



Reminder: 1-Hour Early Dismissal Dec 17 and Winter Break Closure

Reminder: 1-hour early dismissal on Friday, Dec. 17, and winter break closure from Monday, Dec. 20 through Sunday, Jan. 2. Classes resume on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Here's some important information to know going into winter break:

- Meal distribution sites will be closed Monday, Dec. 20 through Friday, Dec. 31 and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3. Email questions to culinaryservices@seattleschools.org.
- The student tech support line will remain open with limited hours – 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1. For tech help or questions, call 206-252-0100 or email laptops@seattleschools.org.

200 Pairs of Socks Donated, \$75k Annual Give Raised, Library Supported!



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

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Useful Links

- Whittier Elementary School Website

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Upcoming Seattle Special Education PTSA Events

Are you familiar with the Seattle Special Education PTSA? SSEPTSA aims to help families of students with disabilities navigate the education system, build bridges between general and special education, and advocate for educational improvements. They also offer (virtual) events; past topics include coping with holiday stress, techniques to help with school avoidance behaviors, and more. Interested to learn more about this PTSA? Visit their events page to learn more about upcoming events: <https://seattlespecialeducationptsa.org/events-calendar>

Looking for a First Vaccination Dose Clinic?

Seattle Public Schools is running a first-dose vaccination clinic on Wednesday, December 15 from 4-6pm at Olympic Hills Elementary (13018 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98125). Prior registration is required, so be sure to [sign-up first!](#)

If SPS' clinic doesn't work for you (or you're in need of a second dose), check out the [last issue of the Wildchat](#) or visit <https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov> (and be sure to select the 5-11 vaccine in the filter list!).

We can do this, Wildcats!!

Hungry?

Check out the last lunch menu of 2021 [here!](#)



Why PTA Membership?

You may have seen the forms, social media posts, or references in past Wildchats calling you to become a PTA member. Now, more than ever, is a great time to join (or renew if you haven't yet this year!).

PTA members have a unique opportunity to impact the Whittier community. Starting in 2022, PTA members will be asked to provide feedback and vote on next year's PTA budget, which may include funding for staffing positions, school resources, and more. To ensure you're a voting member (in good standing), join or renew before February 28, 2022. Not sure if you're current? Please contact our amazing [Membership Chair](#).

In addition to creating a lasting community impact, PTA members also receive discounts from local and national businesses. For the complete list, see <https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-discounts/>. You'll need your user ID and password from your membership confirmation email to access most of these discounts.

Have a change you'd like to see? [Join us](#) and make your voice heard! We'd love to hear from you.

Still Seeking Volunteers!

Make it your New Years' Resolution to help support the Whittier community (and make some great friends while you do it)! We are seeking Whittier community members to join some great committees, including Spring Fling (fun event planning anyone?) and the Board Nominating Committee (help us find next year's board). For a full list of committee positions and committees seeking volunteers, please join us on [Konstellia](#) and click "Browse Committees." Got a question? Contact our [Volunteer Chair](#)!

Heads Up: Winter Weather Info

New to SPS or could use a refresher on Winter Weather-related announcements? Be sure to follow [SPS on Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for the latest on how winter weather will affect the Whittier school day. For a full list of news outlets and more weather information, visit [SPS' Winter Weather page](#).

Lost & Found Items Must be Claimed by Dec 17!

Our lost and found is bursting with jackets, water bottles and lunch boxes. We have the racks available inside the main doors and parents are welcome to stop by and enter the foyer to look for missing items. **Please be aware, that all remaining lost and found items will be donated if not claimed by December 17!**

September Spirit Gear Orders Are Here!

Thanks for your patience as we worked through supply chain challenges this Fall! To arrange pick-up of your September Spirit Gear order, please [contact us](#).

In addition, we have some extra youth black paw t-shirts (\$15) and black beanies with the white paw (\$20) available for sale (limited to stock on hand). If you are interested in purchasing one, please reach out to Tina or Kristen at president@whittierptaseattle.org.

Please note, we are still waiting for an update on the November hoodie and BLM tee orders, we will share an update when we can!

Neighborhood Winter Sports

Looking for ways to keep kids active during winter months? Here are some local winter sports opportunities with sign-ups happening now:

- **Parks Department Basketball** (ages 8+) - Practices start January 3rd with games starting February 5th. Learn more: <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/find/city-wide-youth-sports>
- **Seattle Rhythmic Gymnastics** (ages 4+) - Starts January 10th. Learn more: <http://www.seattlerhythmic.com/winter-session/>
- **Gymnastics at The Little Gym** (ages 3+) - Pre-K and School Age programs. Learn more: <https://www.thelittlegym.com/SeattleInterbayWA/classes/youth-gymnastics>
- **YMCA Basketball** (ages 5+) - Learn more: <https://www.seattlemca.org/programs/youth-family/youth-sports/youth-basketball>
- **Seattle Gymnastics Academy** (All Ages) - Year-round registration. Learn more: <https://seattlegymnastics.com>
- **Alpha Martial Arts** (Ages 5+) - Year-round registration. Learn more: <https://www.alphamartialarts.com>
- **Props Lacrosse** (Grades 1-8) - Some Whittier Wildcats are specifically seeking members to join this team! From Props: "A recreational youth sports club promoting the sport of lacrosse. The volunteer board led non-profit club serves grades 1-8 for the Seattle neighborhoods that feed into Seattle Public High Schools of Ballard, Inglemoore and Nathan Hale. We chose the name "Propellers" for our teams because it's positive nature, uniqueness and its symbolism is indigenous to the communities of Magnolia and Ballard which are surrounded by water and home to Fisherman's Terminal. Our mission as a recreational youth lacrosse club is to introduce the sport to elementary and middle school boys. The Props embrace the ELM (effort, learning and mistakes) principles of the Positive Coaching Alliance and coaches stay focused on providing a positive and engaging environment for practices and games." Learn more: <http://www.propslacrosse.org>

Know of a sports opportunities registering for winter? [Let us know](#) and we'll add it to this list!



Thank you, Wildcats!