

January 8, 2009

Dear Whittier Families,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to our new families:

I was so happy to see the snow disappear by Monday morning so that we could all come back to school. What a relief?

In this Wave, I will focus on key information you will need as you prepare for next year and beyond.

The registration deadlines for Seattle Public Schools have changed due to the capacity management process. It has also caused a change in our school tour schedule. I have attached to the rear of this document, the new Enrollment Schedule. Our school tours are scheduled on March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, and 19. Contact the school office for additional information and to schedule a tour. New Spectrum qualified students are required to apply for enrollment in Spectrum. It does not occur automatically. Please do review all enrollment guidelines and please do not miss the enrollment deadline.

Please join me in welcoming Tammy Jackson-Alexander as our full time and full-year office assistant substitute. As you are aware, there is a hiring freeze in Seattle Public Schools. Consequently, Tammy will be with us for the duration. Also join me in welcoming Neena Forsher, mother of Lily, who has assumed the role, lunchroom supervisor. Both Rebecca and Neena are doing an outstanding job providing for the safety of our students. Each have requested and will receive safety training from Nurse Joan. They will be invited to all safety related professional development activities with our staff.

Our last day of school, if we do not close for snow is Friday, June 19, 2009.

Sincerely,

Cothron L. McMillian
Whittier Principal