Whittier Elementary School Family Weekly Newsletter
May 12-16, 2014

“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.

Tiki Torchin’ for Technology Adult Fundraiser
Saturday, May 17th!
Join Us for a GREAT NIGHT!

Thank you, PTA, Families, and Students for all of your generous words and celebrations during WHITTIER STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

Attendance UPDATES!

Congratulations to 92 students who had Perfect Attendance for the Third Quarter. These students had no absences, no tardies, and no early dismissals. WOW! This past week, the students enjoyed a celebratory Pizza Party!

We continue to work on our goal of 97% attendance for the 2013-2014 school year. Here are the numbers for the school year, so far:

- September: 97.69%
- October: 96.56%
- November: 95.91%
- December: 96.24%
- January: 94.88%
- February: 95.64%
- March: 96.03%
- April: 95.81%
- May: ?????
- June: ???

GOOD LUCK! LET’S REACH OUR GOAL!

During the month of May, we are going to share the attendance per grade level. For the week of May 5-May 9, here is our attendance:

- Kindergarten: 97.92%
- First Grade: 96.40%
- Second Grade: 98.27%
- Third Grade: 98.05%
- Fourth Grade: 98.11%
- Fifth Grade: 98.13%

Total: 97.29% GREAT JOB!
MARKET DAY NEWS

Our next pick up is Wednesday, May 28, 4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M. Paper orders are due at school on Friday, May 23. Online orders are due by 11:00 P.M., Saturday, May 24. Thanks to everybody for supporting Whittier through Market Day purchases!

Camp Invention

Camp Invention is coming to Kenosha this summer June 16-20 at Somers Elementary and July 28-Aug 1 at Whittier Elementary! Camp Invention is a unique, hands-on experience that blends fun with science, technology, and invention! Students going into grades 1-6 are invited to participate in this fast-paced, one-of-a-kind experience that is supported by the National Inventor’s Hall of Fame. Each day, children participate in four continuous modules that place them in settings like a strange planet, a faraway island, or deep under sea. Children use their creativity, imagination, and inventive thinking skills to solve problems within each environment, building on what they learned the previous day. Using upcycled materials brought from home, they could be challenged to rebuild a rocket ship, cross a river of hot lava, rescue sea creatures, or assume another mission. Through hands-on fun, children get excited about science while working together as a team. Though activities will vary depending on the program selected, each one is designed to educate, entertain, and inspire. For more information, contact Director Sarah Aguilar at saguilar1221@gmail.com.

Calling all Kindergarten Boys!

Have you been waiting all year to join Cub Scouts? Please join our Whittier Cub Scout Pack 570 on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at Lake Andrea Picnic Area #5 from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. We will have a fun-filled meeting with a campfire, flag retiring ceremony, hot dogs, s'mores, games, and tons of fun! Come see what scouting is all about! Please RSVP Cubmaster Lawler at (262) 496-6363.

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.

4K and Kindergarten Registration

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

Thank you and Congratulations! WHAT AN EXCITING WEEK!

- Thank you to everyone who helped make our PTA Second Annual Bike Night a success: Officer Ray Rowe and Kenosha Velodrome Association. Thank you, Kona Ice! Thanks to Ray Rowe and the Kenosha Police Department for donating helmets. Thank you to everyone who attended. We had over 65 people in attendance. Finally, thank you to the PTA and all of the Whittier families who helped make this event a wonderful learning experience for our children.
Thank you, Lance Middle School, for the wonderful Science Emporium. KUDOS!

THIS WEEK: May 12-16

Monday, May 12
- 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. – 4th Grade Minecraft Club
- 6:30 P.M. - PTA Meeting and free childcare  NO VOLUNTEER MEETING

Tuesday, May 13  160th Day of School
- 2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M. – Chess Club

Wednesday, May 14
- 2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.- Choir Practice
- 2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M. – 5th Grade Girls Golf Clinic
- 2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M. – Battle of the Books Congratulatory Celebration

Thursday, May 15
- 8:30 A.M.-1:45 P.M. - Mrs. Tenuta’s class visits the One Room School House at Hawthorne Hallow
- 2:30 P.M. – 4th Grade Intramurals

Friday, May 16  K-5 Student dismissal is at 12:30 P.M.
- Early Education Afternoon Session – 9:18 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
- 12:30 P.M. – 5th Grade Intramurals
- 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. - Talent Show Try-outs

ANY NEW EVENTS THAT I ADD WILL BE IN RED TO HELP YOU.

Upcoming Events:
- May 20 – Fourth Grade Field Trip to Madison
- May 20 – Talent Show Try-outs from 2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.
- 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 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 – First Grade Field Trip to the Racine Zoo from 8:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
- May 29 – Third Grade Field Trip to Kemper Center/History Center 8:45 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
- May 29 – Kindergarten Field Trip to Milwaukee Zoo – all day
- 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 2 – Safety Patrol Bowling Field Trip
• June 3 – Last Chess Club Meeting
• June 4 – Second Grade Field Trip – all day
• 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 – 1:00 P.M. – Talent Show
• June 11 – K-5 Student dismissal at 2:25 P.M.
• June 12 – Fourth Quarter Awards Assembly
  o 8:00 A.M. -Grades K-2
  o 9:00 A.M. – Grades 3-5
• 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 robust, healthy week! Jo