe, with a focus on the seasons.

7th Grade News:

ELA: The English classes just wrapped up their Harlem Renaissance module. Students created a museum exhibit that featured works by authors and artists from the period and a contemporary piece that built upon the themes developed by Harlem Renaissance creators. Students then presented their exhibits to their classmates. After spring break, the 7th graders will continue looking and learning about poetry as well as begin our fourth module, Plastic Pollution.

Science: Mr. Huizenga's Science classes have completed the Waves Unit on the Electromagnetic Spectrum. Next, we will be completely switching gears for the remainder of the school year and studying Ecology, a great excuse to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather.

Math: Math classes are a few lessons into Unit 6 - expression, equations, and inequalities. Students will be learning how to set up, demonstrate, and solve two-step equations using tape diagrams and interactive "balanced hangers" to learn how to balance equations.

History: The students completed their slide shows for Ancient China. We learned many new things about their culture. Have your student share their slideshow with you if they haven't already! Next up, we travel to Greece and Rome. Areas of study will be government, inventions and mythology!!!

8th Grade News:

On April 22, the 8th graders will take the PSAT. Their chromebooks will be left at school the night before.

ELA:

We are reading *Maus: A Survivor's Tale – My Father Bleeds History*. Students are working to identify themes, character development, and tracking plots over the course of a story.

Math 8 students are near the end of Unit 6 Associations in Data. The Friday after spring break we will have an assessment over this unit.

Algebra:

In Algebra, students are in the middle of unit 7, Quadratic Functions. The unit assessment will be after the PSAT.

U.S. History:

This week we will finish up our unit on the American Civil War. After Spring Break, we will learn about Reconstruction.

Science:

Students are using Sedimentators to simulate how water moves different types of sediment through our streams and rivers and throughout the water cycle.

They are preparing to go on a field trip and water test the various tributaries (creeks) that feed into the White River and White Lake

Electives News:**Choir:**

The choir program just had a very successful Coffeehouse fundraiser where a dozen WMS choir students got to sing for families and friends in solos and duets of their choosing! The WMS Choirs also had a very successful Choral Festival experience with 7th and 8th Grade Choirs receiving ratings of "II" (or "Good") and 6th Grade Choir receiving a rating of "I" (or "Excellent")!

We have been working hard to prepare songs for our Whimsy & Wonder themed Spring Concert on May 6th at 6:30 in the auditorium at WHS! That concert will be followed closely by the WHS Choir on May 8th. We are so excited to share our fun "Pops" style songs with families and community members next month!

Athletics:

If your child is interested in playing a spring sport please make sure you sign up on final forms at <https://whitehall-mi.finalforms.com/>

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Viking Athletic Center at 231-893-1070.

Clubs:**Fishing Club**

Our last few meetings will be at Goodrich Park now that the weather is warmer out and the fish will be biting. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 16th, from 3:15 - 4:15 at Goodrich Park, meeting at the wooden fishing structure near Goodrich Park. Students need to return the liability permission slip if they want to attend. Fishing club members all received a copy, but if someone needs another one, please see Mr. Lupa or get one from the office.

Plant Club

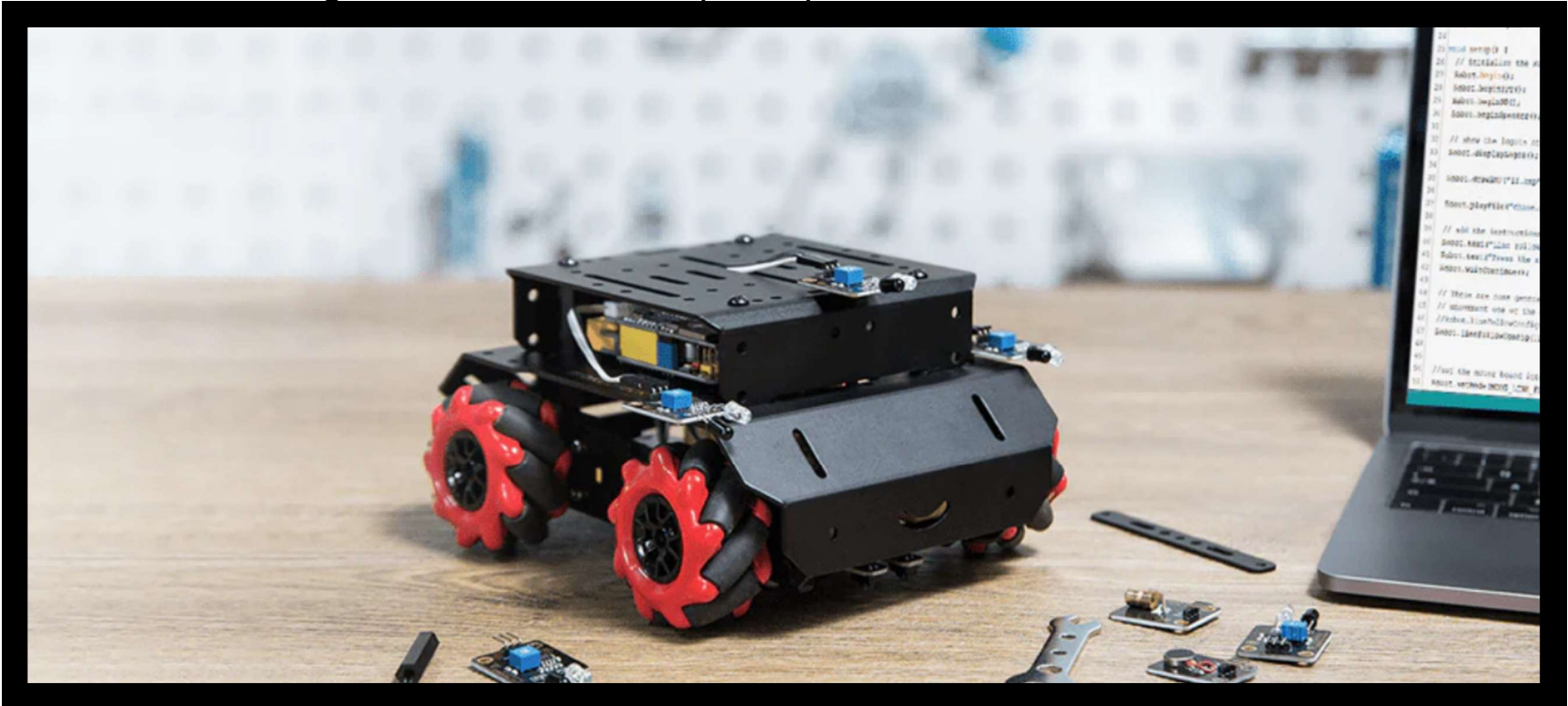
The final Plant Club meeting of the school year will be Thursday, April 17th from 2:50-4:00 in the STEM room. Students will be learning about spider plants and taking home their own baby spider.

Culture Club

Mr. Meinert will be running a Culture Club beginning the Tuesday AFTER Spring Break. April 15th. We will meet every Tuesday from 3 - 4:30. Please email Mr. Meinert, danmeinert@whitehallschools.net if you are interested. We will be learning about Cultures from around the world!!!! My goal is to learn about other cultures' way of living, games, music, art and food!!

Whitehall Middle School Robotics Spring Camp

5th, 6th, and 7th graders are invited to participate in **WMS ROBOTICS SPRING CAMP**.



If so... come to WMS Robotics Camp this May!

This camp will teach students robot building (from Makeblock mBot Mega kits) and coding, as well as an art/design component involving research. It will prepare students for the FIRST Tech Challenge program next fall.

No prior experience is required. No cost to participate.

Students must be in 5th, 6th, or 7th grade this year ('24 - '25) in the White Lake area.

Participation in this camp is strongly encouraged for students who want to apply to participate in the Whitehall Middle School FIRST Tech Challenge program next fall for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Camp Dates & Times:

**Note: Students must commit to attending all 3 days of camp.*

Day #1: Friday, 05/16/2025, 5:00-8:15 PM

Day #2: Saturday, 05/17/2025, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

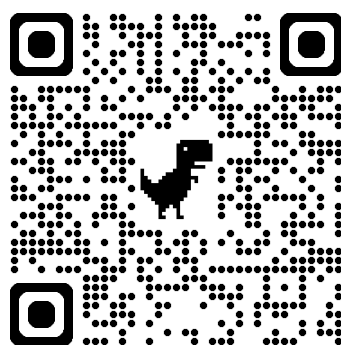
Day #3: Sunday, 5/18/2025, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Community Event Presentation:

Friday, 5/23/25, 3-6 PM

Link to Application: [GOOGLE FORM](https://forms.gle/ozQD3NCXW2btEP5X6) (<https://forms.gle/ozQD3NCXW2btEP5X6>)

Or scan this QR code...



Contact colinragan@whitehallschools.net for questions or more information.