

Whittier Wildcat News

WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Happy new year and welcome to the month of January Whittier Families! I hope everyone was able to rest, relax, and enjoy special family time over the winter break. The Whittier staff is excited to return to work with you and your children to start the new year! We are fully committed to provide the best school learning experience and educational opportunities as we move forward in the new year. Thank you for your partnership! It matters!

Whittier will be recognizing and honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. throughout the month of January to honor Dr. King and his important life work in striving for equitable outcomes for all people. Students will learn about Dr. King's important Civil Rights Movement work focused on equity, inclusiveness, acceptance, and empowering people to resolve conflicts through peaceful problem-solving interactions. We will also have an all-school assembly to honor Dr. King later this month with guest staff and student presenters from the Everett Community College Diversity and Equity Center who will communicate Dr. King's dream and long-lasting impact in our world.

The Whittier staff welcomes all families to attend the **Whittier Winter All-School Concert** on **Tuesday, January 30, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Everett High School Civic Auditorium**. Students in all grade levels will participate in the concert. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the performance will run for one hour. Mr. Storla has been preparing students for this big performance for over a month and our students are very excited to perform. This all-school musical singing event will be one of the big showcases of the school year to highlight our amazing students!

As we near the mid-year point of the school year, our first through fifth grade teachers will begin administering the **i-Ready Reading and Math Winter Diagnostic** assessments this month. This is the second iReady diagnostic assessment this year and it will be a great opportunity for students to show and demonstrate the growth they have made this year in both math and reading. The i-Ready assessment is a standards-aligned, computer adaptive assessment that measures how students are progressing toward grade level standards. Here is the district i-Ready link for more information about the i-Ready system: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/29542>. Our kindergarten teachers will administer their winter kindergarten assessments and the i-Ready reading diagnostic assessment as they continue to monitor and support student growth and development for our youngest learners.

I want to thank all families for your dedication to your child's education and attendance at Whittier. Strong attendance is essential to school success and sometimes we don't realize how quickly absences can impact student learning and student growth. If your child will not be attending school, please report your child's absence right away by calling or emailing the school so we are aware of your child's situation. Whittier staff are always available to help ensure your child's regular school attendance, so please contact your child's teacher or our school counselor if you need any type of assistance. If you leave a voicemail on the **Whittier Attendance Line**, please provide a written note or email within 30 days of your student's first day back to school.

- **Attendance Email:** WHEAttendance@everettsd.org
- **Attendance Line:** 425-385-4305

Thank you for your ongoing support and parent partnership at Whittier. Please enjoy the rest of our winter season!

-Tony Wentworth, Principal

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January 5

LIF Early Release 1:35 PM Dismissal

January 12

LIF Early Release 1:35 PM Dismissal

January 19

LIF Early Release 1:35 PM Dismissal

January 22

PTA Meeting in Library 7PM

January 26

LIF Early Release 1:35 PM Dismissal

January 30

Winter Concert @ EHS Civic
Auditorium 6:30-7:45 pm

February 2

NO SCHOOL- Teacher Workday

February 9

LIF Early Release 1:35 PM Dismissal

February 16

LIF Early Release 1:35 PM Dismissal

February 19-20

Mid-Winter Break – NO SCHOOL



January is School Board Appreciation Month

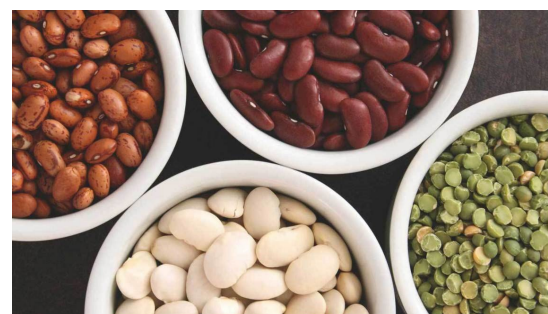
The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also [watch past school board meetings](#) on the district's YouTube channel. Find out more about the district's two new board members on the [school board](#) webpage.

The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) honors exemplary school boards that improve student learning and follow best practices of governance. Everett Public Schools Board of Directors has earned this honor for the eighth time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps, and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.

Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you beans grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our black bean burger or vegetarian chili!

Did you know that there are over 40,000 different varieties of beans and they are an excellent source of protein and fiber? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).



I've "bean" thinking about you.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we must [cancel school or delay the start of school](#), we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:00 a.m. (or sometimes the night before if it can already be determined) with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media, social media and post the message on our website.

If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule. More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the snow route information on the district [transportation department's webpage](#) under the "Snow Routes" icon in the center of the page.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods. Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

3 easy ways

Text or call
855-637-2095
1350@alert1.us
<https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>



First semester ends soon

This is a reminder first semester ends February 1. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 16.

Good Citizenship Day

Register
to vote
here.

Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 16. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be allowed to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](#) for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign
up today, it's
easy! Scan this
QR code:



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• Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

• Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator:

• Chad Golden
• 425-385-4100
• CGolden@everettsd.org
• PO Box 2098
• Everett, WA 98213

• Section 504 Coordinator:

• Dave Peters
• 425-385-4063
• DPeters@everettsd.org
• PO Box 2098
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