

Whittier Wildcat News

WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Welcome to June and our final two and a half weeks of the school year! I would first like to thank all third, fourth, and fifth grade students for their outstanding focus, perseverance, and grit in taking the state assessments in April and May. Students gave their absolute best 100% effort, and that's the most that we could ask of anyone. Parents and guardians, thank you for your support, encouragement, and the positive perspective that you instilled in your children during the testing process. It made a difference and our staff is very proud of what your children accomplished.

Our parent support in the Whittier community helps to ensure that all students have successful learning opportunities and experiences every day. To show our appreciation for everything that you do, we are hosting a *Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast* Friday, June 8, from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. in the Whittier library. If you have volunteered any amount of time during the school year, you are invited to attend this event. We want to show our appreciation for the great work you have done this year to support our students, staff, and the Whittier school community. Thank you!

I would like to recognize several Whittier staff members who will be leaving us at the end of the school year. Mrs. Bailey will be moving on to Port Gardner School after 24 years of service at Whittier in several different roles (librarian, 5th grade teacher, para-educator), Mrs. Reyes will be transitioning into an assistant principal position in the Everett Public Schools after 6 years of service to Whittier as a 3rd grade teacher, and Mrs. Denham will be a special education developmental kindergarten teacher at Jefferson Elementary after 6 years of service at Whittier as a Life Skills special education para-educator. We thank them for their dedication, commitment, and service to students, families, staff, and our Whittier community! Please take the time to say good-bye to our great Whittier educators. We will miss you Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Reyes, and Mrs. Denham!

Whittier's library will be open this summer to support students with the Everett Public Schools "Summer Reading Challenge." The district is very committed to promoting a strong culture of reading for all students and looks forward to another successful year. Students who read steadily over the summer can gain a month of reading skills to prevent a summer reading slide. Here is how you can promote a positive summer reading culture in your home:

- Use the *Summer Reading Challenge* booklet to track your child's progress toward their goal. Booklets will be mailed home with student report cards at the end of the school year.
- Come to the Whittier library on Thursdays this summer (7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23) between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

We have many important events as we head towards the end of the school year that I want to highlight for everyone. Please mark these events on your calendar.

- Celebration of Learning/Book Exchange/Avocados Dinner – June 5 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- District Innovation Expo – June 6 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. at the Angel of the Winds Arena
- Whittier Volunteer Celebration Breakfast – June 8 from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.
- Reduced Student Day – June 8 with 12:20 p.m. early dismissal
- Kindergarten Celebration of Learning – June 11 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Whittier Talent Show – June 13 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Whittier Field Day – June 14 from 9:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Fifth Grade Party at Legion Park – June 15 from 9:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- Fifth Grade Bridging Ceremony – June 18 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Last Day of School – June 19 with 12:20 p.m. early dismissal

It has been a great 2017-2018 school year at Whittier and I want to thank all of our parents for your incredible support throughout the year to ensure that our students have successful learning experiences. Have a great end to the school year and a wonderful summer!

-Tony Wentworth, Principal

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June 1

Learning Improvement Friday
1:35 dismissal

June 5

Celebration of Learning 5-7 pm
Book Exchange 5-7 pm

June 6

EPS Innovation Expo 5-8 pm

June 8

Volunteer Celebration Breakfast 8:30
Early Release Day
12:20 pm dismissal

June 11

Kindergarten Celebration 6:30 pm

June 12

Walk-a-thon

June 13

Talent Show in Cafeteria 6:00 pm

June 14

Field Day

June 15

Learning Improvement Friday
1:35 dismissal

5th Grade party @ Legion Park

June 18

5th Grade Bridging Ceremony 6:30 pm

June 19

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
12:20 pm dismissal

Happy Summer!

Congratulations 5th Graders!



From the Library

As the year winds down, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents and students at Whittier for their support this year in helping keep our library a great place to be. Our library is a valuable asset to both our students and staff, and we are very proud of Whittier's collection. It is extremely important to maintain our collection, so please assist in the effort to make sure all books are turned in on time. All library books will be due back to the school library **no later than Tuesday, June 5th**. If your child still has overdue library books past June 15th, the book will be marked as lost and a fine will be assessed for the cost of the overdue book. Your student will receive a notice on Friday June 8th to inform them that a book has not been returned or paid for. **If fines are not paid by Monday, June 18, your child's report card will be held until the book is returned or payment is received.** Please direct all payments to the main office.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to checking in those missing books soon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Remember to sign up at the Everett Public Library for the summer reading program. Have a wonderful summer break. Happy Reading!

-Mrs. Bailey

Whittier PTA

Hello Whittier Families,



We've almost made it to the end of the year. We have a jam-packed June to round out our amazing PTA activities for the year. From Literacy Night to Field Day, the Kindergarten Celebration of Learning, 5th Grade Bridging, and a Talent Show with an Ice Cream Social, it is sure to be an amazing month!

These and all the other events wouldn't have been possible without all our wonderful volunteers and community partners, I can't begin to thank you all nearly enough on behalf of our students.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer, and I look forward to passing on the duties of President to Brenda White as she takes over for the 2018-2019 school year. Thanks again to all the wonderful people who have pitched in to make it an amazing year for our students; I can't wait to see what we can do together going forward.

-Chell Black

Volunteer Breakfast – June 8th



Please join us in celebrating our fabulous community of volunteers! If you have spent any time in the classroom, on a field trip, at an evening event, being a Watch D.O.G. dad, working a bookfair, serving on PTA, or contributing to the school community in any way please let us honor you in this small way.

June 8th, 8:30 to 9:15 am in the school library

Continental breakfast will be served

Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, EVCC students and community members for another fantastic year of support. Whittier Elementary is a better place because of your contributions to our school!



Kindergarten Celebration of Learning



Please join Ms. Gerla, Mrs. Zacky and Ms. Hull on Monday, June 11 for our Kindergarten Celebration of Learning. This evening event will showcase the great work our kindergarten students have been working on this school year. They will also be entertaining the audience with some of their favorite songs from this year. Please invite your family and friends to share in you child's achievements.

Lost & Found



If your child is missing coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts or lunchboxes please make sure to check the lost & found before the end of school. All unclaimed items are donated to charity on June 20. If your child's name is written in the garment, we make every effort to reunite the item with your student... **PLEASE MARK YOUR STUDENT'S CLOTHING WITH THEIR NAME.** If your student is missing glasses or small trinkets, please check in the main office.

We have many pairs of prescription eyeglasses that have yet to be claimed. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at 425-385-4300.

Whittier Field Day June 14th

Please come join your children for our annual Field Day at Whittier Elementary on Thursday, June 14, from 9 am to 2 pm. Plan on a day of fun activities! The grown-ups who volunteer have just as much fun as the kids.

We need many hands to make this day a success for all of the children. Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, and big brothers and sisters are a huge help to us...and your kids *LOVE* to have you here! We can really use some muscles for set-up at 7:30 am and at 2:00 pm for take down. Check your schedule and put Field Day on your calendar.

Remember to make sure you have your **Everett Public Schools volunteer paperwork** up to date. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the form sent home with your child, or drop a note in the office with your name, your child's name, and phone number.

Field Day will be Summer dress day, but please make sure clothing is appropriate for the weather. If you don't participate, please wear your school uniform. Children should not wear spaghetti straps and short shorts, and for safety's sake no flip flops are allowed. Please contact the main office to volunteer.





Attendance Matters

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing his/her academic success.

Benefits of daily attendance

By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments, and take quizzes and tests on time.

There are other benefits as well:

Achievement: Students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who don't attend school regularly.

Exposure to the English language: Regular school attendance can also help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately even in other subjects!

Being part of the school community: Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

The importance of education: Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.

What you can do

As a parent or guardian, it is possible to plan ahead in order to limit your child's absences, make school attendance a priority, and help your child from falling behind if it is necessary to miss a day of school. You can do this in the following ways:

Help your child get to school on time every day. Babysitting, problems, a car or late bus, and the weather are not permissible reasons to miss school. Frequently coming to school late may also be noted on your child's permanent record, and will make it difficult for your child to stay caught up with the first lessons of each morning. Teach your child how to set and use an alarm clock, and keep the television turned off in the morning.

Follow the school's guidelines and attendance policy, and report excused absences immediately. At the beginning of the school year, review the school's rules and make sure you understand whom you need to call if your child is going to be absent.

Check homework. Check each night to see that your child understands and completes the day's homework assignments.

Take an active role. Stay involved with your child's daily experiences at school by asking how the school day went, and then listening carefully to what your child shares with you both the successes and struggles. Make it a point to meet your child's teacher and friends.

Locate potential sources of anxiety. If your child frequently appears upset or reluctant to go to school and cannot tell you why, schedule an appointment with his or her teacher or school counselor to talk about possible sources of the anxiety.

Keep updated on school events and announcements. Read the school documents that your child brings home and take note of important announcements and dates, such as back-to-school night and parent-teacher conferences.

Try to limit the amount of time that your child misses school due to medical appointments or illness. If possible, avoid scheduling doctor's appointments during the school day. Allow your child to stay home only in the case of contagious or severe illnesses.

Students who miss days, weeks, or months of school at a time will have a difficult time passing their courses and catching up to their peers.

Schedule family events with your child's school schedule in mind. Plan holiday celebrations or family trips during weekends or school vacations. In the case of family emergencies or unexpected trips, talk to your child's teacher as far in advance as possible and set up a way that your child can work ahead or bring important homework on the trip.

Plan ahead. Encourage your child to prepare for the next school day by laying out clothes the night before and helping to fix lunches.

Promote good health. Make sure that your child eats a balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables, and has opportunities to exercise every day through a sports team or playtime outside.

Create a restful environment. Finally, make sure that your child can relax before bedtime by doing something quiet like reading rather than do something stimulating, like watching television. Ensure that your child gets enough quality sleep ideal amounts range from 8 to 12 hours. Getting enough sleep will help him/her get up on time, be refreshed in the morning, and feel ready for a full day of learning ahead!

By making your child's school attendance a priority, you will be taking an important step in supporting your child's school success, and setting a good example.

Remember every day at Whittier matters!



When does school end this year?

June 19 will be the last day of school. Students will be released from school 2.5 hours early on June 19.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. We are partnering with Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries again this year. Watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program. Students will receive incentives for reaching their reading goals, and schools that have at least 75 percent of their students reach their reading goals will be recognized by the district.



Graduation dates

Ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

- Sequoia High School June 14, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium
- Cascade High School, June 16 at noon at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Everett High School, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Jackson High School, June 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena

Stuff the Bus is coming!

A partnership coordinated by the Everett Public Schools Foundation with community organizations and businesses has become an annual effort to gather backpacks and school supplies to help our students in need start the year prepared. Last year, more than 1,900 students received backpacks filled with school supplies, and the Foundation has the same goal this year. Look for collection bins in businesses during the month of August and Durham buses parked outside local businesses **Aug. 17-19**. Each item collected helps prepare a student with the tools needed to learn.



Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. Students over the age of 11 entering 6th grade require one booster dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine before the first day of the 6th grade. Students entering high school require two varicella vaccines before the first day of high school. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall.



SBA scores are coming soon

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores will be available for all families and students this summer in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September. Find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores on the [district assessment website](#).

How do I get the test scores?

[Instructions are online](#). If you don't have an account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.

Innovation Expo June 6, 5-8 p.m.

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from every school in the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 6, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by doing them.



School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that many students in the district qualify to receive free summer meals thanks to a federal grant? Summer meals are available July 5 through Aug. 23 at select locations and times. Please find more details and an application on the [Food and Nutrition Department website](#).



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Office – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, bclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250



Counselor's Corner

Summer Fun Ideas and Learning for Children

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/summer-fun-ideas-kids-and-parents-3542627>

1. **Pick your own...whatever.** Find a farm with blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes, flowers, etc., and get picking.
2. **Play outside in the rain.** Smell the rain on the pavement; splash in puddles; make mud pies.
3. **Make your own rain.** Douse everyone with the hose or sprinkler.
4. **Cook out...frequently.** Go beyond the burgers. Try veggies or fish. The kids might like them more if they come off the grill!
5. **Make "smores."** Chocolate + marshmallow + graham cracker = summer
6. **Camp out.** First-timers, try backyard camping.
7. **Camp in.** Put the sleeping bags on the floor and have a family slumber party.
8. **Stargaze.** Invite friends and make a party of it.
9. **Catch lightning bugs.** And then watch them flicker away into the night.
10. **Rearrange the furniture.** Give the kid's graph paper and have them draw out a plan first.
11. **Take family naps together.** Parents can snooze too!
12. **Make your own pizza.** Try this kid-friendly [recipe](#).
13. **Invite friends over for a game night.** Have a kids' games table and an adult one too.
14. **Go to the demolition derby.** And expect to see some major crashes.
15. **See an air show.** And hope for no crashes.
16. **Stop to smell the flowers.** (Go to a botanical garden.)
17. **Talk to the animals.** (Go to the zoo.)
18. **Get wet.** (Go to a water park.)
19. **Have a puzzle race.** Use [100-piece puzzles](#) and see who finishes first.
20. **Play a card game.** Maybe crazy eights, spoons or poker. Take your pick.
21. **Play a board game.** Candyland, chess or Monopoly, depending on age and inclination.
22. **Make good use of nearby parks.** Go to your local park's website, print the schedule of activities and tape it to the refrigerator.
23. **Pack a picnic.** And plop down to eat it just about anywhere, at a free concert, in a state park or in your own backyard.
24. **Start the back-to-school shopping early.** The farther from the start of school the more fun kids think it is.
25. **Get the summer homework done.** Not exactly fun, but you'll be happy to get it out of the way.
26. **Decorate your walkways with chalk.**
27. **Take a hike.** Choose a route near your house or take a drive to a more distant park.
28. **Plant a butterfly garden.** Watch the butterflies flutter by.
29. **Make fresh lemonade.** Maybe even sell it at a lemonade stand!
30. **Dig in the sand at the beach.** Doesn't matter if it's in the ocean, lake or bay.
31. **Set a goal and complete a home project.** Find ways to let the kids help.
32. **Take an early morning bird walk.**
33. **Grow vegetables.** And then eat them.
34. **Grow flowers.** And then arrange them.
35. **Let the kids cook dinner.** In fact, make a tradition of it.



June 2018

Whittier Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 LIF 1:35 dismissal Bricks 4 Kidz- last day	2 GOTR 5k Everett Memorial
3	4 Kinders to Lively Art Wizards 2:50-4	5 EHS Graduation Walk 8:45 Celebration of Learning Book Exchange 5-7 pm	6 EPS Innovation Expo 4H Club – 2:50-4	7 2 nd Grade to PSC	8 Early Release Day 12:20 Dismissal	9
10	11 1 st Grade to Legion Park Art Wizards-Last Day Kinder Celebration 6:30	12 Walk-a-Thon	13 Talent Show 6pm 4H Club – 2:50-4	14 Field Day	15 5 th Grade Party @ Legion LIF 1:35 dismissal	16
17	18 5 th Grade Bridging Ceremony 6:30 pm	19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 12:20 Dismissal	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Office Phone: 425-385-4300	Art Wizards	Robotics	Bricks 4 Kidz	4H Club
Attendance Line: 425-385-4305	Mondays 2:55-3:55 pm	Tues & Thursday 2:50-4 pm	Fridays 1:40-2:40 pm	Wednesdays 2:50-4 pm