

WHITIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Monthly Report – November 2007 **Ronald J. Farrar, Principal**

Overview of Activities for November

- End of 1st Quarter Report Card Period on November 2
- Whitin School Monthly Faculty Meeting on November 5
- Curriculum Planning Half-Day for Teachers on November 6
- Whitin PTO Magazine Fundraiser on November 6
- BVT Assembly Presentation for Grade 8 on November 9
- Whitin Middle School Bands March in Parade on November 11
- Report Cards Sent Home to Parents on November 13
- Scholastic Book Fair on November 13
- Whitin School Council Monthly Meeting on November 14
- Whitin Parents PTO Monthly Meeting on November 14
- After-School Dance for Grades 7-8 on November 16
- Parent-Teacher Conferences Held on November 19
- Whitin Drop Everything and Read Program November 30
- Hannaford Grant Award on November 30

Subject/Course/Classroom Activities

Shoeboxes for Soldiers: Whitin Middle School students, working in collaboration with the “Uxbridge Supports Our Troops” group, collected donated gifts and assembled 128 shoeboxes for U. S. Soldiers who are serving overseas. Congratulations to the Whitin School Student Council for this wonderful contribution. Linda Simonds and Cathleen O’Brien, both teachers at Whitin, coordinated this activity.

Band Notes: The Whitin Middle School’s Intermediate and Advanced Bands marched in the Uxbridge Veterans’ Day Parade on Sunday, November 11. Whitin students, Peter Cournoyer and Jackie Goddard delivered a speech on the Town Common.

PTO Reports and Parent Information

Whitin PTO Magazine Drive: The Whitin PTO sponsored a magazine drive to support Whitin teachers and students. PTO fundraising supports Whitin Middle School class trips, school trips, school events, and student activities. Students in grades 5-8 were encouraged to participate. The magazine drive began on Tuesday, November 6 and ran through Tuesday, November 20. Both classroom and individual awards were provided. Brandon Wager, grade 5 student from Mrs. Lavigne's homeroom, was awarded Principal for the day.

PTO Monthly Meeting: Whitin School PTO held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30PM in the school library. A group of parents have been attending PTO monthly meetings. Copies of PTO meeting agenda and monthly Parent Newsletter are attached for your review.

General School Information

School Council Monthly Meeting: Members of Whitin School Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 14 at 1:00PM in the school library. School Council members reviewed and revised the Whitin School Handbook and discussed the budget process. A copy of the School Council meeting agenda is attached.

Faculty Meeting: The monthly meeting for Whitin School faculty was held on Monday, November 5. A copy of the faculty meeting agenda is attached. Dr. Howard Boyaj provided staff with an update on curriculum, AYP data, and related curriculum topics.

Scholastic Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair was held in the Whitin Library from November 13 – 20. Scholastic Book fairs have a wide variety of current, quality books and exciting accessories that educate and motivate children to read.

Curriculum Planning Half-Day: All Uxbridge School staff members participated in half-day curriculum planning activities on November 6. A schedule that outlines plans for Whitin staff is attached.

Upcoming Events:

December 3	Grade 8 Student Tour of BVT
December 3	Whitin Faculty Meeting – 2:30 in Library
December 3	Student Council Winter Coat Drive Begins
December 7	Mid-Point of 2 nd Quarter: Progress Reports
December 14	Whitin Basketball Season Begins
December 11	Grade Eight Instrumental Ensembles at Uxbridge Senior Center
December 12	School Council Meeting – 1:00PM in Library
December 12	PTO Monthly Meeting – 6:30PM in Library
December 13	Whitin Middle School Play – 3:00PM and 7:00PM
December 19	Band and Chorus Winter Concert – 7:00PM at UHS



WHITIN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2007



First Quarter Report Cards

This week marks the end of the 1st quarter report card period for students at Whitin Middle School. Teachers will be busy correcting tests, evaluating projects, and averaging grades. Report cards will be sent home to parents on or about Tuesday, November 13. Parents are asked to sign report card envelopes and return them to the homeroom teacher. Parents are reminded that conference sign-up forms will be enclosed in report card envelopes. Information about parent-teacher conferences is listed below.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled to be held at Whitin School as follows:

Monday, November 19 Afternoon Conferences from 11:20 AM to 2:30 PM

Evening Conferences from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Parents are required to sign-up for scheduled conference times with individual teachers. Conference sign-up forms will be sent home to parents with report cards on or about November 13. Parents must return completed conference forms to homeroom teachers as soon as possible, since conferences will be scheduled on a first come – first serve basis.

Please note: Whitin students will be dismissed from school at 10:30 AM on Monday, November 19 due to parent conferences. Also, students will be dismissed from school at 10:45 AM on Wednesday, November 21st due to Thanksgiving recess.

Monthly PTO Meeting on November 14

The next monthly meeting of the Whitin Middle School PTO is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, starting at 6:30PM in the school library. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend monthly PTO meetings and participate in PTO sponsored activities.

The PTO would like to remind students and parents to support our Magazine Drive running from Nov.6-Nov.19.

Parents: Save any magazine renewals you may have and remember a magazine subscription makes a great gift! We appreciate all of the fundraising support you give to the PTO, which helps us support class trips, school events and student activities.

Students: You can earn great prizes if you participate.

Early Dismissal for Students on November 6

Whitin Middle School students will be dismissed from school at 10:45 on Tuesday, November 6. Teachers in all Uxbridge Public Schools will be attending afternoon meetings to work on various curriculum assignments and projects. Parents are also reminded that Veterans Day is celebrated on Monday, November 12; there is no school for Uxbridge students on November 12.

Student Photo Re-Takes on November 15

Student photos taken by Laprade Studio in early October will soon be delivered to parents. Photo re-take day is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, starting at 8:30 in the morning. Students who were absent from school on photo day in October are to pick up an order envelope in our office. Students who had photos taken in October must bring the original set of photos when they report for re-takes.

Notes from the Nurse

Reminder to Grade 7 parents: There are still a few Grade 7 students who have not turned in their physical forms. Students in Grade 7 are required to have a Tetanus booster and a recent physical exam prior to the start of school. Please send this documentation to the health office as soon as possible.

Free physicals can be scheduled at the WIC van located in the Hannaford parking lot on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Additional locations and times are in the nurse's office. Also, area health professionals provide free health care at the Free Clinic at Northbridge High School on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 6-8 PM. If you are having difficulty getting health coverage, please contact Mrs. Donahue @ 508 278-6361.

Substitute nurses are needed for all school buildings (Early Learning Center, Taft Elementary, Whitin Middle and Uxbridge High School). If you are an RN with a Massachusetts license and are interested in substituting in our schools please call Mrs. Donahue @ 508 278-6361.

See attached information on the Flu

Band Notes

The Whitin Middle School's Intermediate and Advanced Bands will be marching in the Uxbridge Veterans' Day Parade on Sunday, November 11th. The parade is assembling in the North Uxbridge Baptist Church parking lot at 1:30 pm and step-off is at 2:00 pm. The parade will travel west on Hartford Ave. to Elm Street, Rivulet Street and finally south on North Main St. The parade will end with a ceremony on the Town Common with Whitin students, Peter Cournoyer and Jackie Goddard delivering a speech.

The Whitin Band will be sponsoring a Bake Sale during the November Parent-Teacher conferences to support band activities. Please support this worthy program.

Holiday Shopping Night

The Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council (USEPAC) is holding a Holiday Shopping Night on Friday, November 30 at the Taft Elementary School, 16 Granite St. from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Vendors will include Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Discovery Toys, Usborne Books, Sterling Gem jewelry, Tastefully Simple, and many others including homemade crafts. Come enjoy a quiet evening of shopping and refreshments without the crowds. There will also be raffle items with proceeds to benefit the USEPAC scholarship fund. The USEPAC is a group of parents that offers support to other parents with special needs children through their yearly conference, monthly meetings and other events. For further information contact Missy Shelley at (508) 278-3639.

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Whitin!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Whitin Library November 13 – 16 and November 19 & 20. We will be open during Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 19th.

Scholastic Book Fairs have a wide variety of current, quality books and exciting accessories that educate and motivate children to read. Your students will be able to “shop” with their classes during the book fair's run here at Whitin. Again, this year, our teachers will be posting a classroom “Wish List” in hopes of expanding their classroom libraries. We look forward to seeing you during conferences!

Ski Club

If there is anyone interested in joining ski club there is still room. Please contact Mark Francis 508-278-3583 or email: uxbridgeskiclub@verizon.net.

Ronald J. Farrar, Principal

November 1, 2007

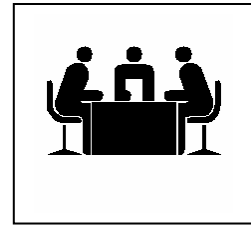
Whitin Middle School PTO Meeting
Wednesday November 14, 2007
6:30pm in the library

Agenda

- ❖ Review October Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Review Treasurer's Report
- ❖ Calendar of Upcoming Events
- ❖ Update on Vendor Fair
- ❖ Update on SpiritWear Fundraiser
- ❖ Update on School Council
- ❖ Update on Halloween Dance
- ❖ Plans for Magazine Drive Fundraiser
- ❖ Plans for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ❖ Update on Library Book Fair Nov 12-19
- ❖ New Business



WHITIN SCHOOL COUNCIL



School Council Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, November 14, 2007

- 1. Meeting called to order at 1:00**

- 2. Discussion of School Budget Process**
 - What works
 - What doesn't work
 - Suggestions for procedures for 08-09

- 3. Handbook presentation by Christine Martello**
 - Changes made last year
 - Changes to be made this year
 - Samples of Handbooks from other districts

- 4. For next meeting:**
 - Review samples of Handbooks
 - Prepare suggestions for changes to Handbook

Date: November 5, 2007
To: Whitin School Faculty
From: Mr. Farrar & Ms. Mayer
Re: Faculty Meeting

Agenda:

- A Carrot a Day...
- Presentation by Dr. Boyaj:
 - MCAS Results and AYP Data
 - NCLB: School Improvement Plans
 - Updates: ISSPs and Test Wiz
- Important November Dates:
 - November 6 – Curriculum Half Day
 - November 7 – Grades Due through IPass
 - November 12 – No School (Veterans' Day)
 - November 13 – Report Cards go Home
 - November 13-20 – Book Fair in the Library
 - November 16 – Dance for Grades 7 & 8
 - November 19 – Half Day for Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - November 21 – Half Day for Thanksgiving Break
- Plans for Curriculum Half Day: November 6th (See Attached)
- Christmas Party Plans

(See Back for Additional Topics)

Topics for Common Planning:

- Special Education Position Update
- Yellow Book
- Security (IDs, Alarm System)
- Request from PTO
- Study Island Update
- Budget Process
- Reading Day

Team Meeting Agenda:

- Special Education Position Update
- Yellow Book
- Security
 - IDs
 - Alarm System
- Requests for funding from PTO
- Study Island Information
 - Plans
 - Training
 - Scheduling
- Budget Process
- Reading Day
- Top Ten Questions – Quarterly Assessment
- Professional Development Funds
- Technology
- Multicultural Awareness
- Cards
- Dismissal Procedures
- Other

Date: November 5, 2007
To: Whitin School Faculty
From: Mr. Farrar & Ms. Mayer
Re: Curriculum Day Schedule

Curriculum Day Schedule: November 6th, 2007

8:00 – 10:45: Student Day (Periods 1-2-3-4)

The following are scheduled times for each grade level to attend a half-hour PTO fundraising assembly. Individual teams should take these times into consideration when planning the day.

- 8:30: Grade 8 Assembly
- 9:00: Grade 6 Assembly
- 9:30: Grade 7 Assembly
- 10:00: Grade 5 Assembly

11:30 – 2:30: Curriculum Half Day

- 11:00 – 11:30: Lunch (BYOL)
- 11:30 – 2:30: ISSP Development Group Meetings led by Grade Level C&I Team Leaders.

ISSP Groups are listed on the back of this page.

A.S.E. Classroom Teachers and Paraprofessionals:

- Visualizing & Verbalizing training with Kendra Sheldon

ISSP Groups:

Grade Five: (Room 109)

- Grade 5 Classroom & Special Ed. Teachers
- Grade 5 Paraprofessionals
- Lisa McNeill
- Dean Tourangeau

Grade Six: (Room 105)

- Grade 6 Classroom & Special Ed. Teachers
- Grade 6 Paraprofessionals
- Jeanne Rapoza
- Jennifer Hill

Grade Seven: (Room 207)

- Grade 7 Classroom & Special Ed. Teachers
- Grade 7 Paraprofessionals
- Caroline Zani
- Gretchen Roche

Grade Eight: (Room 117)

- Grade 8 Classroom & Special Ed. Teachers
- Grade 8 Paraprofessional
- John Nadeau
- Kathleen Penza

Additional Resources:

- Mike Flanagan
- Iona Waterhouse
- Linda Talling
- Judy Donahue
- Maureen Scagnelli
- Anne Sweeney
- Donna Brown
- Ron Farrar
- Amy Mayer

The Whittin Middle School Student Council invites you to join us for our next community service project:

Troops' Holiday in a Shoebox Campaign!

Homeroom Teachers, here's all you have to do:

1. Place a large box in your classroom with a list of possible donation suggestions nearby.
2. Label the box with your name and homeroom number.
3. Read the list of possible donation items to your students.
4. Begin collection of donations NOW! The campaign ends on November 15th.
5. Suggest to the students that they write notes or make cards for the soldiers and drop those in the boxes, too.
6. Items can be collected separately or in prepackaged shoeboxes.
7. On November 15th, bring all your donations/boxes/shoeboxes to Room 102. Make sure all boxes are labeled.
8. Student Council members will divide the goods into shoeboxes and tally the donations from each classroom.
9. The homeroom with the most donations for the troops will win a **PIZZA PARTY!**

Questions? See Cathy O'Brien, Roberta Fritz, or Linda Simonds.
Thanks for your support and encouragement again this year!

Whitin Middle School Student Council Project:

Troops' Holiday in a Shoebox Campaign

PLEASE TAKE PART!

Support troops stationed in Iraq by filling shoeboxes with the items listed on the back of this flier.

Fill a shoebox at home
or
bring individual items to your classroom.

The campaign begins TODAY
and ends
NOVEMBER 15, 2007.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Help us reach our goal of
150 shoeboxes this year!

Turn this paper over for donation ideas....Thank you in advance for your support!

POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR THE SHOEBOXES:

#1 item: powdered Gatorade

handmade cards or notes
AA or AAA batteries
lip balm, lotion
holiday decorations
greeting cards
CDs and DVDs
pens, pencils, paper
small games
hard candy
candy-coated gum (not sticks of gum, please)
cookies, crackers, snacks
socks
t-shirts
hats
sports memorabilia
sunscreen
books, magazines, puzzle books
microwave desserts
powdered drink mixes

AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF!

P.S. We can't send chocolate or bottled liquids.

HONOR ROLL
1ST QUARTER
2007-2008

Grade 8 High Honors

Micaela Connors, Chelsea Cota, Carolyn Cote, John Cotter, Peter Cournoyer, Lisa Donoughe, Cassandra Gala, Taurie Gniadek, Jacqueline Goddard, Corey Gomes, Zachary Kent, Kevin MacDougall, Jason Mannka, Brendan Nolan, Haley Ostrem, Daniel Penza, Christopher Powloka, Casey Rota, Lindsay Sweet, Emma VanLoon

Grade 8 Honors

David Baker, Joshua Banks, Alyssa Berthelette, Emily Brouchu, Alexander Brule, Elizabeth Caccavelli, Remo Cardarelli, Katelyn Chabot, Hannah Cohen, Alexandra Compton, Cody Conrad, Nicole Coolbrith, Molly Coutu, Zachery Crosby, Rachel DeYoung, Alex DiCrescentis, Jerome Drane, Maggie Dugan, Zadok Emerick, William Ferrara, James Flagg, Smanatha Giroux, Michael Gray, Alexander Hall, Lauren Hammer, Christopher Hanson, Jessica Koehne, Kristyn Laferriere, Daniel Lamontagne, Amanda Letourneau, Holli Lewis, Marcus Mesquitta, Alicia Morales, Joshua Poirier, Lindsey Poole, Craig Robbins, Lauren Rogers, Angela Sawyer Shaw, Grace Sharrow, Sara Shields, Samantha Sottile, Katelyn Stefanick, Christopher Storey, Jovan Velez, Megan Villemaire

Grade 7 High Honors

Adrianna Belanger, Seth Blackburn, Emily Cahill, Lindsey Centrella, Danielle Combs, Dezerae Corley-Tinio, Olivia Cormier, Bradley Couture, Mark DeVries, Jillian Ebbeling, Caitlin Francis, Mitchell Goldman, Seth Gordon, Jeffrey Graveson, Kevin Gurney, Daniel Haines, Jake Hession, Mickayla Holt, Christopher Kelly, Dakota Krouner, John Lamanuzzi, Richard Lanoue III, Debra Lopes, Rachel Lozeau, Wade O'Neil, Paul Peso, Joseph Petrillo, Collin Proehl, Andrew Reardon, Jonathan Robert, David Roxo, Mikaela Shanley, Daniel Sullivan, Marc Tetreault Jr., Abigail White, Benjamin Wright

Grade 7 Honors

Tyler Amour, Baron Apple, Katerina Batchelder, Katrina Belocas, Timothy Bouchard, Thomas Bullock, Anna Ceramicoli, Kerri Chamberlain, Alexis Charles, Ryan Clifford, Jennifer Cogliandro, Colleen Conde, Jack Cone, Paige Consoletti, Andrew Dabney, Kyle Desruisseaux, Amanda DiLuca, Miranda Doiron, Brendan Downs, Gregory Ensom, Erika Ethier, Meghan Ferschke, Cameron Fiorentino, Joseph FitzGerald, Erin Flood, Nicholas Flynn, Autumn Gentzler, Gerardo Gonzalez, Edward Green, Claudia Hastie, Kayla Jenkins, Nicole Jolicoeur, Ashley Kearnan, Alyssa Knapik, Stephen Knapp, Paige Lavalley, Savanna Lawrence, Amanda LeBlanc, Andrew Legg, Savana Lesperance, Stephanie Lozeau, Nicole Lucciarini, Louis Luccio IV, Christopher Mannka, Jared Mansfield, Bruce Marchand, Holly Noel, Michelle Paquette, Benjamin Parody, Courtney Pavlis, Kyle Perry, Alicia Phillips, Samantha Powers, Fernando Pugleasa, William Robbins, Michelle Seagrave, Drew Simpson, Alex Sokoloski, Thomas Taylor, Allison VanFechtman, Nicole Venditti, Hailey Venner, Justin Vieira, Alycia Wagner, Krystal Waters, Zachary Young

Grade 6 Honors

Joseph Adamson, Laurelyn Adneron, Smanatha Belanger, Kevin Benjamin, Alexander Blair, Devin Borjeson-Troupe, Mary Boucher, Reid Boutin, Mitchell Braga, Courtney Britt, Benjamin Brule, Dante Calarese, Andrew Callahan, Demetrius Chokshi-Fox, Lauren Christian, Kayla Clinton, Thomas Cohen, James Connors, Ryan Conrad, Tarah Corcoran, Katherine Cota, Jack Coyne, Thomas Crudele, Emily Cullen, Madeleine Cullen, Carly D'Amato, Rachel Demrest, Luke Derderian, Domenic DiBattista. Julia Dion, Taylor, Dion, Christopher Ferrick, Thomas Flagg, Bryce Fournier, Martina Ghobrial, Michaela Giroux, Roxana Gonzalez, Kaci Granger, Matthew Gray, Matthew Hamel, Emily Hanson, Luke Higgins, Verity Hirsch, Lucas Hogan, Hannah Holbrook, Kellsey Irvine, Stephen Isabelle, Alexandra Jameson, Kerri Jones, Mark Jordan, Nikole Kamishlian, Jonathan Klos, Brielle Lafreniere, Mikayla Laliberte, Joshua Lavigne, Shayna Leary, Daniel Lemire, Alyson Levasseur, Theresa Loell, Mariah Lombard, Victoria Luccio, Mickaela Lussier, Katherine MacDonnell, Ricky Machado-Grimes, Shawn MacNeill, Patrick Malone, Luke Maloney, Veronica Mattson, Julia Moore, Mary Morcos, Lyndsey Nolan, Sean Nolan, Tyler Normandin, Ryan Nulty, Amy Oleksyk, Mitchell Page, Courtney Pepin, Jacob Peters, Katlyn Peters, Gina Petrillo, Brady Phillips, Olivia Preservati, Courtney Rogers, Devin Rolandelli, Andrew Ross, Alyssa Rota, Marissa Rousseau, Monica Roux, Abigail Sawyer, Kristina Sefakis, Nicole Sherlock, Jacob Simmons, Chrystina Smith, Hollie Sokoloski, Olivia Stack, Seleste Stahmer, Jared Stewart, Melissa Taylor, Victoria Thanthavongsa, Taylor Thomas, Gillian Toomey, Tyler Trahan, Julia Turgeon, Carey Twyman, Jacqueline Tysen, Molly Wallace, Holly Washburn, Katherine Wills, Samantha Wise, Kelsey Wojnowski, Amber Yaroshefski

Grade 5 Honors

Anthony Abete, Danielle Albertelli, Carly Adlen, Amanda Alves, Pooja Amin, Abishek Arokiadoss, Julia Baker, Cody Balou, Michael Bates, Bailey Bean, Alexis Berlinguet, Daniella Birri, Jacob Bodell, Travis Brown, James Caffrey, Jacob Carter, Domenic Cattani, Abigail Centrella, Samantha Chamberlain, Vincent Cifizzari, Kyle Clark, Noah Clarke, Emily Cole, Patrick Cole, Kaitlyn Coolbrith, Jordan Cornell, Joshua Cournoyer, Nicholas Coutu, Miranda Cox, Connor Dailey, Samuel Danis, Elizabeth Davidson, Christopher Desautels, Victoria Desplaines, Casey Dionne, Brian DiPasquale, Anna Dubois, Rebecca Dubovsky, Owen Dugan, Lilli Ebbeling, Diana Eldredge, Matthew Ferrara, Colin Fiorentino, Jessica FitzGerald, Matthew Fonesca, Logan French, Jeremiah Frollo, Cameron Gallagher, Trevor Gardner, Kasey-Lee Gariepy, Brittany Genest, Sandra Ghobrial, Thalia Gilbert, Daniel Gniadek, Zachary Grenon, Daniel Haynes, Katherine Holt, Nicholas Horne, Baron Horwath, John Hyland, Jordan Hynes, Danielle Jolicoeur, Amber Jones, John Kapinos, Kathryn Kincaid, Lacie Kraich, Kaitlin Kraus, Zoe Krouner, Alexander Kuros, Daniel Lanoue, Marta Leitao, David Lozeau, Osvaldo Luna, Sophie Makowski, Elizabeth Maloney, Jessica Maloney, Ryan Manz, Brianna Matheson, Carlito Mello, Emily Melo-Coppinger, Brianna Morais, Melissa Morton, Jocelyn O'Brien, Cole O'Brien-Snay, Emily Pascucci, Andrew Perry, Justin Pickering, Catarina Pilotte, Jacob Powers, Sabrina Prince, Stefania Prosser, Naomi Racicot, Sean Raleigh, Claudia Patricia Rodas, Mikayla Rooney, Jacob Rota, Jennifer Roy, William Russell, Megan Salemi, John Sawyer Shaw, Christopher Schauer, Mackenzie Schultzberg, Kamaldeep Sidhu, Brandon Silbor, Isadora Silva, Erik Silveira, Katherine Skerry, Ian St.Pierre, Jake Taparauskys, Nicholas Taparauskys, Alexandra Teare, Jacob Tekut, Lance Terlizzi, Timothy Tetreault, Lindsey Thiebault, Michael Tominsky, Melissa Truett, Mackenzie vanLingen, Alexandra VanLoon, Sydney Volpe, Branden Wagar, Courtney Walker, Kaitlyn Waters, Tyler Wilcon, Alexandra Wojnowski