

May 31, 2022



IT'S HERE! Move-a-Thon News



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Move-a-Thon 2022 is THIS Friday and we couldn't be more excited! Please send your students with shoes to move in and a water bottle clearly labeled with your student's name.

3rd 8:45 - 9:15
K 9:25 - 9:55
2nd 12:05 - 12:35
4th 12:40 - 1:10
1st 1:15 - 1:45
5th 1:50 - 2:20

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

All volunteer slots have been filled. We are grateful!

PLEDGES ARE GROWING - THANK YOU!

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

- Set up an [online profile](#) today for credit card donations.
- Collect cash/check donations in your pledge envelope.

All pledges must be collected/submitted by Friday, June 10. Cash/check pledges can be returned in your student's pledge envelope at the MAT on Friday, or to your student's teacher or the front office next week.

Questions? Contact fundraising@whittierptaseattle.org.

Thanks to YOU: Spring Fling Success



Thank you, Whittier community, for making this year's Spring Fling an incredible success! With your help, we raised \$83,000 to support our school (shattering our \$30,000 goal)! Along the way, we were able to come together to safely celebrate as a community and ensure our school's amazing programs, staff, teachers, and services are financially supported next year.

This year's Spring Fling couldn't have been a success without support from Principal Watters', Miss Steph, Monica and Rebecca in the front office, and, of course, the amazing Spring Fling committee, spearheaded by parent and volunteer, Sandra Klay. Shout outs to Tina Lilley (online auction and logistics), Kristen Ramer Liang (sign-in and logistics), Courtney Sievers (Classroom Bucket coordinator), Emily Grosse (Classroom Art & Book Pack coordinator), Sara Lukas (Sign-up Party coordinator), Elliot & Kate Scher & Ashley Schiavone & Brie Gardner (Auction procurement and logistics), Joni Larson, Emi Matsumoto and Jess Twardzik (and the entire decor team), Renee Hartnett (Budget & Finance), Kellie Pecoraro (Sign-up and Volunteer Coordinator), Mike Klay (signage and logistics), the registration team, the set-up and clean-up teams, and so many more.

Congratulations to our Wildcats--great work!

Join Next Year's Board (or just find out more)

The Nominating Committee has been working hard to find folks to join the PTA Board, and we still have some key spots open. Lots of you are new to Whittier, and some of you haven't even been inside the building yet! You might feel unsure of accepting a leadership position, but we promise: you are qualified to volunteer! All you need to qualify is to be a caring, dedicated individual committed to making Whittier a better place.

Do you want to make Whittier YOUR Whittier? Here's your chance.

Email vp@whittierptaseattle.org for more information.

HEADS UP! Whittier Family Directory

A copy of the Directory page for your student's class(es) should be coming home in KidMail (i.e., backpacks) in the next day or two. Please review your family's contact information (if you chose to provide it) and mark any corrections on the sheet. If you have not yet provided contact information but would like to, please write it on the class Directory page.

Corrections / additions are due this Friday, June 3, and can be returned to your student's teacher or the front office.

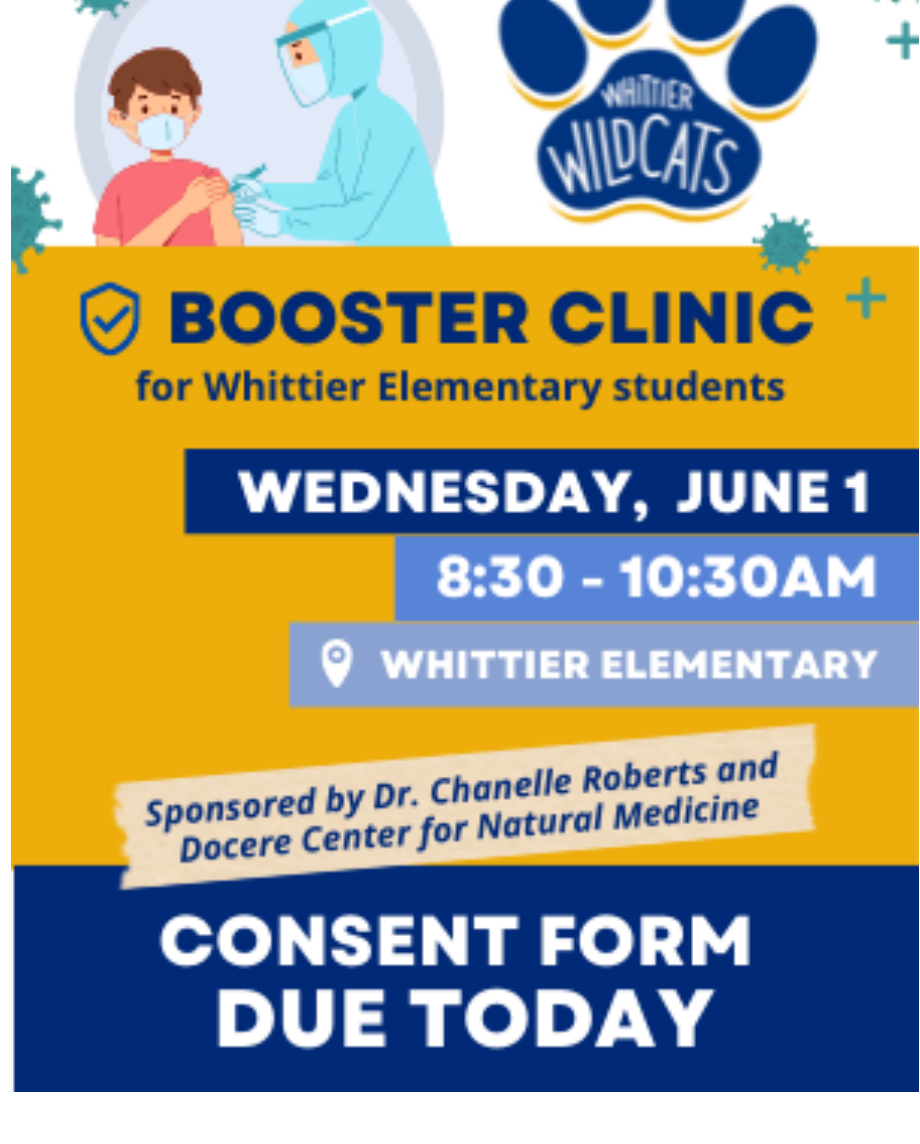
Announcing 2022's Golden Acorn Winners!



Congratulations, Kristen Ramer Liang (Co-President), and Kellie Pecoraro (Secretary) who were selected as this year's Golden Acorn award winners! These two amazing volunteers have been fixtures of the Whittier community for years, having served in countless positions and roles throughout their time at Whittier. Their commitment, energy, effort, enthusiasm, organizational skills, and amazing ideas have transformed Whittier into the incredible community that's thriving today. Thank you, Kristen and Kellie! And congrats!

Community Covid Update

- SPS is encouraging masking for all when indoors at school. Masks are still required during high aerosolizing activities such as singing and in health-related spaces (nurse office, protected health care room), so be sure your scholar has a mask available for these last few weeks of school. If your Wildcat forgets a mask or needs a spare mask, one can be provided.
- Be sure to stay home when sick.
- Self-test regularly. Self-tests are more accurate when you **test twice if you get a negative result**. Keep a supply of home tests on hand. You may get [free home tests](#) from the State of Washington or from the [federal government](#).



Take ACTION To End Gun Violence

As we reel from the tragedies in Uvalde and Buffalo, we are all grappling with how we can make an impact. Here are a few simple ways you can take action TODAY.

- LEARN - [This site provides an overview on each state's gun laws](#) (including [Washington](#)) with specific ideas for how each state could improve and direct action links.
- REACH OUT TO ELECTED OFFICIALS - [Sign up](#) to write to your legislators today and receive ongoing updates on ways to take action. Countless orgs are working hard to ensure Steve Dettelbach is confirmed as the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). [Read more about why that matters](#).
- DONATE and EXPLORE other ways to demand change with the [Alliance for Gun Responsibility](#); a local organization working to end gun violence.

If you'd like to participate in [Wear Orange](#), a campaign to honor survivors of gun violence that's part of National Gun Violence Awareness Day, your Wildcat could wear something orange on Friday, June 3. [Wear Orange events](#) are also happening in Seattle and its surrounding areas this weekend.

Field Day Volunteers & Reminders

Field Day is Friday, June 10th! This year's theme will be the Men's World Cup Qatar and each class will be representing a national team that has qualified for the tournament. Though the World Cup is actually Nov 21st - Dec 18th this year, our Wildcats will be depicting national colors, flags, face paint, hair dye, etc in hope that their team will be the World Champions.

Want to help make the day a success (and have a ton of fun wearing Red/White/Blue at the same time)? [Claim one of the remaining volunteer spots](#).

Otherwise, be sure to send your Wildcat to school in their class's colors (in clothes/shoes they can move in) with some extra water to keep them hydrated throughout the event!

Upcoming Community Sports Events

Want to get your Wildcat exposed to some new sports this summer? Here are a couple opportunities in our community:

- Ballard Volleyball Youth Camp: Learn fundamental skills for every volleyball position taught by current varsity players. All experience levels welcome! This camp is for girls and boys entering 4th - 9th grade. Camp is June 21-23 from 1-3:30pm. [Learn more and register](#).
- Ingraham Girls Soccer Camp: This week-long camp is for elementary school-aged recreational players at any experience level. Camp is July 11-15 from 8am - 12pm at Jane Addams Middle School. To learn more, contact [Mike Wentzel](#) or view the Social Group "School Break Camps & Activities" on [Konstella](#) for the registration form.

PNA's 2022 Pride Rainbow Hop



PNA is excited to host the 10th annual PhinneyWood Pride Rainbow Hop: an LGBTQIA celebration for EVERYONE! on Saturday, June 4, from 10:30am - 1:30pm. This free event includes family friendly fun events in businesses all over Phinney. Kids collect stamps at businesses and can exchange them for a free Woodland Park Zoo ticket! Learn more [here](#).

Last Chance: Support Our Student-Led Book Drive!

Please consider supporting our student-led book drive before 6/17! Whittier students, alongside Ms. Newcomb, have started a book drive to add books to our school library that accurately represent and celebrate diverse groups. As a reminder, you can purchase books from this list from this [wishlist using Amazon](#), (or you can click on the "buying this gift elsewhere" button and purchase from our local bookstores of Phinney Books, Secret Garden, or Third Place Books). Hard cover copies are preferred if they are available. We thank you for your help to grow our collection!

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UPDATING SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMENTS

The Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education intends to update Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and is accepting comments. The Office of the Education Ombuds and Seattle Council PTSA will be holding virtual drop-in hours to hear from you on changes you feel are necessary for improving access in K-12 education for disabled students. We will use your feedback to inform the comments that our organizations submit. Two out of the five drop-in times are designated for youth and young adults up to age 25. Youth and young adults are welcome to all sessions. Please reach out in advance of the session you plan to attend with any accommodations, including requests for language interpretation.

Seattle Council PTSA <https://scptsa.org/>

Washington State Education Ombuds

Who doesn't like programs that make school better?
Phone: 1-866-297-3567 • Web: www.oregon.gov/education
Interpretation Available. Email: osah@oregon.gov

Virtual Drop-In Times:

6/1: 6pm-8pm

6/6: 5:30pm-7:30pm (youth & young adult)

6/11: 10am-12pm

6/12: 4pm-6pm (youth & young adult)

6/13: 2pm-4pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://wa-geo.zoom.us/j/8354910500>
Meeting ID: 835 491 0500

One tap mobile
+12532158782, 8354910500
or US (Tacoma)

Find your local number:
<https://wa-geo.zoom.us/j/krcXfOnM>

Upcoming Events

JUN 14	5th Grade Adventure Day
JUN 16	5th Grade Promotion (during school)
JUN 17	End of Year Assembly & Last Day of School (1-hour early dismissal)
JUN 17	Donut You Think It Was a Great Year?! Main Entrance @ 1:25pm

Follow Us!

Useful Links

- [Whittier Elementary School Website](#)

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