



Stay Informed

Where to get Whittier info

Whether you're a seasoned Whittier veteran or a new family, navigating the wheres, hows, and whats of school communication channels can be challenging. Here's a summary of where to get updates and how to make sure you're subscribed in the right spots.

WHITTIER NEWS

Whittier families, students, teachers, and staff stay connected and build community through a network of communication channels:

- **Whittier Elementary website:** whittierres.seattleschools.org
- **Emails from Principal Watters:** On Mondays, Principal Watters will send emails covering the latest updates across the Whittier community
- **The WildChat:** Whittier PTA's biweekly newsletter will round up Whittier news, including upcoming school and community events. No need to subscribe; enrolled families will automatically receive emails with links to the Wildchat.
- **KidMail:** Paper mail will be sent home with students on Tuesdays.
- **Konstella:** Whittier's official community app connects families in classes, provides directory information and more. To join, visit <https://bit.ly/3zfjvcE>
- **Whittier PTA website:** To join the PTA, volunteer, read the WildChat, or just learn the latest on the Whittier community, visit whittierptaseattle.org.
- **Whittier PTA social media:** Follow the Whittier PTA for all the latest Whittier news and to make community connections, like grade-level private Facebook groups.



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COVID-19 UPDATES

In addition to Covid-19 related information supplied via SPS and Whittier communication channels, here are some useful resources:

- **SPS Covid-19 Dashboard:** <https://www.seattleschools.org/resources/covid-19-dashboard/>
- **SPS' Student and Staff Health and Safety Guide:** <https://www.seattleschools.org/resources/#wellness>

FROM YOUR TEACHER(S)

While each teacher does things a little differently, you may receive updates from your student's teachers via:

- **Email:** Teachers may send emails to you directly using contact information provided during registration.
- **The Source:** Attendance, grades, assessments and more are found on this SPS tool. Find login details on Whittier's "Student Family Portal."
- **Schoology:** A learning management tool for families to stay connected with student progress. Access codes to register and a link for access are found within The Source
- **Konstella:** Teachers are invited to participate in Whittier's community app. To join, visit <https://bit.ly/3zfjvcE>

DISTRICT-WIDE NEWS

Seattle Public Schools connects with families in a few ways:

- **Emails and phone calls:** All caregivers of students receive emails (from publicaffairs@seattleschools.org) and phone calls using contact information provided during registration.
- **SPS Website:** seattleschools.org is the official reference tool for all SPS information.
- **SPS social media:** Subscribe for the latest news and announcements.
- **School Menus:** Find monthly menus on SPS' Culinary Services website: <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/culinary-services/menus/> (Note: For 2021-2022, school menus were available on the PTA website (whittierptaseattle.org/news-2))



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