



the WILDCHAT

WHITTIER
 ELEMENTARY'S
 PTA NEWSLETTER

Announcing 2021's Annual Give: "Wild for Whittier"



For new members of the Whittier community, Whittier PTA organizes three main fundraisers—Annual Give (going on now), Spring Fling (May 2022), and Move-a-Thon (June 2022)—to support important **programs and services** benefitting students, staff, families and our community this year.

The 3-week "Wild for Whittier" Annual Give campaign launched Monday, October 18, and has a fundraising goal of \$75,000, which amounts to roughly \$200 per student. Every donation, from \$10 to \$1000, fuels the school and benefits all of our Wildcats.

Want to participate? Donate online via **one-time** or **recurring monthly** payments; or by check made payable to "Whittier PTA", attached to your blue "Wild for Whittier" response card, and placed in the yellow envelope (or any envelope marked "Annual Give"). Drop check payments in the mail slot located at the school's front entrance. Be sure to ask your employer if they offer to match your charitable contributions and amplify your donation!

For more information, please visit the "Wild for Whittier" Annual Give page or contact our Fundraising team. Thank you for supporting Whittier!

HAVE YOU RENEWED?

Are you a returning Whittier parent? Have you renewed your PTA membership this year?

PTA members can vote on issues, including budgets, that directly impact the Whittier community-- but you have to renew your membership annually.

Click to **RENEW**

NEXT PTA BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 9
 7-9pm (Zoom)

November's PTA meeting will feature two special guests, Representatives Liz Berry and Noel Frame. Please join us for a rich conversation about the intersection of education and advocacy! All are welcome!

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

Thank You to our 2022 Sponsor!



Don't Forget!

Turn in your "Walk or Wheel" forms to Mr. Pule by Thurs, Nov 4 (to the box outside the gym)!



Rain Planning Reminder

With rainy days forecasted for the next couple weeks (or more!), please remember to send scholars to school appropriately dressed for extended outdoor time in the rain (jackets with hoods, boots, pants, etc.) and send spare clothes in your scholar's backpack. A dry t-shirt, socks or pair of sweats can be super helpful when puddles are just too tempting. Thank you!



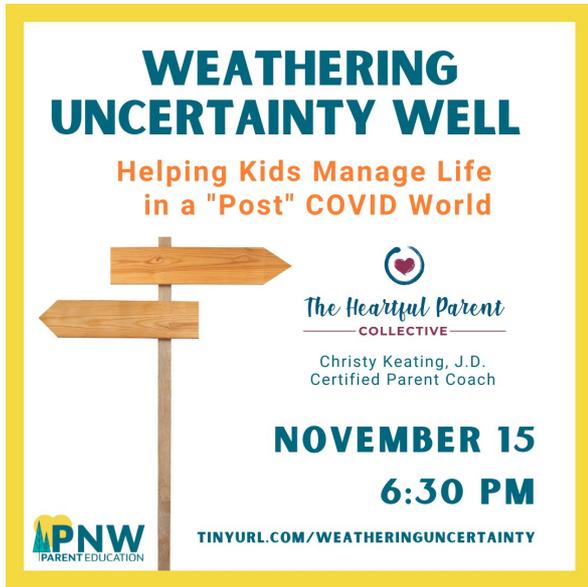
The smiling sea serpent meandering through the Whittier playground is named Snorkel.



UPCOMING LUNCH MENU

10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29
Bean & Cheese Burrito Turkey Croissanwich Protein Lunch Box	Mozzarella Breadstick Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Chicken Tinga Salad	Chicken Wings Turkey & Cheese Pinwheel Fall Butternut Squash Salad	Edamame Potsticker w Rice & Stir Fry Veggies Chicken Bahn Mi Tex Mex Salad	Chef's Choice Bagel Lunchbox Chicken Caesar
11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5
Cheese Tamale Protein Lunch Box Turkey Sub Supreme	Smoked Turkey & Sweet Potato Chili Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Chicken Tinga Salad	Chicken Wings Turkey & Cheese Pinwheel Fall Butternut Squash Salad	Lemongrass Potstickers w Udon Noodle Tuna Bowtie Pasta Salad Tex Mex Salad	Chef's Choice Bagel Lunchbox Chicken Caesar

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WEATHERING UNCERTAINTY WELL

Helping Kids Manage Life in a "Post" COVID World


The Heartful Parent COLLECTIVE

Christy Keating, J.D.
Certified Parent Coach

NOVEMBER 15
6:30 PM

 [TINYURL.COM/WEATHERINGUNCERTAINTY](https://tinyurl.com/WeatheringUncertainty)

11/4: EDI Committee Meeting

Have you heard of the Whittier PTA's Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee? EDI helps to support, create, and promote a respectful culture of inclusivity so that members of our community (e.g. students, families, and staff) feel welcome and able to engage. Join the EDI committee for their first official meeting of the school year on Thursday, Nov 4. [Email us for meeting details.](#)

Lost & Found Fridays!



On Fridays, weather permitting, look for Lost and Found racks outside the main entrance at pick-up to search for lost or missing coats, sweatshirts, etc.



WHITTIER PTA PRESENTS

FIRST Friday FUN

@ PICK-UP NOV 5

Main Entrance
WHITTIER ELEMENTARY ON 75TH

Join the PTA and friends at the front of Whittier every First Friday of the month for some fun! A chance to connect with new and old faces, be festive with some music, and a special Wildcat guest appearance.

New Date: Whittier Spirit Gear Launch



Whittier Spirit Gear's full collection launch has been shifted to Nov 1. Look for reminders on Konstella or Whittier PTA's social media!



Seattle Special Ed PTSA: Upcoming Events

Join the Seattle Special Ed PTSA for some upcoming virtual events:

Assistive Technology and Alternative and Augmentative Communication (Tuesday, November 2 @ 7pm)

Learn what assistive technology is and how the different elements can work to help students from pre-school thru the transition years of 18-21. **PROVAIL's** Kelly Kuehl will talk about how the communication tools can be incorporated

Room Reps Still Needed!

Want to help connect your classroom and support your child's teacher? The Whittier PTA is seeking Room Reps for these classrooms:

- Worotikan (2 reps)
- Hale (1 more rep)
- Leming (2 reps)

into an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) for student support. Get a calendar reminder when you [register at Eventbrite](#) for this free session.

Part 2: Coping with School Refusal or Avoidance

(Wednesday, November 3)

Have a student who is refusing to go to school? Dr. Kendra Read with Seattle Children's returns early next month to talk more about the best approach to school refusal. We recorded her presentation from last week and have her slide deck available to download on our [Resources](#) page. Come on Nov. 3 to learn the important role caregivers have in helping children identify emotions driving school avoidance behaviors and what actions will help the most. [Register here.](#)

- Peterson (1 rep)
- Ogle, (1 rep)
- Paul (1 rep)
- Childers (2 reps)
- Keener (1 rep)
- Provence (1 rep)

Room Reps help manage class communications on Konstella, create and maintain your teacher's Amazon Smile wishlist, coordinate seasonal teacher gifts, and share key Whittier updates. If you're interested to become a Room Rep, please [Contact Us](#).

In 1907, "North End School" name was changed to honor John Greenleaf Whittier, a 19th century poet, author, and abolitionist.

historylink.org



Thank you to our amazing Whittier community!

- We did it! Whittier is now stocked with spare clothes. We'll reach out if we need more items!
- 5th grade families made it happen! Kudos to fifth grade families for donating items for our October Staff Appreciation!
- Great job to our First Friday Fun crew!
- Thanks to our new Room Reps and our new Spring Fling chair, Sandra Klay!
- Kudos to the Communications team on the website redesign and relaunched Wildchat!
- Snaps to our treasurer team for financial reporting improvements and a new budget dictionary!
- Great job to our VP on our new business sponsorship form and signing our first sponsor of the year!

CALLING ALL GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS!

Our garden beds & flower pots need a little TLC! We would love to have some parent volunteers come to our playground to spruce up the beds. And if you have a vision, even better! This would be an after-school or weekend project when our playground is open to the public. Please email Ms. Monica at maganyard@seattleschools.org and we can come up with a plan.

✓ REMINDERS!

- Please avoid wearing any costumes to school on Friday, 10/29. Have a safe Halloween celebration!
- Ensure all your children's clothing, backpacks, hats, gloves, or other accessories are well labeled. This helps us reunite lost items with their owners!

Thank you, Whittier families!

