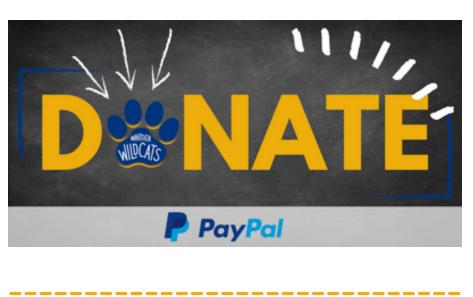


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## Useful Links

Whittier Elementary School Website

Thank You to our 2022 Sponsor!







## What To Do Before You Fling

Get ready to Fling! Complete these essential steps before Saturday and you'll be set for the big day:

- Buy Tickets: If you're planning to join us in-person on Saturday, grab those tickets!
- Create an Auction Account (whether you can join us in-person or not!): Create an account at schoolauction.net to bid on ALL auction items, contribute to "Fund the Need," and buy drinks and other items AT the event. Can't attend Spring Fling but want to help us reach our \$30,000 fundraising goal? You can bid on auction items ONLINE! Just create a schoolauction.net account!
- Check out our Amazing Auction Items! Browse the online Auction Catalog and favorite items you want to bid on. We'll have QR codes at the event to easily find each item, but favoriting the catalog will make it even easier!
- Plan your Spring Fling 'Fit: Plan your weather-appropriate "Wild Wear" for this outdoor, blockparty style event! We'll have name tags and stickers to identify your Wildcat(s') grade(s) at the event.
- Have Even More Fun Volunteering: You know how getting ready is sometimes the best part? Well, hang out with other amazing Whittier caregivers by volunteering to help set-up, clean-up, or work a short shift during the event (you'll still get to fling!). Sign-up for volunteer positions here!



# CHECK OUT A FEW OF OUR EXCITING "HOSTED PARTIES"



## A SAMPLING OF INCREDIBLE "CLASSROOM BUCKETS"



## FEATURED INSPIRING "CLASSROOM ART"



## SOME SELECT ENGAGING "BOOK PACKS"











### Whittier Move-a-thon 2022



Whittier Move-a-Thon 2022 is Friday, June 3 (during the school day) and supports the 2022-23 Whittier PTA budget-student enrichment, staffing support, equipment upgrades, and community events.

Full Event Information: whittierptaseattle.org/moveathon2022/

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** (must be SPS Approved)

We need to fill 18 classroom (1/classroom) and 18 event (6 volunteers x 3 - 90min shifts) volunteer spots.

Sign up now!

#### RAISE SPONSORSHIPS - ONLINE & IN-PERSON

Our overall fundraising goal is \$15,000; our per student goal is \$50.

- Set up an online profile today: bit.ly/WhittierMATOnlinePledges
  - Enter your child's first and last name in the "Participant" field
  - Click the link above to create a new profile per child

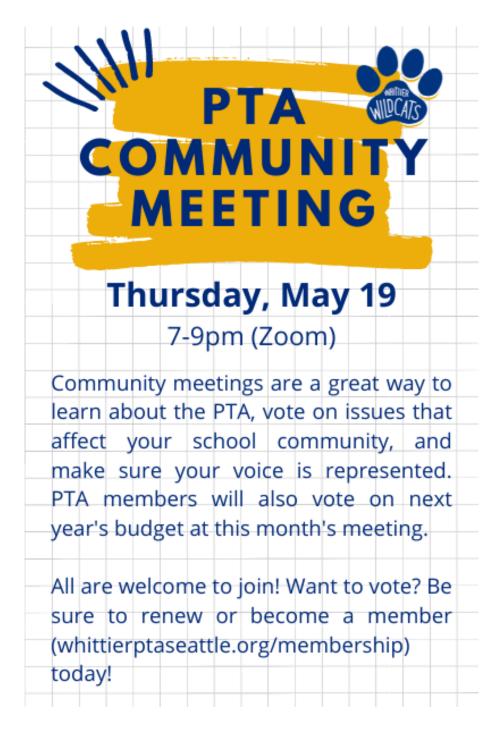
• Collect cash/check donations in your pledge envelope (coming home today in KidMail)

Questions? Contact fundraising@whittierptaseattle.org.

### An Amazing Appreciation



Thank you for helping appreciate our incredible Wildcat teachers and staff! With your help, we were able to share our love and gratitude with flowers, fun costumes, food, notes, and so much more. A HUGE shout out to the PTA Hospitality Co-Chairs, Courtney & Kathleen, for their incredible dedication, organization, and creativity!



## The Latest on SPS' Proposed School Bell Change

As you may have heard, SPS and the School Board decided to postpone the decision to vote on SPS' proposed school bell change for next year. Before delaying the presentation and vote, SPS had already decided to modify their proposal to shift the earliest school start time (planned for Whittier) to 7:40am. While this doesn't address all community concerns, it does show that feedback given to SPS and the School Board (from communities like ours) is working.

While our School Board Director, Lisa Rivera Smith, has been clear she wants any proposed bell change to be considered for implementation in the 2023-2024 school year, the delay's timeline isn't established. If you feel strongly about this proposal, it's important you provide feedback to SPS, School Board Dir Lisa Rivera Smith, the Seattle Council PTSA, the School Board generally, and look out for proposal discussions and votes at upcoming School Board meetings by reviewing their agendas 24 hours before the meetings. Want to testify at a School Board meeting but are unsure of what it entails? Check out this Guide to Testifying at Seattle School Board meetings created by an SPS parent.

Thank you for your dedication to sharing your voice with the greater SPS community. Go Wildcats!



# Thank You, Wildcats!