

THE WHITMAN GAZETTE

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Kindergarten Tours

By: Ashlyn Dye

On May 11th and 12th, Whitman hosted close to 50 new kindergarteners and their families to tour the school! On Friday, May 12th, I joined the tour to see what it was like. The staff involved in the tours were Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Gehringer, Mrs. Wesh, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Heil. In the library, Mr. Anderson reviewed having kindergarten as a new program here at Whitman and said that “the kindergarteners make the place lively.” After, Mr. Anderson reviewed safety and security with the parents. Some parent questions included, “How many kindergarten classes will there be?” “How many kids are in each room?” Mr. Anderson also asked the kids questions, such as the colors on the chairs, to see if they were paying attention and to see how much they know. Mrs. Wesh reviewed footwear and attendance policies. Mrs. Maxwell sang a song and got them to dance. Mr. Clark did a movement activity and then Mr. Anderson talked about our guidance counselor Mrs. Stumpf and our reading specialist Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Gehringer discussed academics and building character within our Whitman family, she reviewed the OLWEUS program and Township Tuesday lessons/discussions, and mentioned developmental playtime in Kindergarten. Mrs. Gehringer read the poem “Books, Books, and More Books.” When one student was interviewed, he said his favorite spot on the tour was the art room! After the students left, I had the chance to interview Mr. Clark about the tours.

How many kids did you tour today and yesterday?

We had around 50 students

Are you excited for the new kids coming?

I'm always excited to have new students! Each student brings a new story.

Why do we offer the tours?

We offer them as a way to make parents comfortable to tell them the process of how the school works.



Guess that Whitman Teacher

By: Alicia Seeger

Which teacher at Whitman School...

- loves to eat pizza
 - likes music by Justin Timberlake
 - Says pink is her favorite color
 - Drives a white car
 - Has a dog named Max
 - has been teaching for 8 years
- ...and teaches kindergarten?

(find the answer on page 4...)

Guess that Whitman Staff Member

By Rylie Jones

Who here at Whitman...

- Loves Seafood
- Has worked at Whitman for 25 ½ years
- Says her favorite animal is a Giraffe
- Has a Jack Russel Terrier Dog
- Loves bright colors
- Works with Kindergarten through 5th grade

(find the answer on page 4...)

Our Staff: Leah Baehr, Ashlyn Dye, Joie Rose DelGiorno, Rylie Jones, Aleah Liberati, Mina Lockhart, Collin Merrigan, Talia Morrison, Sydney O’Shaughnessy, Maddy Ranson, and Alicia Seeger

Faculty Advisor: Miss Parker



Photos from First Grade's **Mother's Day Tea.**

Clockwise from top left: Mrs. DiNardo's class, Ms. Callaway's class throwing compliments after their poem "Catch a Compliment", and our Mother's Day Gameshow contestants: Caleb K., Nicky B., Nicholas H., Carmen S., Boe K., and Dominic F. with their mothers.



On May 17, 2017, was the fifth grade musical. The musical was about a town, Hamelin, Germany, that was infested with rats.

The townspeople hired the Pied Piper, played by Rehan Kazmi, to come and get rid of the rats. The mayor, Ryan Palmer, refused to pay the Pied Piper for his job and trouble followed. Some other students in the musical include: Ava Porreca & Anna Tobler, who were part of the town council. I was a narrator with Riley Sozio and we both thought it was a lot of fun being in the musical.

The night show for parents and family to attend was my favorite.

If you are now in fourth grade, you can be part of the musical next year. You would get the script a couple of weeks before the auditions. After, you would practice your lines and audition for a part with Mrs. Maxwell. A few days later you would find out your role in the musical. Remember: you will have to memorize all of your lines and perform in front of the school and your parents.

You will need to sing and do a lot of acting. Even though it is a lot of work, it is worth it!

RATZ

By: Alicia Seeger



“If your grade is really close grade to an A, how can you bring it up?”

If your grade is close to an A, then after school you should go straight home and do your homework. Once you are done, you should study what you learned in school that day. Studying helps a lot especially if you didn't understand it at first. I know that it's easier for me to work in a comfortable environment. Maybe you could try this and see if it helps. If not, then make sure you're staying focused in class.



Have a question?!? Need advice?!

*Please write down your question or request and put it in the Newspaper Club advice box located inside of the cafeteria near the TRRFC ticket boxes. Remember that you can leave your submission **anonymous**, so you don't have to sign your name! Our newspaper staff would love to write you a response to help you out!*

Word of the Week

By: Aleah Liberati

Entrepreneur(noun): a person who organizes and operates a business or businesses, taking on greater than normal financial risks in order to do so.

Maybe when you grow up being an entrepreneur would be a good career choice if you want to start a business.

Farewell Miss Vandell!

By: Sydney O'Shaughnessy & Aleah Liberati

Who inspired you to start teaching?

My 1st and 2nd grade teacher at Wedgewood Elementary school, Mrs. Durham, was my inspiration. She was amazing!

When did you start wanting to be a teacher?

I always have wanted to be a teacher since elementary school.

Which college did you go to?

I attended Widener University in Chester, PA.

Which school are you going to teach at next year?

I'll be teaching at Seven Oaks Elementary school in Baltimore County, Maryland.

What is it like to teach kindergarten?

Kindergarten is a lot of fun and it is a very exciting year because the kids learn so much, so we are very busy!

What activities do you like to do after school?

I like to run, play tennis, play piano, travel, and play with my dog, Macy.

What did you like most about being at Whitman?

I loved meeting all of the great teachers here and getting to teach the 1st year of full Day Kindergarten!



Delaney is a fourth grade student at Whitman. She is in Mr. Mumbower's class.

What is your favorite color?

My favorite color is teal.

What is your favorite subject?

I like Math.

What is your favorite sport?

My favorites are field hockey and softball.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to play with my friends.



Delaney Jordan

By: Maddy Ranson

Planet Word Search

By: Collin Merrigan

source: thewordsearch.com

Find the following words: STARS EARTH MARS SUN
VENUS SOLAR SYSTEM JUPITER SATURN MOON
PLUTO URANUS NEPTUNE MERCURY

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The Hardest Words to Say

By: Joie Rose DelGiorno

Source: helloqiqles.com/hardest-words-pronounce/

Try It!

Worcestershire
Otorhinolaryngologist
Anemone
Isthmus
Rural
Choir
Squirrel
Archive

Flip the page for the pronunciations

Pronunciation: Are-kive

Pronunciation: Sk-whirl

Pronunciation: kweye-er

Pronunciation: Roo-ru

Pronunciation: Is-muss

Pronunciation: Uh-nem-uh-nee

Pronunciation: Oto-rhino-laryng-ologist

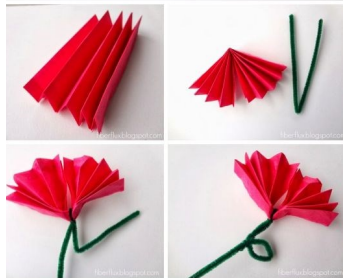
Pronunciation: Wuss-ter-sheer

The Hardest Words to Say Answers:



Craft Ideas: Tissue Paper Flowers

By: Ashlyn Dye



1. Cut stripes of fabric paper or tissue paper
2. Fold into small accordion pleats by folding forward & backwards over and over...



3. Bend a pipe cleaner around the center of fabric paper or tissue paper



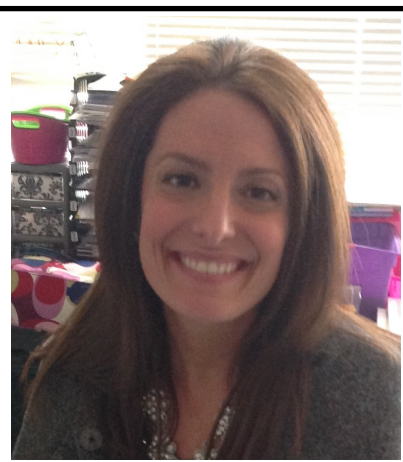
4. Pull open the folded flower and another pipe cleaner to make leaves

Enjoy you're DIY flowers!

Adapted from: Artist Helping Children

Guess That Teacher!

You guessed it...
it was
Miss Gregory!!!



Guess That Staff Member!

You guessed it...
it was
Mrs. Stumpf!!



Upcoming Events @ Whitman

June 7th—4th Grade Picnic & Movie

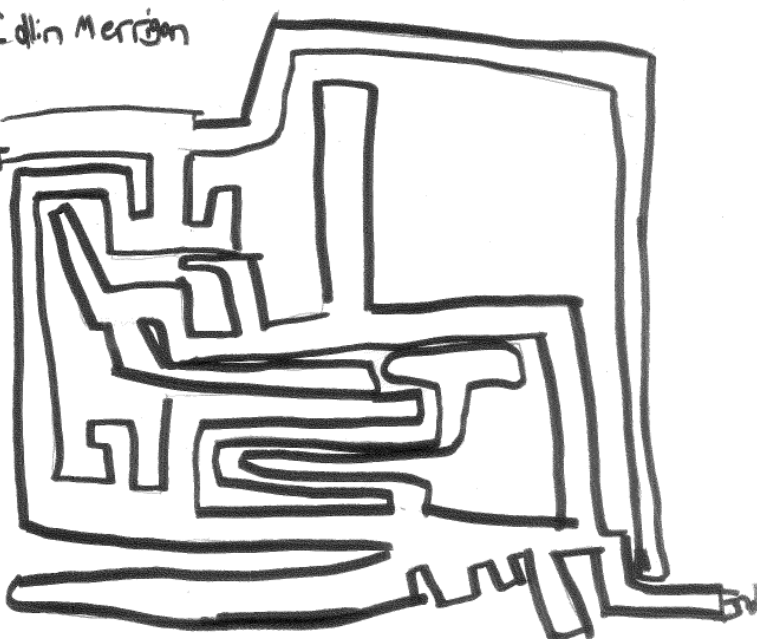
June 8^{th-9^h} — Field Day

June 8th-14th—Early Dismissal Days

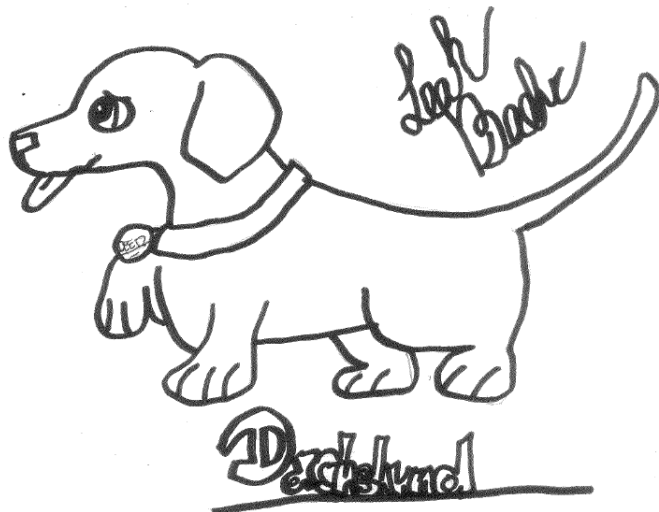
June 14th—Last Day of School!!!!!!

By Colin Morrison

Start



MAZE



Questions for Mrs. DiNardo

By: Collin Merrigan & Violet Merrigan



What do you like about being a teacher?

I like to teach the kids and see them make progress from the beginning to the end of the year. It makes my job rewarding knowing that I was able to make a difference.

Why did you become a teacher?

I had always wanted to be a teacher. My third grade teacher inspired me to become one. She would always give me rewards and give the students prizes.

What are you teaching right now?

In Math, I'm teaching my class how to use data from a graph. In Reading, we are reading about light and sound. In Social Studies we are performing and in Writing we are working on writing series books.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

My favorite subject to teach is Math. I like teaching subtraction.

What do you like to do outside the school?

I like to shop and go out to dinner with my family. I also like traveling to different places and seeing new things.

Mrs. Kerr Signs you in When You are Late

By: Maddy Ranson and Aleah Liberati

What made you come to Whitman?:

I worked at the high school part-time and really wanted a full time job in the district. I applied for many openings, but I'm so happy that this one worked out. I love this age group.

What is your favorite part about being a secretary?:

My favorite part is being able to help everyone in the school and meeting tons of new people. I love the kids!

What are some of your favorite things?

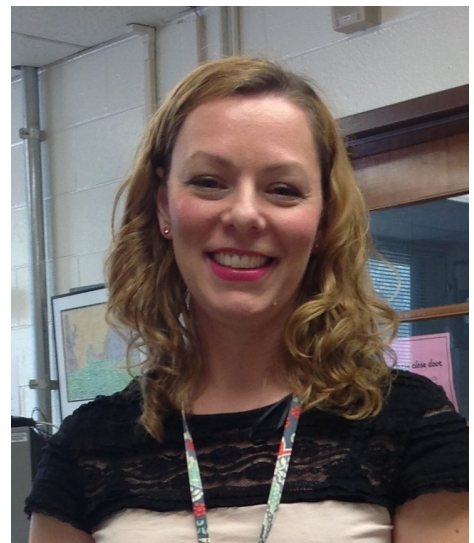
I love chocolate! I have always enjoyed art and wanted to be a Disney animator when I grew up.

What do you do outside of school?:

I have 3 girls, ages 7, 5, and 3 and we love to do crafty projects, watch movies, and play outside.

What do you like about being in the office.:

Every day is different so I never get bored!



To our retirees, Mrs. Stumpf & Mrs. O'Hara—We will miss you!

Mrs. Stumpf reporting her retirement plans, "Well I was hoping to relax, go to the beach in September, and exercise! Also I've been thinking about traveling. Then I will visit Whitman!" (as reported to Rylie Jones)

Dear Mrs. O'Hara,
It was a pleasure interviewing you. I'm sad I won't have you as a teacher. Have a great retirement!
Sincerely,
Leah Baehr

Dear Mrs. Stumpf,
Thank you for teaching us lessons about bullying. Also, for coming to our classes and reading us books. Have a great retirement!
Sincerely,
Aledh Liberati

Dear Mrs. O'Hara,
I remember at the 5th grade dance you spun everyone around! I want to thank you for putting in the time to help us!
From,
Ashlyn Dye

Mrs. O'Hara,
I loved having you for my teacher this year. You will without a doubt be missed. Happy Retirement Mrs. O'Hara,
I am so glad I had you as my homeroom teacher this year! You were always there to help me and I appreciate everything you have done for me!
Thanks,
Mina

Dear Mrs. Stumpf,
Thank you for everything you did for this school. Have a great summer and retirement!
Yours Truly,
Maddy Ranson

Dear Mrs. O'Hara,
You were a great science teacher this year. You really helped me get through my hard work. Have a happy retirement!
From, Sydney O

Dear Mrs. O'Hara,
I had a blast in science with you. I hope you have a great retirement!
Alicia S.

Dear Mrs. O'Hara,
I loved having you as a teacher! Enjoy your retirement!
-Joie Rose

Dear Mrs. Stumpf,
I loved having you as our guidance counselor! You helped me a lot through the year. Enjoy your retirement!
-Joie Rose

Mrs. Stumpf,
Have an amazing retirement! Thank you for all you have done!!
-Rylie Jones

We'll Miss You, Mrs. O'Hara

By: Leah Baehr and Collin Merrigan

When did you start teaching?

I started teaching September 1979.

How long did you work here?

I have taught here for 38 years.

What grades have you taught?

I taught 2nd and 5th grade here at Whitman, and 1st and 3rd when I was student teaching.

What was your favorite subject to teach?

I love every subject, but Math is my favorite.

Why are you retiring now?

I would like to travel and I'm hoping to be a grandmother soon. Also, I would like to spend more time with my family.

What are you going to remember most about Whitman?

My fun memories teaching, being with the students, and all of the different activities here at Whitman.



Adios Amigos!!!

By: Mina Lockhart

As a fellow fifth grade student, I'm very proud of my time spent at Whitman. I had the pleasure of being here since first grade and I had the most amazing teachers ever. They have taught me incredible things. I learned to do what I love. I feel as if they are not only my teachers, but my parents. As you go on living life, you remember the people you love and care about. Everyone graduating from Whitman will miss their old teachers deeply. I applaud all of my teachers and thank them for everything they have done for me. To this day and the years after, I thank you for everything you have done. Not only am I scared for next year, but I'm sad that no one else will thank you for everything you have done. Therefore, I sign out saying thank you, you have changed my life completely and opened my eyes to the world. I, for one, would never be able to forget the lasting impact someone's amazing deeds have on another.

Farewell Whitman

By: Ashlyn Dye

I'm sad that I'm going to leave Whitman but this place will always be in my mind. One teacher that really stood out to me was Mrs. Piskun. She stood out because she would have fun in class, laugh, and make jokes! Thank you for that, Mrs. Piskun. Some advice for the future 5th graders is to be yourself, be organized, stay who you are, and make sure you are ready for class! Some of my favorites memories this year were the Rats play, which was really good, and our field trip to Philadelphia! What I'm going to miss the most are my younger friends, the teacher I had (Mrs. LoDico, who has retired, Mrs. Cona, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Cooper, Ms. Castano, and Mrs. Piskun! I loved all of the assemblies, the JDRF walks, and our end of the year events!



Our Fifth Grade School Dance
photo credit: Mina Lockhart

**Farewell 5th graders &
good luck in middle school!**