



# NEWSLETTER

Whitehouse School



## Principal's Message

Happy Spring to our WHS Families!

As we conclude this year's school-wide thematic unit on *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to you for how you partnered with us to help reinforce both academic content, as well as student life opportunities at home. This newsletter contains two slideshow links. A special thank you goes out to Miss Emily Bengels for organizing our **Home-Sweet-Home Family ChocolateFest** compilation. [[Click here for the sweet treat!](#)] Also, Mrs. Wendy Reardon captured some of the creations designed by the student engineers who participated in our annual **WHS STEM-MakerSpace Challenge!** (Please click on the Golden Ticket below.)

Warmly,  
Dr. Ann T. DeRosa

## SPOTLIGHT ON DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: INQUISITIVE LEARNING

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- @Trev\_Mackenzie @sylviacluckworth
- 1 Nurture student passions & talents
  - 2 Empower student voice & honour student choice
  - 3 Increase motivation and engagement
  - 4 Foster curiosity and a love for learning
  - 5 Teach grit, perseverance, growth mindset & self-regulation
  - 6 Make research meaningful & develop strong research skills
  - 7 Deepen understanding to go beyond memorizing facts and content
  - 8 Fortify the importance of asking good questions
  - 9 Enable students to take ownership over their own learning and to reach their goals
  - 10 Solve the problems of tomorrow in the classrooms of today
- Genius Hour 20% Time Passion Projects

## STEM

Click on the Golden Ticket below to see how our very own Whitehouse students built traps to keep their Golden Ticket safe from Professor Foulbody...



## We are Cubs of Characters!

April is GRIT month at WHS!!!

We are focusing on persevering until a goal is achieved!

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.

At this time, bucket puzzle sheets are now optional.

Please click [here](#) to download the **grit** bucket.