



# the WILDCHAT

Whittier Elementary's PTA Newsletter



Welcome,  
Wildcats!

This year, the Whittier PTA's focus is to build community and FUN for our Wildcats. We're reigniting some classic events, like Spring Fling and Jog-a-thon, and adding some new traditions, like First Friday Fun at after-school pick-ups to bring seasoned and new Whittier families together. Please join us by becoming a PTA member or participating in our upcoming Annual Give fundraiser this Fall!

## This Month's Highlights

- We welcomed our Whittier scholars back to campus!
- Welcome to new teachers and staff members of our Whittier family! We're so excited for our new Wildcats!
- Thank you, families, for donating mats for our scholars to use outside during lunch! We're all set for now and will reach out if we need more!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/29 **Whittier Spirit Gear orders close**
- 10/1 **Picture Retakes**  
*First Friday Fun*  
*Celebrate with the PTA during pick-up!*
- 10/8 **No School**  
*State In-School Service Day*
- 10/12 **PTA Board Meeting**  
*Zoom*
- 10/13 **Curriculum Night**  
*Zoom - Save the Date!*
- 10/15 **Whittier Spirit Gear orders begin**  
*Full collection launch!*
- 10/19 **PTA Community Meeting**  
*Zoom (with Whittier Gear drawing giveaway!)*
- 11/9 **PTA Board Meeting**  
*Zoom - Special Guests: Representatives Liz Berry & Noel Frame*



Pro Tip: Join Konstella, visit "Calendar," click "Sync My Calendar," and click a link under "Event Calendar" to sync all Whittier events throughout the year!



## Volunteers Needed!

The Whittier community is great because families like you participate!  
Please consider joining the school and PTA in one of these volunteer roles:

### Room Rep

Help your teacher and the PTA as a parent classroom leader. We're seeking two volunteers per classroom.  
To volunteer:



volunteers@whittierptaseattle.org

Want to help out but don't know where to start? Learn more about volunteering on the Whittier PTA website!



### Volunteer Chair (PTA)

Drive community involvement in this exciting, important role to help make the PTA's aspirations become reality!  
For full job description and more info:



## Your Whittier Cheat Sheet

- **Specialists:** Students rotate between these special teachers and classrooms every two days (Mr. Pule - PE; Miss Steph - Performing Arts; Mr. Buck - Visual Arts)
- **KidMail:** On Tuesdays, check student take-home folders for important school-related information!
- **Wildchat:** Whittier PTA's official newsletter, put together by the Whittier PTA, sent 2x monthly digitally (via email) and occasionally via KidMail
- **Emails from Principal Watters:** Arriving Monday afternoons, read this email right away for important school info
- **Konstella:** Whittier PTA's app to connect families, with classroom-specific forums, an updated event calendar, school announcements and more
- **The Source:** Attendance, grades, assessments, SchoolPay, and more are found on this SPS tool
- **Schoology:** Learning management tool to stay connected with student progress

## School Year Camps

Looking for activity options during this Fall's school breaks? It's never too early to register for camps! Join the Konstella social group "School Break Camps" to get the latest news on school break camp offerings. Here's a sneak peek for 10/8's school break:

- Illumination Learning Studios (Greenwood) is offering a Hogwarts-themed camp for K-5
- Arena Sports (Magnuson) offers sports and games for all ages (half- and full-day options)
- Kids Science Labs (Greenlake) offers science-themed activities and outdoor play for ages 4-12



## Whittier students make a difference!

After a fifth grade Whittier scholar approached Principal Watters about gender neutral bathroom availability, Whittier established two gender neutral bathrooms within one week with more anticipated in coming weeks. Paws up for Wildcats!

Have a topic you'd like included in the next Wildchat? Contact [communications@whittierptaseattle.org](mailto:communications@whittierptaseattle.org) for more info.

## Whittier Spirit Gear



Order by 9/29 for Fall delivery. Full collection drops 10/15 for late Fall/early Winter delivery. Click QR to view our Spirit Gear shop!

Fun Fact: Whittier students show Wildcat pride by wearing blue and yellow on Fridays!

## UPCOMING LUNCH MENU

(for a complete menu delivered biweekly, look out for our digital Wildcat newsletter!)

9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1
Bean & Cheese Burrito Protein Lunch Box Chicken & Basil Pasta Salad	Mozzarella Breadstick Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Chicken Tinga Salad	Chicken Wings Turkey & Cheese Pinwheel Summer Berry Salad	Chicken Tinga w Fiesta Rice Chicken Bahn Mi Tex Mex Salad	Chef's Choice Bagel Lunchbox Chicken Caesar Salad
10/4	10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8
Bean & Cheese Chalupa Protein Lunch Box Turkey Sub Supreme	Chicken Tenders & Fries Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Chicken Tinga Salad	Chicken Wings Turkey & Cheese Pinwheel Fall Butternut Squash Salad	Smoked Turkey & Sweet Potato Chili Chicken Bahn Mi Tex Mex Salad	NO SCHOOL



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