“Commitment: It's not about the competition; The goal is to exceed my own expectations.”

For the 2013-2014 school year, commitment is our motto. Our staff and students are committed to setting and exceeding challenging goals.

April 18-April 27 – Spring Break!
Students return to school on Monday, April 28th. We have a full day of school on Thursday, April 17th.

SPRING BREAK READING CHALLENGE!
All students, staff, and families are invited to participate in our Spring Break Reading Challenge! During Spring Break, everyone is encouraged to read wherever you may be spending your Spring Break – Florida, northern Wisconsin, your backyard, or at home spring cleaning your house. The Challenge: Who can submit the most creative picture of student/s, staff, or family reading? All pictures are due by Sunday, April 27th, 5:00 P.M. ALL pictures will be displayed in the main hallway. The only rules are:

1. The student, staff, or family needs to e-mail me the picture by Sunday, April 27th, 5:00 P.M. (jschneid@kusd.edu)
2. Please put “Reading Pic” in the subject line of the e-mail.
3. The name of the book needs to be seen in the picture. All literature needs to be school appropriate.
4. One entry per person per category. The three categories are students, staff, and families.
5. There will be three GRAND Prizes for the most creative picture per category: students, staff, and family – for a total of 9 prizes.
6. All students who participate will receive a Participation Award.

Attention 5th Grade Parents!
We will be having a slideshow presentation at the 5th grade banquet on Thursday, June 5, 2014. We would like to include a baby/toddler photo of every 5th grade student. Please send your child’s name and favorite baby/toddler photo to Paula West at pbockenp@gmail.com to be included in the video. Don’t have a digital version? No
problem! Send your image with your child’s name on the back to your child’s teacher and we will get it scanned and returned to you. Pictures are due by Friday, May 9, 2014.

More Fifth Grade News!
Save the date! All fifth grade parents should mark their calendars for our fifth grade banquet that will take place on Thursday, June 5th, 2014. Only the fifth grader and parents/guardians will be allowed to attend (no siblings). Mark your calendars today, and more information will follow soon.

Attention All Fourth Grade Parents!
Are you curious as to what goes on at our fifth grade banquet? Are you wondering what it will be like as you start thinking about planning for your next year? Don’t you just want to “take a peek” to get ideas for your banquet next year? If so, we have an opportunity for you! We are in need of fourth grade parents to come to the fifth grade banquet and help us out. We need names of parents who are willing to donate a few hours to check in people, monitor the food tables, and help out, in general. Please, please, please help out your fifth grade parents…we know that you’ll be glad that you did. Save the date of Thursday, June 5, in the early evening. Email smurray@kusd.edu if you can help us out that evening. Thanks!

Attendance Report
Let’s all work really hard to achieve our attendance goal this quarter of 97%. Good Luck to everyone!

Kid’s Castle Daycare – Summer Hours
Kid’s Castle will be offering summer hours at Whittier. Starting on June 16 through August 27, Kid’s Castle will be open from 6:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M. at Whittier. If you have any questions, please contact Kid’s Castle. Flyers went home in the Thursday Folders.

Don’t Forget to Visit!
Check out the District Wide Student Art Showcase, Artrageous Youth, from 5:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M. at the Kenosha Public Museum. The show will be open through April 27th. Please take some time to go see the wonderful Whittier artwork!

Camp Invention
Don’t forget to sign up! Please consider this wonderful opportunity for your child. The camp is at Whittier from July 28-August 1, 9:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please e-mail Mrs. Schneider at jschneid@kusd.edu

Spirit Wear Orders Are Due!
April 17th is the last day for spirit wear, and no late forms will be accepted because we want the orders delivered in early May!
MARKET DAY NEWS
The next pick up is April 30th, 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Paper orders are due at school on April 17. Online orders at www.marketday.com are due by April 26th, 11:00 P.M. Thanks for your support!

4K and Kindergarten Registration
We are accepting 4K and Kindergarten registrations. Please visit our office for all of the details!

Thank you and Congratulations!
• WOW! We had over 132 students submit Kenosha Kingfish Baseball Reading Trackers recording their minutes for our Kenosha Kingfish Reading Incentive. Congratulations!
• Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA Meeting this week! KUDOS!
• We would like to congratulate our Battle of Books Team! We are very proud of you! Congratulations Whittier Team: Selasi Banini, Abby Lawler, Kaitlyn Davis, Krista Hamermiller, Sahara Kimmel, Lily Bourdeau, Madison Bomkamp, Summer Zilisch, and Brooke Carmichael.

THIS WEEK: April 14-17

Monday, April 14
• 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. – 5th Grade Minecraft Club
• 6:30 P.M. – There is a planning meeting in the library for the Tiki Torchin’ for Technology Fundraiser.

Tuesday, April 15
• 2:30-3:30 – Chess Club
• Kindergarten and First Grade Concert at Whittier Multi-purpose room
  o The Kindergarten’s Concert starts at 6:00 P.M.
  o The First Grade Concert starts at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 16
• 2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.- Choir Practice

Thursday, April 17
• Spirit Wear Orders are due.
• Report Cards go home
• Grade 2 Field Trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum
• 2:30 P.M. – CHANGE: NO Bible Club
• 2:30 P.M. – NO INTRAMURALS

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Upcoming Events:
• April 30 – Chat and Chew on Autism – free childcare Dinner served at 5:30 P.M. Free Seminar at 6:00 P.M.
• April 30 – Fundraiser pick-up
• April 30 – First Grade Field Trip to James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts in Grayslake, IL, to see Henry and Mudge at 11:15 A.M
• May 2 – K-5 Student dismissal is at 12:30 P.M.
• May 6 – PTA Bike Safety Night
• May 8 – Last Bible Club Meeting
• May 9 - K-5 Student dismissal is at 12:30 P.M.
• May 9 – Early Education Afternoon Session – 9:18 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
• May 12 – PTA Meeting
• May 15 – Mrs. Tenuta’s class visits the One Room School House at Hawthorne Hallow – 8:30 A.M.-1:45 P.M.
• May 16 - K-5 Student dismissal is at 12:30 P.M.
• May 16 - Early Education Afternoon Session – 9:18 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
• MAY 17 – TIKI TORCHIN’ FOR TECHNOLOGY – ADULT FUNDRAISER
• May 20 – Fourth Grade Field Trip to Madison
• May 21 – Mrs. West’s class visits the One Room School House at Hawthorne Hallow – 8:30 A.M.-1:45 P.M.
• May 22 – Mrs. Alho’s class visits the One Room School House at Hawthorne Hallow – 8:30 A.M.-1:45 P.M.
• May 22-23 – 5th Grade Field Trip to Phantom Ranch
• May 22 – Popcorn Day
• May 23 - K-5 Student dismissal is at 12:30 P.M.
• May 23 Early Education Afternoon Session – 9:18 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
• May 23 – ½ Day for Staff
• May 26 – Memorial Day – No School
• May 28 – Market Day Pick-Up
• May 28 – Joint Concert – Orchestra, Band, and Choir – 6:00 P.M.
• May 29 – Third Grade Field Trip to Kemper Center/History Center 8:45 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
• May 30 - K-5 Student dismissal is at 12:30 P.M.
• May 30 Early Education Afternoon Session – 9:18 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
• June 1- Action Territory from 1:00 P.M. to close (Information will be sent home.
• June 3 – Last Chess Club Meeting
• June 5 – 5th Grade Banquet
• June 6 - K-5 Student dismissal is at 12:30 P.M.
• June 9 – Kingfish Baseball Night
• June 10 – Track and Field Day (K-2 will be in the A.M., and 3-5 will be in the P.M.)
• June 11 – Fourth Quarter Ends
• June 11 – Early Education Morning Session – 7:25 A.M.-10:32 A.M.
• June 11 – Early Education Afternoon Session – 11:13 A.M. – 2:25 P.M.
• June 11 – K-5 Student dismissal at 2:25 P.M.
• June 12 - Early Education Morning Session – 7:25 A.M.-10:32 A.M.
• June 12 - K-5 Student dismissal is at 12:30 P.M. – Last Day for Students

Have a sunny week! (I heard snow this week!)

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