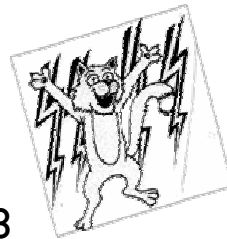


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# Whittier Wildchat



News from the Whittier School PTA – September 18, 2008

Whittier PTA Mission: To support and enhance the Whittier model of academic excellence, community, and respect, so that all Whittier students can become lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

## Mark Your Calendar

September 24 Early Dismissal 1:10 pm  
September 25 Curriculum Night 6:30 pm  
(Parents/Guardians Only Please)

## Volunteer Opportunities...

- ✪ **Grounds Volunteer Coordinator**  
Contact: Cynthia Slate 782-8423 or [cynthiaslate@msn.com](mailto:cynthiaslate@msn.com)
- ✪ **Direct Appeal Volunteers**  
Contact: Susan Weber 612-0589 or [smwlaw@comcast.net](mailto:smwlaw@comcast.net)
- ✪ **After School Art Program Coordinator**  
Contact: Cynthia Slate 782-8423 or [cynthiaslate@msn.com](mailto:cynthiaslate@msn.com)
- ✪ **Playground Supervisors** between 12:05 and 12:45.  
Contact: Nancy in the office if you can help

All volunteers, whether in the classrooms or for the PTA, need to complete a release form for a background check. **NEW THIS YEAR:** The front office needs a copy of the volunteer's driver's license before the background check can be processed. For anyone who has already turned in a form, PLEASE drop off a copy of your driver's license in the front office or send it in via kid-mail.

## Penny Harvest: Coach Needed

We need a coach for the Penny Harvest! The Penny Harvest is an educational program designed to ignite the civic spirit of children. Last year, 33 schools participated and students collected \$64,000. Every penny collected goes back to the community which is determined by Whittier student leaders. The Harvest collection is from October – November, then the student leaders research, identify and choose a community organization to receive Whittier's donation around March-May. This is a great learning experience but we cannot participate without a coach! If you are interested in coaching the Penny Harvest for Whittier this year, please contact Sarah Fields for more information (206 297 1497).

## After School Art Sign Up – Due Tomorrow

After School Art registration forms are due Friday, September 19th. The first two sessions are for grades 4/5 on Tuesdays and grades 2/3 on Thursdays.

## Join the PTA !

### (or renew your membership)

At Whittier, the PTA is responsible for a lot of the fun, educational, and creative extras our kids receive at school every day, including the Carnival, Science Fair, After School Art and Drama, Chess and playground improvements! And these are just some of the projects the Whittier PTA supports. There are Membership forms in the office. Remember that your membership must be renewed each year in order to remain current. Please contact Lorraine Gibbs at [lgibbs@speakeasy.org](mailto:lgibbs@speakeasy.org), if you have any questions.

## Chess Club Registration

### Reminder!

If your child is interested in joining Chess Club and you haven't yet registered, please bring your registration into the main office by Monday, Sept. 22. Chess club meets every Monday after school starting October 6. Extra registration forms are available in the office. Questions? Email [dkupfer@u.washington.edu](mailto:dkupfer@u.washington.edu).

## Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale Starts Friday

You'll find Innisbrook wrapping paper sale packets in Kidmail today—and 17 students will find lucky tickets in their packet, redeemable for a treat at the Innisbrook table before school. Fifty percent of all profits go to support Whittier PTA programs such as Art, Drama, and Spanish. Last year, we raised more than \$9,000—let's make it \$10,000 this year! And it's not just wrapping paper: find magazines, chocolates, and gift items to offer friends, family, and co-workers. The sale runs September 19 through October 8.

Register online at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) to receive prize credits for orders placed online. When you enter your order, you could win a grand prize trip to Walt Disney World. Our school number is 102956.

## Advanced Learning Nomination Packets

Applications for the 2009-2010 school year are due 10/8/08. Get the most up-to-date [Information/Packet](#) from the District website.

PTA Co-Presidents: Susan Weber [smwlaw@comcast.net](mailto:smwlaw@comcast.net) and Barbara Hazzard [barbandandy@msn.com](mailto:barbandandy@msn.com). This newsletter is also available at the PTA website [www.whittierway.org](http://www.whittierway.org) and can be received electronically through the WhittierWEB yahoo group. To subscribe or to submit an item for the Wildchat, send a request to [whittierwildchat@hotmail.com](mailto:whittierwildchat@hotmail.com) by Tuesday afternoon.

## Whittier's Annual Fall Carnival is October 24th!

We need many parent volunteers to make this a successful event. Please keep an eye out for the volunteer request form coming home with your kid(s) this week, and return it to us via Kid Mail with your shift preferences.

Thank you in advance for your support of this fun event! Questions? Contact Erica Welch, [ericajwelch@comcast.net](mailto:ericajwelch@comcast.net) (206) 783-0729 or Sarah Fields, [sarahfie71@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahfie71@hotmail.com) (206) 297-1497.

## From the Seattle Council PTSA

### **Capacity questions? SPS Web page is up**

SPS has set up an online resource for parents regarding capacity issues in the school district. For meeting information, frequently asked questions and demographic projections, please see [http://www.seattleschools.org/area/strategicplan/capacity\\_management.html](http://www.seattleschools.org/area/strategicplan/capacity_management.html).

Capacity management is part of the district's strategic plan. Phase I is underway and addressing challenges in Queen Anne/Magnolia and the Northeast clusters. Phase II will look at capacity issues district-wide and will start in Jan. 2009

For information on enrollment projections, you can link from the capacity web site or go to:

[www.seattleschools.org/area/facilities-plan/demo/longrange.html](http://www.seattleschools.org/area/facilities-plan/demo/longrange.html)

Ten-year projections are available by cluster and individual school

### **City Inside/Out: Back to School ([watch on-line](#))**

This week's edition takes a look at the first year of new Seattle Schools superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson and her 5-year plan to improve the district. Studio guests include Seattle School Board member Harium Martin-Morris, Seattle Council PTSA president Sharon Rodgers, Alliance for Education executive director Patrick D'Amelio and Seattle Times editorial writer Lynne Varner.

#### Broadcast times on Cable 21

9/18: 9 a.m., 7:30 p.m.      9/19: 8:30 a.m., 2 p.m.

## **New this year – the WhittierWEB - The Wildchat has gone electronic!**

**IMPORTANT!!!! This is the final edition of the Wildchat that will automatically come home with your child...**

Starting September 25, 2008, the Wildchat will only be distributed electronically via the WhittierWEB Yahoo group unless you complete the information below. If you have not signed up for this group, we encourage you to stay connected by emailing [whittierwildchat@hotmail.com](mailto:whittierwildchat@hotmail.com) with a request to subscribe or with any questions. You will have the choice to join the **group** (username and password required to access group features) or join the **mailing list** (emails only, no username required) when you receive your invitation.

WhittierWEB emails will be used to distribute the Wildchat as well as other school news and pertinent announcements directed to parents and kids at the school. They may be daily or weekly - we'll do our best to keep you informed of what is happening.

**All subscription requests have been processed to date – if you have submitted your request, but have not received your invitation to join, please check your spam folder or email [whittierwildchat@hotmail.com](mailto:whittierwildchat@hotmail.com) if you need another invitation.**

The goal is to eliminate the paper copies of the Wildchat, but we understand some people will prefer to get the paper copies...

**If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the Wildchat sent home in your child's folder, please complete the information below:**

\_\_\_ **I do not have email access**

\_\_\_ **I have email, but I prefer to get a paper copy because** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room #/Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

## **From the Wildchat Editor**

The Whittier Wildchat newsletter provides PTA news and other information to the Whittier school community. If you have news item to share, please send your submission to [whittierwildchat@hotmail.com](mailto:whittierwildchat@hotmail.com) no later than *Tuesday* evening for publication on the following Thursday. Note that we may (lightly) edit your submission to fit our limited space.