

**Whittier Elementary School Weekly Family Newsletter**  
**Wisconsin PBIS School of Merit**  
**March 16-20, 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.*



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kingfish Reading Incentive Program!**

Mark your calendars: May 27<sup>th</sup> 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. If you have not received the letter explaining the reading incentive, please call our office at 359-2110. It is going to be a great night at the Kingfish Game!

**KUSD Annual Black History Bee**

Outstanding Job, Daniel Chiappetta, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, who represented Whittier in the KUSD Annual Black History Bee! BRAVO!

**MARKET DAY NEWS**

This month, Whittier will receive extra profit for every pie purchased. Orders are due Friday, March 20. Online orders can also be placed until 11:00 P.M. that evening. The pick-up is Wednesday, March 25, 4:30 P.M. -5:30 P.M. Thanks for supporting our PTA and students!

**Have you signed up for VIGEOXCHANGE?**

Whittier Elementary has 162 vigeoXchange accounts registered. There have been 8 transactions connected to Whittier so far that have generated sponsorship. HOW EXCITING!

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!

If you didn't have an opportunity to sign up at conferences, please contact [support@vigeomedia.com](mailto:support@vigeomedia.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**

**March Incentive!**

During the month of March, we will be looking at individual grade levels. Every grade level that

reaches the goal of 97% (each week) will receive a special treat from Mrs. Schneider. Additionally, the grade level with the highest attendance percentage for the week will be recognized with a special treat. We are encouraging all of our students to eat healthy, get plenty of rest, and wash their hands!

#### Week 1 - March 2-March 6

Kindergarten - 92.60%

First Grade - 95.13%

**Second Grade - 97.86%** (*GREAT! BEST GRADE LEVEL ATTENDANCE AND REACHED 97% GOAL!*)

Third Grade - 95.14%

Fourth Grade - 95.41%

Fifth Grade - 95.49%

**Total - 95.35%**

#### Week 2 - March 9-March 13

Kindergarten - 86.49%

First Grade - 94.96%

Second Grade - 94.62%

**Third Grade - 95.70%** (*WOW! BEST GRADE LEVEL ATTENDANCE!*)

Fourth Grade - 95.32%

Fifth Grade - 93.05%

**Total - 93.61**

### 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. Parents can drop off or mail completed registration forms to Lance. If our office receives any applications, we will forward them to Lance. Lance will contact the parents to verify their registration form and acceptance in the camp.

#### Thank you and Congratulations!

- Thank you to our PTA officers and all who attended last week's PTA Meeting.
- Congratulations Trailblazer Students for reaching your Playground Incentive Goal of earning 500 Atta-Paws! Excellent Work!
- Thank you to all of the Whittier Families who have submitted PTA Essays. We hope to turn in many entries on April 2. A very special shout-out to the following families: Baars, Meier, Crosby, and Becker. These students submitted PTA essays before they extended the deadline. The

Kenosha PTA awarded each family 4 tickets to the play Charlotte's Web to recognize their dedication.

## THE WEEK!

### Monday, March 16

### Tuesday, March 17

- 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. – Explorer Family Incentive Game Day (Students in Kindergarten and First Grade should bring board games to play with their friends. No electronics!)
- 2:30 P.M.-3:45 P.M. – After School Bible Club
- 2:35 P.M.-3:35 P.M. – Chess Club

### Wednesday, March 18

- 2:35 P.M.-3:15 P.M. – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir (Meet in the library!)

### Thursday, March 19

- 8:30 A.M.-10:45 A.M. – Kindergarten Field Trip to SW Library and Festival Foods
- 2:35 P.M. - 4th Grade Intramurals meets in the gym.
- 2:35 P.M. – KIDS CAN meets in the library.

### Friday, March 20

**FULL DAY OF SCHOOL for Grade K-5!**

**4K and Early Childhood have both AM and PM sessions!**

- 1:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M. – Adventure Family Incentive Game Day (Students in Second and Third Grade should bring board games to play with their friends. No electronics!)
- 2:35 P.M. - 5th Grade Intramurals
- 2:35 P.M. – Minecraft Club
- **6:30 P.M. -8:00 P.M. - PTA Game Night**

### Upcoming March Dates (New information is in red.)

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 is attached.)

March 25 -Market Day Pick Up

**March 26 – First Grade Field Trip to Jelly Belly - 8:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

March 26 -End of 3rd Quarter

March 27 –Teacher Workday – No School for Students

**April 1 – Spring Pictures**

**April 2 - PTA Family Essay Project Due. Submit a one page essay about a school event or a school project that your family attended or worked on together. All Whittier entries will be put into a hat, and one entry from Whittier will be drawn and awarded a basket of wonderful items totaling over \$250.00 from the Kenosha PTA Organization.**

**April 3-10 – NO School – Spring Break!**

I hope everyone has an outstanding week!

Jo