

April 5, 2022



**WILDCATS GO WILD SPRING FLING**

**SATURDAY, MAY 21 (5-9 PM)**

BLOCK PARTY-STYLE, ADULTS-ONLY FUNDRAISER AT AND AROUND WHITTIER WITH FOOD TRUCKS, BEER GARDEN, MUSIC, SILENT AUCTION, AND MORE!

CLICK TO BUY TICKETS

\$30/EACH  
TWO FOR \$50

SINGLE TICKET INCLUDES WILD WHITTIER KOOZY. PAIR OF TICKETS GETS ONE FREE DRINK, TOO!

FOOD TRUCKS, BEER GARDEN, CLASSROOM ART, THEMED BUCKETS, LOCAL EXPERIENCES & GOODS, HOSTED PARTY SIGN-UPS

### 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!



## Sign Up TODAY to Host a Party to Benefit Whittier!

A key part of our Spring Fling fundraiser is selling "tickets" to Hosted Parties. What are Hosted Parties? They are "sign-up" events that parents, or a group of parents, 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. Interested but unsure of an idea? Here's a few to get you started:

- Driveway Crawfish Boil
- Outdoor Movie Night
- Jackbox Games (Virtual and In-Person) Game Night
- (Insert Your Favorite Movie) Trivia Night
- Pie with Cocktail Pairings
- The Gilded Age/Bridgerton/Downton Abbey rewatch Viewing Party (with era appropriate cocktails and appetizers)
- A Probably-Not-The-Mariners MLB Playoffs Viewing Party
- Bartending Masterclass with a Guest/Friend Bartender
- Wine and Paint Party
- Solstice Celebration BBQ & Bonfire

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!

### Useful Links

- [Whittier Elementary School Website](#)

Thank You to our 2022 Sponsor!




**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**


Join the '22-'23 PTA Board!

Want to help make our





**SEEKING**



**SHARPER**

**TOOLS (PLEASE)**

The Front Office's vintage paper cutter needs blade sharpening (or replacement). **If you can sharpen vintage blades (or know someone who can)**, please contact Monica ([maganyard@seattleschools.org](mailto:maganyard@seattleschools.org), [click for link](#))

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

- Co-President
- VP
- Co-Secretary
- Events (coordinating with Hospitality and individual event committee chairs)
- Fundraising
- Volunteers
- Kids Programs
- Family and Community Engagement and Outreach
- Fall or Spring Carnival/Auction
- STEM Fair
- Move-a-thon

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!

**MEETING**  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19  
7 - 9PM  
OVER ZOOM

Hear from Principal Watters, talk about this year's fundraisers, Spring Fling and Move-a-thon, and learn from a few Wildcat fifth graders!

**CLICK HERE TO LAUNCH THE MEETING**

**HAVE YOU JOINED?**

It's not too late! PTA members vote on important issues & enjoy other benefits.

**CLICK JOIN**



## Seeking Picture-Taking Volunteers!

We're seeking volunteers to help add great photos to our yearbook! If you'd like to come take some quality images on-campus, please contact [Monica](#). All SPS volunteers need to [complete](#) or [renew](#) their SPS Volunteer application and be cleared through Monica. Thank you, Wildcats!



**ORDER YOUR '21-22 WHITTIER YEARBOOK!**

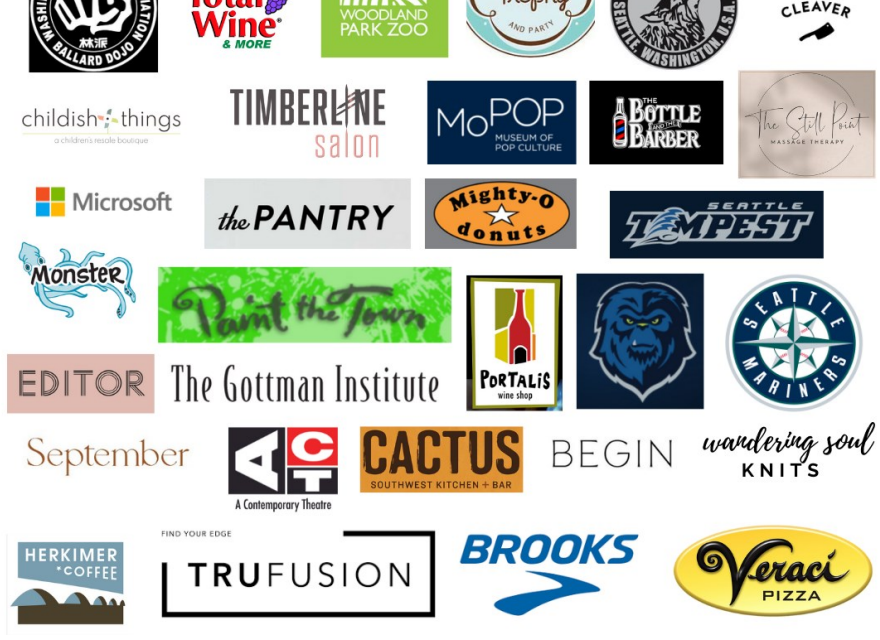
36-page, full color book of memories of students and staff. Order now through May 2, 2022! Books shipped to school in early June.

**ORDER NOW**

**Thank You**

**AUCTION DONORS**





## Approved: 2022-2023 PTA Budget

Whittier PTA's budget for the 2022-2023 school year was approved at the last Community Meeting, held over Zoom on March 15, 2022. The vote was preceded by a lively conversation featuring Principal Watters' and an informative review and recommendation by our PTA Treasurer, Renee Hartnett. Principal Watters' covered funding distinctions within the district (and how schools like Whittier are uniquely impacted, particularly in early intervention literacy support), projected enrollment changes at the school and its impact on our future budget, and the important role all our specialists play at our school.

PTA members voted to approve a budget that included an increased staffing grant to maintain current specialist support levels for next year (which will make up for the loss in district funding for these roles) while intending to maintain the programs and activities the PTA also provides. Thank you to our PTA members, Principal Watters, and Renee for helping guide such an important decision. Great job, Wildcats!

### Looking for Covid-19 Updates & News?

Principal Watters' will always contact our Whittier Community with an emergent news or insights. You can also visit SPS' Covid-19 Hub ([click for link](#)).

## April is Autism Acceptance Month

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### #AutismAcceptance

**AUCD is hosting a series of webinars focused on mental health and ASD:**

- Mental Health Parity Laws
- Suicide Prevention
- Support
- Social Skills Development

Whittier and its greater community celebrates **World Autism Month**, beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2 (this year marks the 15th annual World Autism Awareness Day). Last year, The Autism Society of America also change

## Save the Date: Move-a-thon Fundraiser - June 3

# RUNNING WILD

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

April's "Autism Awareness" terminology to "Autism Acceptance" to encourage going beyond awareness and seek opportunities to participate in understanding, inclusion, and demonstrate acceptance. Want to learn more?

- Autism Speaks is offering a great tool this year to do with kids around their campaign, Be Kind, which aims to promote acceptance, understanding, and inclusion through daily acts of kindness. Their 30-day Kindness Campaign is a [great at-home project](#).
- [The Autism Society](#) partnered with Nickelodeon to produce a [kid-friendly, printable, informational resource on Autism Acceptance](#).
- [Washington Autism Alliance](#) is hosting a "Day Out for Autism" event in Kirkland on April 30 for individuals with ASD and their families, which will include a resource fair, sensory-friendly activities, entertainment, food trucks, and more.
- [The Autism Society of Washington](#) has a [comprehensive digital resource](#) specific to PNW families.

minute of their Wildcat's run with all proceeds benefiting Whittier PTA.

We're so excited to bring back this family-favorite event. Want to help? We need volunteers! Please contact [president@whittierptaseattle.org](mailto:president@whittierptaseattle.org) to learn more and sign-up.

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## Calling All Kindergcats! April Staff Appreciation Sign-ups

It's Kindergarten's turn to host our Whittier Staff appreciation in April! Every month the PTA organizes a Whittier Staff Appreciation. Kindergarten is up for April (21st) and we would love to provide the staff with beverage bar and stock the refrigerator. Each month as are also asking for a couple key Supplies the school is in need of - this month the front office could use snacks that go to students who either are in need of extra food after school or those who forget their snack from home. Please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49AEA92BA0F85-staff3>

## Prides of March: Thank You!

Thank you to our Wildcats for an incredibly successful "Prides of March" celebration! We bonded as a school wearing silly hats and wacky outfits while benefitting our community through donation collection. Thank you to Principal Watters' for organizing this opportunity to come together as a community.

And a big thank you to Todd Simonsen for delivering our huge volume of canned foods and supplies to Ballard Food Bank. Go Wildcats!

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## Seeking \*2023\* Move-A- Thon Chair(s)

Whittier PTA is seeking one or two parents to shadow event planning for this year's Move-A-Thon (tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 3). 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).

## Thank You for the Ballard Market Receipts!

Thank you, Wildcats, for providing Ballard Market receipts! With your help (and the help of our awesome volunteer Femeke Cabernard for tallying the receipts), we raised over \$1000 from these receipts!

As a reminder, Ballard Market has officially ended this receipt program, so there won't be any future collections. Thanks again, Wildcats!

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