

Whittier Elementary School Family Weekly Newsletter
Wisconsin PBIS School of Merit
March 2-6, 2015

**“Excellence: Success is a direct reflection of the effort, pride,
and passion with which a person lives”**

*For the 2014-2015 school year, excellence is our motto.
Our staff and students are committed to setting and exceeding challenging goals.*



Important! Attention Whittier Families Who Pick Up Children

We would like to remind all families who pick up their children to remember to turn off their cars. We have some families who are going up to the door to pick up their children and they leave their cars running. This poses a serious safety concern. We want all of our community to be safe in our parking lots. Thank you!

EXTRAORDINARY SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!

Summer School Location Moved!

This summer, Prairie Lane will be the location for Whittier students attending summer school. For many years, Whittier has hosted summer school with Jeffery and Prairie Lane Schools attending at Whittier. This year, we will be moving the location. We will be sending home information regarding summer school soon.

Camp Invention Returns!

For the third year in a row, Whittier will host Camp Invention. This is a wonderful week-long program that provides the students with opportunities to be problem-solvers and creative thinkers. We will be hosting Camp Invention from June 16-19. We will be sending home information soon.

Lance Middle School To Host Three Camps!

Lance Middle School is offering 3 enrichment camps this summer for students going into grades 4-6. The camps are free. They will take up to 40 students per camp. The camps will run for one week, from 9:00 A.M.-Noon daily. The dates vary depending on the camps. The camps available are: Science Camp, STEM Camp, and Art Camp. Flyers will be going home in this week's Thursday Folders. Parents can drop off or mail completed registration forms to Lance. If our office receives any, we will forward them to Lance. Lance will contact the parents to verify their registration form and acceptance in the camp.

Marco's Pizza Nights!

Thank you to all of the Whittier families and friends who participated over the past three weeks in our PTA Sponsored Marco's Pizza Nights. The students had a great time decorating the pizza boxes, and we definitely ordered a great deal of pizzas. The PTA raised \$520.49. Mrs. Tenuta's class had the most sales so they will be awarded a Pizza Party. Marco's Pizza decided to award the second place class, Mrs.

Knudtson's class, with a dessert party because they were so close. Four students were awarded pizzas and a Marco's shirt for best decorated pizza boxes. Congratulations to Morgan O., Alexandria S., Reno N., and Kate K.

BOXTOP RESULTS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the BoxTop collection. Mrs. Hutchins' Kindergarten Class won. They will be receiving a rootbeer float party! The school will be getting about \$840.00 from the whole school collection. Awesome job!!

2nd Annual Kingfish Reading Incentive Program

Mark your calendars: May 27th is Whittier Night at the Kingfish Game! Students who participate in the reading incentive program will be awarded a free ticket and other incentives. Discounted tickets are available for family members. The reading incentive is from March 16-April 15. Information will be going home in this week's Thursday Folders.

Freedom to Read Campaign- Ends on Friday, March 6th!

The deadline for Freedom to Read has been extended! We are collecting books until March 6th. Thanks to the generosity of our Whittier families we have already surpassed our initial goal of 750 books! We are at over 1,300 books! The committee has decided that they want to take on the challenge of doubling our initial goal by collecting 1,500 books. Please help us reach our goal. The last collection will be Friday, March 6th.

WHAT IS VIGEOXCHANGE?

vigeoXchange is a new fundraiser, sponsored by our PTA, which allows you to earn cash back and support Whittier Elementary with purchases at participating businesses. Local businesses are being added every day. It's easy and free to use!

Thank you to all of the Whittier families who signed up for vigeoXchange at Parent Teacher Conferences. We are very close to reaching our goal of 200 people signing up. We are extremely excited to report we had over 150 family and staff signed up with vigeoXchange during conferences!

If you didn't have an opportunity to sign up at conferences, please contact support@vigeoedia.com or 262-656-6250, and they will help you get started. Remember to invite your friends and extended family to sign up too!

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 16th

PTA is sponsoring their Second Annual Tiki-Torch Adult Evening! Stay tuned for more information!

Whittier's Attendance

This year, Whittier's attendance goal is 97%. Whittier's goal is to increase time in class and increase student success. As we increase and improve our attendance, we also increase the number of days and minutes that our students get to learn.

February Attendance Incentive WINNER!

The grade level that had the highest attendance rate for the month of February will get a chance to create their own Candy Gram. These candy grams will be delivered to their MVP for getting them to school every day! The contest was very close! Here are the weekly results and the WINNER:

February 2-6

Kindergarten	98.35% (Reached our building goal!)
First Grade	94.95%
Second Grade	95.45%
Third Grade	96.42%
Fourth Grade	93.48%

Fifth Grade	96.86%
Total	95.77%

February 9-13

Kindergarten	97.78% (Reached our building goal!)
First Grade	97.97% (Reached our building goal!)
Second Grade	96.13%
Third Grade	96.30%
Fourth Grade	95.17%
Fifth Grade	96.29%
Total	96.58%

February 16-20

The cold weather greatly affected our attendance!

Kindergarten	91.26%
First Grade	93.73%
Second Grade	93.09%
Third Grade	93.94%
Fourth Grade	92.68%
Fifth Grade	94.25%
Total	93.21%

February 23-27

Kindergarten	96.92%
First Grade	96.75%
Second Grade	94.65%
Third Grade	95.98%
Fourth Grade	97.22% (Reached our building goal!)
Fifth Grade	93.20%
Total	95.80%

TOTALS

Kindergarten	95.89%
First Grade	95.85%
Second Grade	94.80%
Third Grade	95.60%
Fourth Grade	94.55%
Fifth Grade	95.17%
Total	95.29%

The WINNER of the February Incentive is KINDERGARTEN

Thank you and Congratulations!

- Thank you to all of the Whittier families who attended the Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Thank you to Nolan, Wyatt, Lucy, Grace, Olivia, McKenzie, and Elliana for your leadership as ambassadors at the Parent Teacher Conferences. You all did an excellent job!
- Congratulations to Lillian B., Vivian Z, and Aryka D. for representing Whittier in the KUSD Elementary Youth Choir. Your performance at the Choir Fest was fantastic!
- Thank you to all of the families and friends who ordered Marco's Pizza over the past three weeks. It was very successful!
- Thank you, Nita Connor, for taking the lead on the Scholastic Book Fair! We can't wait to hear the results! Thank you to all of the parents who helped with the book fair: Karen Lewis, Erica Beiser, Christine Pollard, Emily Meier, and Karen DenHartog!

- Thank you to all of the families who submitted PTA Family Essays! We have submitted all of the entries!
- Thank you to all of the Whittier families who participated in the Chili's Give Back Program this past week to help with the 5th grade Phantom Ranch Trip.
- Thank you to the PTA Board Members and Whittier friends for participating and representing Whittier at the Annual PTA Founder's Dinner.

Monday, March 2

Read Across America Week-Dr. Seuss Day - Come dressed as your favorite Dr. Seuss character.

Tuesday, March 3

Readers are Great Leaders - Dress as a job you would like to do one day.

- 9:00 A.M.- Readers are Leaders Program
- 2:30 P.M.-3:45 P.M. – After School Bible Club
- 2:35 P.M.-3:35 P.M. – Chess Club

Wednesday, March 4

Work-Out Your Brain with Reading - Dress in your favorite workout clothes!

Thursday, March 5

Take a Trip to Disney World - Dress as your favorite Disney character and bring fairy tales to read.

- 9:00 A.M. – Grade 2 Field Trip to Bradford to see The Little Mermaid
- 2:35 P.M. - 4th Grade Intramurals meets in the gym.
- 2:35 P.M. – KIDS CAN meets in the library.

Friday, March 6

- **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL!**
- **4K and Early Childhood have both AM and PM sessions!**
- **Wacky Word Day -Dress in wacky, mismatched clothes and bring an extraordinary word you want to share with your class.**
- **Freedom to Read Book Drive ENDS: Don't forget your books!**

- 2:35 P.M. - 5th Gr. Intramurals
- NO Minecraft Club

Upcoming March Dates

March 10 - PTA Meeting

March 13 - Minecraft Club

March 19 - Kindergarten Field Trip - SW Library and Festival Foods, from 8:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

March 20 – PTA Game Night from 6:30 P.M. -8:00 P.M.

March 20 - Minecraft Club

March 23-26 -Chili's Give Back Program - Bring your voucher to Chili's when you visit (dine in or carry out) and 15% of your purchase will benefit Whittier School. Chili's is located at 6903 75th Street (The voucher will be sent soon.)

March 25 -Market Day Pick Up

March 26 -End of 3rd Quarter

March 27 -Early Dismissal at 11:15

I hope everyone has an awesome week! And, I hope that we don't have to shovel on Tuesday!

Jo