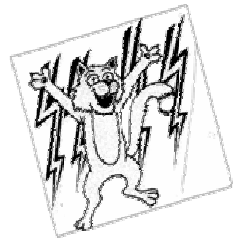


# Whittier Wildchat



News from the Whittier School PTA – October 9, 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

October 10	No School
October 14	Reception for Ms. Jolley 3:30pm
October 15	Lunchtime Celebration for Terry
October 17	Family Activity Night 6 – 8pm
October 24	Whittier Fall Carnival

## **Volunteer Opportunities...**

### ☛ **Grounds Volunteer Coordinator**

Contact: Cynthia Slate 782-8423 or [cynthiaslate@msn.com](mailto:cynthiaslate@msn.com)

### ☛ **Playground Supervisors**

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.

## **Thank you Volunteers!**

Thanks to Heather Drennan for stepping up to take over the After School Art Coordinator position!

A huge thank you to Laura Brosten for coordinating Student Pictures this past Tuesday! Because the front office is short-staffed, Laura stepped up and organized the entire event. Way to be an awesome parent volunteer, Laura!

A special thank you to the Whittier families listed below, and our Principal, Cothron McMillian, who together gave up their Saturday for our kids, and moved 100 cubic yards of wood chips under and around our new playground. Together everyone gave a total of 43 hours worth of labor.

Rebecca Adamson	Patrick Agoyoun
Mark Currin	Caroline Currin
Andy Hazzard	Yoko Mashino
Darren Pinne	Jordan Singer
Cynthia Slate	Greg Stamolis
Vicky Stamolis	Matthew Sorensen
Barbara Rotter	David Robinson
Andrew Reichert	Ariel Rotter-Aboyoun
Sophie Rotter-Aboyoun	Alex Pinne
David Robinson	Dan Kessler
Catie Knauerhase	Marianne Scholl

## **MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Whittier's Annual Fall Carnival on October 24th!**

We need many more parent volunteers to bring the Fall Carnival to life. If you haven't volunteered yet, please look for the **updated volunteer request form** coming home with your kid(s) this week, and return it to us via Kid Mail with your shift preferences.

To those of you who've already submitted volunteer forms – thank you so much!

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.

## **DIRECT APPEAL NEEDS YOUR DONATION!**

We have raised just over \$5,000 so far towards our goal of \$25,000 for the Direct Appeal campaign this fall. Many thanks to those who have already donated! There is still plenty of time to get those check writing fingers going!

What does Direct Appeal pay for?

Direct Appeal donations increase the general fund of the PTA to financially support programs and events such as Chess Club, After School Art and Drama, Science Fair, Halloween Carnival, Spanish festival, and the Spring Arts Festival. The PTA also contributes money to the school library, the tutoring program, PE and the staff discretionary fund.

We have been fortunate over the years to have Whittier parents, extended family and employers contribute to Direct Appeal and help the PTA reach its fundraising goal. The PTA can't fund all it does without Direct Appeal donations. Please send a check in with your child made out to Whittier PTA Direct Appeal and provide and employer matching form if available. Donate what you can, no amount is too big or too small! Encourage grandparents, aunts and uncles to do the same!

Questions? Contact Susan M. Weber, Direct Appeal Chair at [smwlaw@comcast.net](mailto:smwlaw@comcast.net) or 612-0589.

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.

## 5th Autumn Turn Off the T.V. Week Oct. 14th-20th

**Can you do without the television and limit all other screen time for one week?** This is the chance to switch the television (and computer) off and do some other things with your free time. Read, play outside, take a walk, play a board game with your family, or do some art. Pick up a *No T.V. Week* verification sheet outside the gym and return it to Mr. Pule by Thursday, Oct 23rd to earn a certificate and an incentive.

One week! Yes, that includes a Saturday and a Sunday. Tough, but certainly not impossible. Think about it... this might just be an eye-opening experience and a healthy change for the better. Turn the screens off. Get the whole family involved if *Whittier's 2008 Fall Turn-Off the T.V. Week*. Come to the Fall Family Activity Night from 6pm-8pm on Friday, Oct. 17th. Bring your favorite board game to play in lunchroom and/or play badminton/beach ball volleyball in the gym. All are welcome!

**Don't hesitate, participate!**

### Good-bye Terry & Ms. Jolley!

Many of the returning Whittier families have noticed a change in the front office. Ms. Jolley, our beloved school secretary retired after 28 years with the Seattle Public Schools, 27 of those years at Whittier! A reception in her honor will be in the library on Tuesday, October 14th at 3:30 p.m. Please join us!

Our Whittier Wildly popular janitor Terry Lindsey is also retiring! The king of lunch time rock and roll, funny jokes, and ability to keep our school in tip top shape is retiring after 28 years of service with Seattle Public Schools, the last 12 of them at Whittier. Join in for a lunch time celebration for Terry, Wednesday, October 15th.

AND please express your wishes to Ms. Jolley and Terry on the posters for them in the main hallway.

Questions?

Contact Barbara Hazzard at 669-0088 or Susan M. Weber at 612-0589, your Whittier PTA Co-Presidents

### Turn in Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Vouchers and Payments

It's not too late! Enter your orders at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) and bring your vouchers and payment envelopes to school this week. Families with orders totaling more than \$100 are entered into our drawing for a set of pump rockets or a family movie night—see the flyer enclosed in your Innisbrook packets. Out-of-town family and friends can order year-round at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com). Our school number is 102956.

### Wildcat Shirt Orders

Thanks to everyone who has already turned in their order form ... any last minute orders must be turned in by MONDAY, October 13th!

Questions? Contact Casey Holden at 524-1917 or [daveandcasey@mac.com](mailto:daveandcasey@mac.com)

### 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.

### ¿Que Pasa Whittier?

The Spanish program got a great start this week. We are so fortunate to have a Spanish program back again at Whittier and a great teacher, Sra. Aguilar.

The Spanish committee would like to say *muchas gracias* to Terry for helping us to clear out unused desks and chairs in Room 205. We would also like sincerely thank the tutoring program for being nice neighbors and working with us to design the room to suit both programs.

Parents please email [whittierspanish@hotmail.com](mailto:whittierspanish@hotmail.com) with any comments, suggestions, or anecdotes of your child's experiences learning spanish.

¡Hasta la proxima! – The Spanish Committee