

A “Wave” from Principal Linda Robinson
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I have been thinking about all of you and hoping that summer is treating you well. I have been grateful for this time before the busy fall season begins.

I have been in the office daily since July 20th and plan to spend the remainder of my summer getting ready for the big day on September 9th. Right now the bulk of my time is spent meeting with teachers and staff members. It has been wonderful to have uninterrupted time to get acquainted and I have enjoyed many helpful meetings.

Our meetings have generally been unstructured, with time to begin building all-important relationships. As you know, you have a great staff at Whittier and I feel fortunate to be joining your team. My other priority has been to sort and sift through documents and paperwork as I come to know Whittier and its promise and potential.

One of the things I love about working in schools is the constant ebb and flow of the tide as new families join the school and others graduate. Whittier is fortunate in being part of a stable and cohesive neighborhood where frequently generations of families have been schooled. There is great tradition in Ballard and I am enjoying learning about it. I tell my family when I leave in the morning that “I am going to Ballard” – not to school, not to work, but to Ballard. It still feels rather exotic.

One of the questions I was asked at the spring PTA meeting was whether I would continue my tradition of “Lattes with Linda”? “Lattes” was a monthly agenda-less meeting I held for all-comers at my last school. It was a great success and great fun for me. I have scheduled several “Lattes” for this fall and invite you to put the dates on your calendars. We will meet from 10:00 to 11:00 one Friday a month (currently scheduled for 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, and 12/11.). All topics are welcome except of course those requiring confidentiality.

I look forward to meeting you in person soon. Until then, take good care and do keep in touch.

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