

November 13, 2008

Dear Whittier Families,

I trust you had a wonderful Veteran's Day Celebration with family and friends. Some of you are probably wondering why we did not have a school assembly focused primarily on our Veterans. This assembly is delayed and will be combined with a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the history making Presidential Campaign, and African-American History month. Ms. Smart has agreed to facilitate this assembly. You may recall what a wonderful job she, our kindergarten teachers, and students did last year. I am looking forward to this event. I will provide additional information as events unfold.

There will be NO SCHOOL at all during the week of November 24 as we will hold parent/teacher conferences and celebrate Thanksgiving.

There is growing concern regarding bullying at our school. I have asked Mr. Brown, our school counselor, to develop a bully proofing program for our school. Bully proofing programs are mandatory for all Seattle Schools. There is growing concern about student and staff safety in our schools. Dr. Goodloe-Johnson has therefore; issued advisory outlining steps SPS has and is taking to ensure all of our safety. This letter is referenced in the electronic version in the Wild Chat. I am also printing it on the back of this Wave.

Have a great rest of the week and weekend.

Sincerely,

Cothron L. McMillian  
Whittier Principal