Hello Wonderful Whitter Families:

Thank you for all your efforts to creat a wonderful start of the year. The Whitter staff is in its second year of implementing school wide positive behavior intervention and supports (PBIS) for all of our students. With PBIS, Whitter is teaching kids about expected behavior throughout the day, just as we would teach students to read or do math. The focus of PBIS is to prevent negative behavior from occurring and to notice and reinforce students behaviorally positively. At Whitter we utilize positive reinforcements for individuals using the PAWSITIVE tickets. We also reinforce whole class behavior. Last year we reinforced positive behavior in the cafeteria with the Golden Spatula award. Classrooms can earn the “golden spatula” by keeping the voice meter in the green, cleaning up their space and listening respectfully to the lunchroom supervisor. Last week, Mr. Peterson’s class was the recipient of the Golden Spatula. This year, the PBIS team and staff are focusing on recess to support students with positive reinforcements. We have organized our playground in zones, improved our signage, established an opt in game to play at recess and created a problem solving table for students. The PBIS team awarded Ms. Baldi’s classroom with the golden whistle for positive participation in recess expectations this past week.

This Friday, we are celebrating with a short assembly which will highlight our monthly theme. In September, we educate students about the "Whittier Way". In October we will look forward to focusing on our virtue KINDNESS. On October 4th, we will kick off our kindness campaign with a "Fill your Bucket" assembly.

We love all of our students and staff at Whittier Elementary. If you have ideas that would help students feel safe and supported please let me know.

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sign Up for Whittier Fall Afterschool Programs begins Tuesday, September 17th at 6PM PST. Please use the attached PDF to sign up for your child’s preferred program by clicking on the “Click Here to Sign Up” link.

If your child has a rescue inhaler or EpiPen type medication, the office closes at 3:15 and so you will need to have a backup with your child in case of emergency.

RAINY DAY MORNINGS

In the event of a ‘rainy day morning’ please have your students meet their teachers in the following areas;
Kindergarten, 1st Grade & Ms. Leming: under the covered area
Ms. Mayo, Ms. McGrath: Cafeteria
3rd, 4th & 5th Graders: wait in the cafeteria and head to your classrooms after the 1st bell

BEFORE SCHOOL RECREATION WITH MR. PULE

Aloha Wildcat Parents/Guardians:

On Monday, September 16th, Before School Recreation will begin. It will run Monday through Thursday from 7:25 to 7:50. Various activities will be provided and the program will often be an expansion of skills being taught in Physical Education class. Intermediate grades (3rd -5th) will attend Mondays and Wednesdays. Primary grades (K-2nd) will come Tuesdays and Thursdays. 2nd grade students can choose either the M/W or the T/Th session. Students will come to the gym as soon as they arrive at school (includes bus riders). For accountability, students must attend the sessions if signed up and at school. Though provided at no cost, this is not a “drop-in” program; however, it is a great way to get the mind and body started in the morning.

In order for the students to attend, please fill out the permission form located in hallway outside the gym.

If your student would like to join later when schedule permits or comfort level increases, please use this same form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 252-1706 or bspule@seattleschools.org.

Mahalo, Mr. Pule
FLU SHOT CLINIC
Protect yourself, your child, and your community from the flu. Seattle Visiting Nurse Association returns to do the annual flu shots at Whittier Elementary on Tuesday October 22nd from 9:30am-11:30am. Students (ages 4 and older), staff and community members can get the flu shot. All SPS insurance is accepted. Most forms of insurance (including Apple Health and Medicaid) and cash or check ($40) are accepted. The consent form needs to be filled out completely.

Families who have no insurance can write “No insurance” and the student can still get a flu shot. A thimerosal-free vaccine is available for pregnant women. The double dose version recommend-ed for adults over age 65 is not available.

Please find the flu consent form and information on the link below. Forms are also available in the school office. Please return the forms to the office by October 15th. Please contact Nurse Joan, (jemcdonagh@seattleschools.org) if you have any questions. Thank you!

FAMILY SUPPORT
We would like to extend support to families who may need services throughout the school year. This could include weekend food, holiday help, etc. Please contact Ms. Rebecca (rnadamson@seattleschools.org) if you are in need of any support during the school year.

CURRICULUM NIGHT
Whittier Curriculum night is October 3! Join us in the cafeteria at 6:00 for a brief welcome from Principal Clark and the PTA. You will then head to your students classroom to learn ALL about 2019-20 school year!

TWITTER
Follow Principal Clark’s twitter account @WhittierSPS

PTA NEWS
PLEASE GET INVOLVED WITH OUR PTA
The Annual Give Campaign begins on Curriculum Night, Oct. 3rd
Find out more about how our PTA makes Whittier Amazing and How YOU Can Help!

FALL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Wonder Park
Friday, September 20th, 7:00 pm Whittier Lunchroom

Kids are encouraged to bring pillows, stuffed animals, and blankets. Only low back chairs are per-mitted. Help us keep the gym clean—please pack-out any garbage/recycling and bring spill-proof water bottles.

NOTE: Parents are responsible for child supervision. Please encourage your active kiddos to run outside on the playground so that everyone can enjoy the movie!

SAVE THE DATE
WSPTA Legislative Assembly / Advocacy in Action
Powered by PTA
Each year WA State PTA hosts an event for advocates to come from all across the state to partici-pate in a true grassroots advocacy program. Delegates have the opportunity to take classes to improve their skills and to participate in debating and voting on legislative priorities for PTA.

This year’s event takes place October 26-27 at Bellevue College. Find out more information here WSPTA Website. If interested in attending this event as a Whittier Elementary delegate or have any questions please contact Andrea Landis at legrep.whittierpta@gmail.com

KONSTELLA
The Whittier PTA debuting a new tool called Konstella, which is a private communications platform for parents. We STRONGLY recommend that you sign up for an account, as most of our school communications—room rep emails, volunteer signups, event notices, weekly digests, forms and payment collection—will transitioned be to Konstella over the course of the school year. You can register for an account here Konstella

PTA MEMBERSHIP
Did you recently join or renew your PTA membership but haven’t received your membership card? You’re not alone. Washington State PTA launched a new member platform and is currently unable to send confirmation emails to our new and renewing members. They estimate that these issues will be addressed within 2-3 weeks. Until then, returning members can use your prior year membership card until October 31, 2019. Any new members who want a membership card before the fix is in place, please contact Hilarie Sander at membership.whittierpta@gmail.com
Radium Girls | October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26, 2019
A hundred years ago, radium was a miracle cure used to fight cancer. It was quickly commercialized and used in products for consumers, including luminous watches that glowed in the dark. Radium Girls tells the story of the New Jersey factory girls who hand-painted the dials until they mysteriously became ill, started dying, and ultimately fought back.

Musical Theater production:
Xanadu | March 18, 19, 20, 26, 27 and 28, 2020
This comedy musical is based on the film which starred Olivia Newton-John. It’s 1980, and Venice Beach chalk-artist Sonny is frustrated by his mural of the Greek muses. A Greek muse named Kira dispatches to L.A., disguised as a human to encourage him in his art. Together they dream of opening a roller disco club named Xanadu. Xanadu is a love story with legwarmers and campy music.

Rumors | May 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16, 2020
Set in the 1980s at a large home just north of Manhattan, the deputy mayor of New York has accidentally shot himself. As four couples gather for a 10th anniversary wedding party, the mayor’s lawyer must quickly concoct a story to avoid a scandal. Speculation quickly piles up, leading to laughable, ludicrous moments. Rumors is written by Neil Simon.

Tickets: $15 for adults and $10 for students/seniors. Advance tickets are now available at here at Showtix. (search for “Ballard High School.”) To request discounted season or group tickets, please contact Shawn Riley at smriley@seattleschools.org.

If you’d like more details, please contact me at 206-465-9532, rhenda@rhendameiser.com

IN THE NEXT WILDC chat, OCTOBER 1st....
More information on Curriculum Night
Fill Your Bucket Workshop
Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule
Do you have a submission? If it is PTA related, please contact PTA communications (communications.whitterpta@gmail.com). If you have any other submissions, please send to Monica Ganyard (maganyard@seattleschools.org)

PAWS UP FOR WILDCATS!
Whittier Elementary /1320 NW 75th St / (206) 252-1650 / 206-252-1652 (attendance line) whittieres.seattleschools.org