

## **March Principal's Update:**

March 12, 2019

Dear Families,

I know it is hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner. In spring comes a lot of excitement here at WBH. I want to take this time to share with you some of the happenings at WBH.

Over the past several years we have transformed our literacy program here at WBH. As you know, all of our students in grades K-6 are working in a reading and writing workshop approach to learning. This means children are learning reading concepts and strategies as they read "just right book." A just right book is a book at a child's independent level. Your child's independent level was included on their last report card. The only way for a child to improve in reading is to practice as much as possible. Please encourage your child to read at home as much as they can. If you are looking for books for your child to read at home be sure to contact your child's teacher for more information.

In writing, your child is writing more in school than ever before. Throughout the year our students are working on units in narrative, informational and opinion writing. Our children write everyday in school and work on several different pieces. Each child then chooses a piece from every genre and brings it through publication. As your child's principal, I have the distinct pleasure of getting to visit each classroom and watch your child grow as readers and writers. When your child gets home from school, be sure to ask them what they wrote about in school.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school and your child's education. If you ever have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at [akourt@newlebanoncsd.org](mailto:akourt@newlebanoncsd.org).

Fondly,

Andrew Kourt  
WBH Principal

### **WBH Happenings:**

3/14 - Progress notes sent home  
3/15 - Superintendent's conference day - no school  
3/22 - School Dance - "It's A Wonderful World" - 6:30  
4/2 & 4/3 - Grades 3-8 NY States ELA Assessments  
4/4 - 4/9 - NY State Make Up Assessment  
4/5 - Tiger Jam Assembly  
4/9 - PTA meeting - 5pm  
4/13 - PTA Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt  
4/19 - Report Cards Sent Home\  
4/22 - 4/26 - April Break - No School  
5/1 & 5/2 - Grades 3-8 NY State Math Assessments

