

# WHITEHOUSE SCHOOL NEWS

## From the Principal..

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### Character Corner

February is *CARING* month at WHS.

#### Happy Valentine's Day!

We are practicing *caring* gestures in school.

Please continue to discuss acts of good character with your child as he/she earns your permission to shade in pieces from his/her bucket-filler puzzle. Your child already has a copy, but you can click [here](#) to download another *Caring* bucket with examples of caring actions!

### Whitehouse School Mission Statement

The mission of Whitehouse School is to provide children with a nurturing environment where they will feel safe and accepted. Our school community encourages respect and builds independence while fostering academic and personal growth, and creating a love for learning.

Dear WHS Families,

It has already been a month since we welcomed our newest *Cubs of Character* to WHS! They have adjusted quite well as they joined our amazing learning community. On their very first day, they became "guests of honor" at our Town Hall Meeting. We hold these assemblies several times a year. During these gatherings, we celebrate together and emphasize our school's character traits. On January 2, the festivities began as our preschoolers entered the Gymnasium amid the applause and waves of the crowd. They looked like the rest of us because they all wore their new Whitehouse School red shirts. The kindergartners began by singing a special song to greet our preschoolers and then we all recited our school cheer. We certainly hope that the new members of our WHS family feel valued and can sense that we are excited to have them here!



Pictured here, one of our newest *Cubs of Character*, Reagan Reilly.

### Mary Poppins Update

Our school-wide thematic unit is underway! At this point, teachers have read *Mary Poppins* books to students and will now be engaging in academic activities related to the storyline. In addition, our very generous H.S.A. has funded two assemblies related to our theme. First, we just hosted a magic show as a nod to the magical powers that Mary Poppins possess. The children loved it! We also look forward to meeting a real penguin & his trainer in April as we connect to the famous penguin dance from the movie! On a related note, third graders in our Drama & Storytelling Clubs have been hard at work preparing for their March performance of the WHS musical, *Nanny Poppins*. We also have a Story Synthesis Day, a Makers Day, & a Sing-Along Day planned! It will be a busy winter. As Mary Poppins would say, "Head up and feet beneath you!"

Warmly,  
Dr. Ann DeRosa