

Whittier Wildchat



News from the Whittier School PTA – October 23, 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 24	Whittier Fall Carnival
October 29	Early Dismissal 1:10 pm
November 11	No School – Veteran's Day
November 18	PTA General Meeting with Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for someone to help organize the **Whittier Ebay Store**. The idea is simple; items families can donate will go into our store and be sold on Ebay. Income received goes to the school. Please contact James Forsher at j_forsher@yahoo.com for more information.

Whittier's 2008 Fall Carnival ~ THIS FRIDAY! October 24, 2008



5:30pm – 8:30pm!



Carnival Games, Face Painting, Bouncer, Dunk Tank, Cake Walk, Balloon Animals and More!

Care to dunk Ms. McMillian or Mr. Pule this year?! The first floor of the school will be filled with fun activities, and there will be fantastic prizes, too!

Dinner, snacks and dessert will be served in the cafeteria. We'll accept cash or check payments for food until 8:00pm. Between 8:00pm – 8:30pm we'll also accept tickets as payment for food.

Dress in a fabulous costume and you just might win a prize. Costume contest winners will be announced from the stage in the cafeteria at 7:45pm.

Bakers! Single layer cakes and cupcakes in packages of 6 are needed for the Cake Walk. Please drop off your creations in the lunch room anytime on Friday the 24th. (No nut products, please.)

The Haunted House promises to be extra scary this year! Bring a friend to hold your hand!

The Light Up Store located in Room 204 will sell fun Rhode Island Novelty items (thanks to Whittier parent Peter Quinn).

Preschool children and their parents will enjoy the Breezeway (in the West Hall) where the activities are appropriate for young ones.

Questions? Contact Erica Welch, ericajwelch@comcast.net (206) 783-0729 or Sarah Fields, sarahfie71@hotmail.com (206) 297-1497.

Teacher/Staff Wish Lists

Check out the school news bulletin board just outside the main office hall. Teachers and staff have posted "Wish Lists" for items they need. Is there a wish you can fulfill for a Whittier teacher or staff person? Please do so.

October's Walk and Wheel to School Challenge Month

Walk, bike, scooter, bus, or park the car 2-5 blocks away from the school and walk the rest. Good for you and good for our environment. Be sure to track your commutes with a commute calendar available outside the gym.

PTA Co-Presidents: Susan Weber smwlaw@comcast.net and Barbara Hazzard barbandandy@msn.com. This newsletter is also available at the PTA website 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 by Tuesday afternoon.

Direct Appeal 2008 – It's Not Too Late to Donate!

We have reached the \$10,000 mark on our way to our \$25,000 goal for Direct Appeal! We have received far fewer employer matching forms this year in compared to years past. If your employer will match your donation, please take a few moments to complete the employer matching form and send it in with your donation. No donation is too small (or too big). We appreciate the donations we have received in this tough economy and make yet another plea to get those check writing hands going and make a donation to Direct Appeal. Questions? Contact Susan M. Weber, Direct Appeal Chair, 612-0589, smwlaw@comcast.net.

Seat Still Open On School Advisory Committee

Parent and community members are welcome to apply for a seat on the Building Leadership Advisory Committee (which we once called SPOC.) This committee serves as a parent and community forum on school matters, and reviews and makes recommendations on the budget and other school-wide issues. There are 4 meetings between Nov. and June, after school from about 3:30 - 4:30, on a Monday or Thursday (to be decided.) Please contact Susan Ward at suward@seattleschools.org, or send a note, by October 24.

Mini-Weeding Parties

If you are sure you know what a weed looks like, I would like to encourage you to organize small weeding parties with your friends. You can pick your favorite part of the Whittier grounds.

Here is a special deal: If you are a parent who can get at least four other Whittier parents to help you for one hour and it is during school hours before the Nov work party, I promise to come by, answer any questions, and bring coffee and treats for your own private weeding party! Please call Cynthia Slate at 782-8423 or cynthiaslate@msn.com to schedule a mini-weeding coffee party.

Community Meetings on Student Assignment Plan

Seattle Public Schools is having a [series of community meetings](#) to discuss a new district-wide Student Assignment Plan. Families and community members are invited to learn about the overall process to design, develop and implement a new student assignment plan.

Oct 23	Ingraham High School	6:30pm
Oct 27	Rainier Beach High School	6:30pm
Nov 1	John Stanford Center	10am

For more information visit www.seattleschools.org.

You can also visit the [school district website](#) for information about **North End Elementary School Capacity** issues and meetings.

THANK YOU CARNIVAL HELPERS!

On Monday night, these fabulous people worked together for many hours to pull items out of storage and prepare for Friday's Fall Carnival: Nicole Hardie, Regan Hopper, Amy Gentry, Brad Gentry, Rebecca Adamson, Erica Schuetze, Barb Bodonovitz, Linda Bibius, Crystal Inge, Andrea Alvarado, Kirsten Morrison, Michael Johnson, Dan Burns, Peter Richmond, Mark, Trina Torgelson, and Katie Kennedy. These fabulous people bundled thousands of Carnival tickets the past few weeks: Julie Yeasting, Casey Holden, Lynn Smith, Rachele Pacchiano, Yvonne York, and Jennifer Grennan. Thank you all so much for your time and energy! Here's to a great Carnival on Friday!!

Seattle Kid's Marathon

It is not too late to participate in the Seattle Kids Marathon. Join the 40 or so Wildcats who have already challenged themselves. Pick up a registration form outside the gym and return it to Mr. Pule. Then, start your 26.2 miles. Participants earn a foot token after every 5 miles. The last 1.2 miles is November 29th at the Seattle Center. You do not need to be there for the last run to participate. Marathoners are welcome to join our Runners Club on Friday mornings before school to help get those miles in.

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 no later than Tuesday evening for publication on the following Thursday. Note that we may (lightly) edit your submission to fit our limited space.