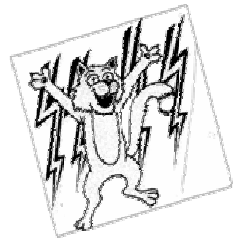


Whittier Wildchat



News from the Whittier School PTA – February 12, 2009

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

February 12 School Tour Guide Orientation 2pm

February 16-20 Mid-Winter Break

February 26 100th Day of School/School Spirit Day –
Wear Blue & Gold

Scrip and Mid-winter Break

Whatever you have planned for next week, chances are you'll find gift cards for many of your mid-winter break outings at our scrip table!

-Headed to the movies? We have Majestic Bay and AMC/Loews Theaters scrip.

-Renting movies or video games? We have \$10 cards for Hollywood Video and Blockbuster

-Taking the kids out for a treat? You can find Great Harvest Bakery, Cold Stone Creamery and Red Robin scrip

-Making a trip to Build-A-Bear? We'd love to sell our \$25 Build-A-Bear cards leftover from the holidays

-And everyone grocery shops... stock up on Safeway, QFC/ Fred Meyer or buy a re-loadable PCC card and earn money for the school while you do your shopping.

Thank you for your support!

Islandwood Fundraiser Continues

Dear Wildcat Families: Ms. Stoa and Ms. Herring's classes are back from a fabulous trip to Islandwood, Bainbridge Island's "School in the Woods." We appreciate all who bought See's candy to help our fundraising efforts, as well as the PTA!

The good news is that we still have some candy left. We'd love to sell through our inventory to lower what we need from the PTA. Candy bars are \$1.50 each and very yummy. All the money we make now goes to the scholarship fund for our Islandwood trip.

Look for us in the lobby before and after school or ask Ms. Herring!

Parents Night Out Coming in March

The first of three Friday evening 'Parents Night Out' will be coming to Whittier in early March. For a nominal charge, you will be able to drop off your kids starting at 6 PM and have a guilt free evening out on the town.

We are looking for volunteers for the March Parent's Night Out. Not only will you help make the event a success, but you will also be able to drop off your kids for free at the next Parents Night Out in April.

If you can offer you help, please contact Jim Forsher at j_forsher@yahoo.com.

After School Art Forms Due!

After School Art forms are due THIS FRIDAY in the front office.

Grades 4/5 - Exploring Stained Glass on Tuesdays:
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24

Grades 2/3 - Soap Making on Thursdays:
2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

If you have any questions, please email Heather Drennan at x7413@drizzle.com!

GOT GEAR?

We have a small inventory of children's **Whittier Wildcat Gear**. Please contact caseyholden@mac.com before February 23rd if you would like to purchase any of the following:

Traditional Logo:

long sleeved T-Shirts (size small)
hooded sweatshirts (size large)

Centennial Logo:

short sleeved T-Shirts (sizes small, medium & large)
long sleeved T-shirts (size large)
hooded sweatshirts (sizes small, medium & large)

Community Events

BALLARD HS'S FEBRUARY 2009 GENERAL PTSA MEETING is being held February 12 in the BHS Commons. This is one of four regularly scheduled general PTSA meetings of the year for our Ballard PTSA community. The **guest speakers on the agenda for this meeting are Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson and School Board President (and Ballard parent) Michael DeBell**. They will give a state of the District presentation and answer prewritten questions (please arrive at 6:30pm to submit your questions). The Seattle School District is making crucial decisions about budget, school closure and school assignment plans that will affect all schools, including Ballard HS. It is important that we hear what SPS leaders have to say, provide feedback, ask questions and most important provide support! **The meeting will begin at 6:30P with a brief business meeting, and the guest speakers will start at approximately 7:00PM.**

This meeting (as all general PTSA meetings) is open to the extended Ballard community including feeder middle schools Salmon Bay, McClure and Whitman; all interested parents are invited to attend. This is not a district sponsored meeting to discuss the school assignment plan.

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.