

# THUMBS UP FOR Whitmore-Bolles

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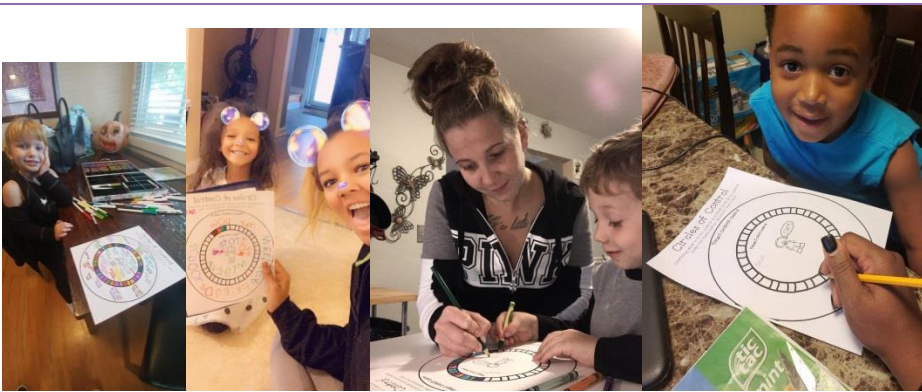


Figure 1, 2, 3, and 4: All four pictures show Kindergarten kids working on their Circle of Control in the home setting.

## LEADER IN ME! Habit: Be Proactive

Kindergarten kids are learning how to "Be Proactive" at home! One of our leadership goals this year as a building is to bring the habits home and build an understanding of them with family members.

The kids explained the *circle of control* to their parents and then created one with the help of their families.

## Upcoming Events

**November 20:**

**Picture Retakes**

**November 21-23:**

**No School**

**November 30-**

**December 21:**

**WB Mitten and Hat Drive**

**December 12:**

**Late Start**

**December 19:**

**2:30-3:30 Eagle Chorus:  
Jingle Bell Jukebox  
(parents only)**

**December 24-January 4:**

**No School**

## In the Community

**November 23: Blessings in a  
Packpack Fundraiser**

**Blessings in a Backpack  
Fundraiser! Mention Blessings  
in a Backpack as you enjoy  
your yogurt at Yogurtown on  
the hill!**

### Dearborn Fire Department

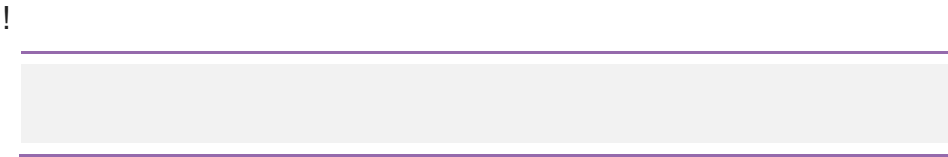
On Monday, November 5th, the Dearborn Fire Department visited the Autism Spectrum Classrooms at Whitmore to teach the students about fire safety. After the presentation, the students were able to explore the fire truck and even got to sit inside. The engine that visited was new and only had 700 miles on it! The students were so excited to meet some of their community helper heroes!



Figure 2 Mrs. Walter's Class and a fireman standing in front of a new Dearborn Firetruck.



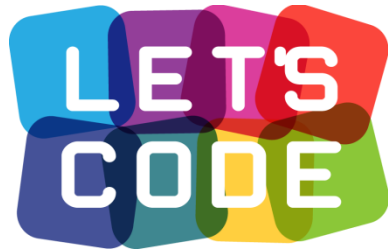
Figure 3 Students with three firefighters in front of their firetruck.



## PLAYWORKS!

This year we are bringing a “program of play” to our school through the *Playworks TeamUp* program!

We are proud to partner with Playworks to make recess a fun, inclusive time for every student in our community. Playworks is the leading national nonprofit using play to transform schools. A Playworks recess creates a place for every kid on the playground to feel included, be active, and build valuable social and emotional skills. You can learn more at [www.playworks.org](http://www.playworks.org). Pictures in next newsletter!



### The Hour Of Code

Ms. Hankins hosting an hour of code, Dec 3-9, to grades 1-3 here at Whitmore-Bolles! Currently, we are working through the introduction lessons, *Course A*, in order to be better prepared for the Hour of Code. Code is our main curriculum for second semester.

A one-hour introduction to computer science, The Hour of Code, began as a one-hour coding challenge to give students a fun first introduction to computer science and has become a global learning event, celebration, and awareness event.

HourOfCode.com offers hundreds of one-hour activities in over 48 languages for kindergarten age and up. Activities require no experience and can be run on browsers, tablets, and smartphones - some don't require a computer at all. The state of MI & Dearborn district is working on adding Computer Science at the elementary, middle & high school level curriculum.

## GET EXCITED!

A Playworks site coordinator will be working with us to create a safe, inclusive, and fun recess for all students at our school. The coordinator will spend one week out of every month at our school to train, build, and sustain a high functioning recess.

### What is Code?

“Code.org® is a nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to computer science in schools and increasing participation by women and underrepresented minorities. Our vision is that every student in every school has the opportunity to learn computer science, just like biology, chemistry or algebra. Code.org provides the leading curriculum for K-12 computer science in the largest school districts in the United States and Code.org also organizes the annual Hour of Code campaign which has engaged 10% of all students in the world. Code.org increases diversity in computer science by reaching students of all backgrounds where they are — at their skill-level, in their schools, and in ways that inspire them to keep learning”-Code.org

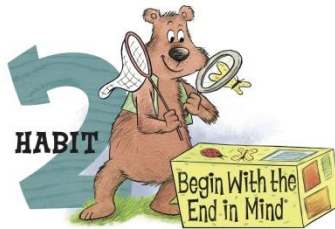
Join us in learning about Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind  
Having a plan to help you achieve your goals is always important. Please  
join us in learning how fun beginning with the end in mind can be!

**Tennis shoes are necessary at this event!**

When: Wednesday, November 28th

Time: 3:45-4:30

Where: The Team Room & Gym



RSVP: By Tuesday, November 20th

**This is a family event, so parents/guardians must attend with their  
child/children.**



[4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chess Club!](#)

Chess Club will start on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in room 107 from 3:45-4:45. If you know how to play, come to practice and teach! If you are a beginner, let's learn from the pros! Depending on the number of students, we will join other schools in chess meets. For more information, please check out the Whitmore-Bolles Chess Blog at <https://iblog.dearbornschools.org/wbchess/>