

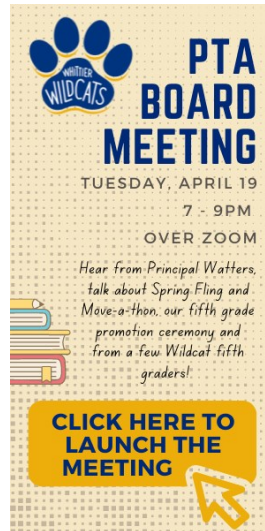
April 19, 2022



## Covid-Related Updates

- SPS distributed iHealth home rapid antigen tests before Spring Break and asked families to tests students 24 of their return to school on Monday.
- SPS is asking families to opt-in to their new on-demand testing program (rapid antigen tests, like what has been done in the past, and on-demand testing provided by CIC health). To opt-in, please look for an email from CIC Health (noreply@cic-health.com) and click on the link to complete the consent form. Please note this consent does not apply to the PCR diagnostic tests that are still available through Whittier.
- SPS will continue monitoring health data to help identify surges and if any Covid safety measures need to be reinstated. In the meantime, please continue following SPS' [staying home when sick](#) policy to help prevent community spread.
- Families can prepare for potential surges by talking to your students about when it might be important to wear masks, ensure you have high-quality masks should they be needed, and keeping a supply of [home COVID tests](#) on hand.
- Please [visit this website](#) for SPS COVID information.

## Meeting TODAY!



## 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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We Need YOU:  
Join Next Year's  
PTA Board!

Want to help make our

Spring Fling:  
There's Still Time  
to Host a Party  
for Whittier!

Calling Whittier families to host

Share Your  
Thoughts with  
Super-intendent  
Jones!

SPS Superintendent Dr. Brent

Wildcat community great?  
Join next year's PTA Board!  
We are seeking volunteers for:

- Co-President
- VP\* (*required for next year's board*)
- Co-Secretary
- Events (*coordinating with Hospitality + individual event chairs*)
- Fundraising
- Volunteers
- Kids Programs
- Family and Community Engagement and Outreach

Want to learn more? Check out position descriptions [here](#) or [contact our VP, Leah](#), for more info! You can sign-up for the board by completing this [survey](#). Thank you!

a "sign-up" party to benefit Whittier! Families (or a group of families) agree to host for as many people as they find appropriate for the specific activity/party. Attendees can be adults, kids or a combination of the two. The hosts cover all expenses of the party, and 100% of the funds raised by the event benefit Whittier. Prices range from \$25 to \$50+ per person depending on the event.

We're seeking AT LEAST 10 more families to host a party for Whittier to help us reach our \$30,000 fundraising goal! Would you like to host an event and help Whittier raise its fundraising goals? [Fill out this form with your party idea](#) or contact [sara.m.lukas@gmail.com](mailto:sara.m.lukas@gmail.com) to learn more!

Jones, along with the Seattle Council PTSA, is hosting a series of community listening sessions this Spring. Dr. Jones will be listening to families about how our schools can be safe and welcoming spaces where students can learn and thrive. Some listening sessions are tailored to specific communities, with a general session hosted on May 16th from 5:30-7pm. See dates for all listening sessions (and access registration links) [here](#).

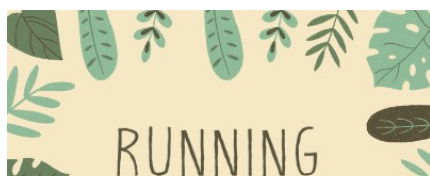


## ORDER YOUR '21-22 WHITTIER YEARBOOK!

36-page, full color book of memories of students and staff. Order now through May 2, 2022! Books shipped to school in early June.

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Save the Date: 2022  
Move-a-thon  
Fundraiser!



Reminders: School  
Registration, Konstella,  
and FB Groups!

As we get ready for end-of-year events, we're also looking towards next year!

- If you or someone you know is intending to enroll at Whittier next year, please advise them to register today! Current registrations



Get ready for this year's annual "Move-a-thon" fundraiser! This year's event, "Running Wild," will be held on June 3 during the school day and has a fundraising goal of \$10,000. Classes will move for 30 minutes facilitated by volunteers; friends and family will have the chance to sponsor each minute of their Wildcat's run with all proceeds benefiting Whittier PTA.

Whittier PTA is seeking one or two parents to shadow event planning for this year's Move-A-Thon. Follow along in the planning process as veteran event hosts Kate Mathews and Amy Bryan bring our final fundraiser of the year to life. Ask questions and make recommendations along the way as you prepare to take over the event in 2023. It's the most fun you'll have all year, promise! Nearly all planning happens over the course of six weeks from the comfort of home, but you will need to be onsite (at Whittier) the day of the event. Interested but have questions?

Email [fundraising@whittierptaseattle.org](mailto:fundraising@whittierptaseattle.org).

are being used to put together next year's class assignments. If you're a family with a younger sibling who will be an incoming Kindercat, please be sure they're registered, too! Register your incoming Whittier student at <http://shorturl.at/sCD14>

- Have you joined [Konstella](#), our private social media platform? It's easy and a great way to get announcements, sync your calendar with events, access a school directory, and more. You don't have to re-enroll annually, so get it done today and be set for next year!
- Are you a part of your grade's Facebook group? We also recently created a Facebook group for our incoming Kindercats! To join, click on the link below and request to join the group; our administrator reviews and approves submissions regularly.
  - [Class of 2022](#)
  - [Class of 2023](#)
  - [Class of 2024](#)
  - [Class of 2025](#)
  - [Class of 2026](#)
  - [Class of 2027](#)
  - [Class of 2028](#)

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\$59 each or 2 for \$100. For each bouquet sold, we will donate \$10 to the school of your choice in Seattle & another \$10 to support Title I schools across the District. Pickup on May 7th at one of 18 different schools or delivery available for an additional \$29.

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## New Location: May's First Friday Fun

May's First Friday Fun, our monthly outdoor community event where families can connect and have fun, will happen on May 1 in a new location! Instead of outside the main entrance, we ask our Wildcat families to gather under the covered area behind the school (through the fence) for a sneak preview of our Classroom Art that will be featured (and for sale) during our Spring Fling Fundraiser! Look for the "First Friday Fun" signs pointing you in the right direction. We can't wait to see you there!

# WHITTIER YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST





## Calling all Wildcats Whittier Needs You!

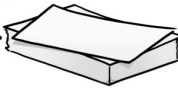


### BE THE DESIGNER FOR THE 2021/22 WHITTIER YEARBOOK COVER!

The winner will have their artwork appear on the front cover of the yearbook and will be featured in a photo inside the yearbook.

There are only 3 rules:

1. Use Whittier as your theme, what does it mean to be a Wildcat?
2. Fit your design onto a blank 8 1/2 x 11 white piece of paper (stop by the office if you need paper).
1. Make it colorful!



Return your entry to office by  
April 29, 2022



### Help Save Northgate's Art Program!

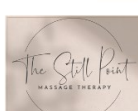
Northgate Elementary has lost its funding for the 2022-23 school year for its full-time arts program, which means all students at the school will get only 30 minutes of art each week given next year's budget.

The Northgate PTO is able to pay the additional \$55,000 in funding to keep its arts program full time, but need Seattle community's help! People can donate using this

link: <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1653869>

Northgate Elementary School is 70% student's of color, with 30% of students being English Language Learners. Arts education is vital to our humanity—our social emotional well-being, our identity safety, our ability to tell our stories. Art touches every single student, educator and community member. The arts program at Northgate holds so much power in helping our non-native English speakers communicate who they are and what they stand for. Art transcends language barriers.

Thank you for considering helping our neighbor school!





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# Thank you, Wildcats!