



Whittier Went Wild! Thanks for Participating in Annual Give!



THANK YOU from the Whittier PTA for your support of our "Wild for Whittier" Annual Give campaign over the past several weeks! Together we've raised more than \$65,000 with 62% participation to put toward programs and services for students, staff and families THIS YEAR.

If you haven't yet submitted a donation but intended to, it's not too late! **We have extended the campaign through Wednesday, November 10** to try and hit our goal of \$75,000 and, more importantly, to reach 70% participation. You can submit your donation online now:

- [One-time Payment](#)
- [Monthly Installments](#)

If you'd prefer to submit a donation by check, please send an email to fundraising@whittierptaseattle.org to make arrangements. *Please note that you can donate at any time, but any donations received after 11/10 will not be eligible for donor gifts.*

A special thank you to parent Angie Lundstedt (graphic design) and parent-affiliated business Stanley for their tremendous help and support during this campaign.

Stay warm and Paws Up Wildcats!

Share Your Voice with State Reps on 11/9!



At the Nov 9th PTA Board meeting, WA State Representatives Noel Frame and Liz Berry will join us from 7-7:30pm (on [Zoom](#)). Our district representatives are here to answer any questions from the Whittier community. We encourage families to use this time to ask questions or share your voice related to educational advocacy, including increased funding to promote inclusion and improve the operating budgets of our district schools.

As House representatives, both Reps Frame and Berry vote on state legislation, including education-related bills, but each Rep also has unique leadership roles on state committees. Rep Frame is the Chair of the House Finance Committee and Rep Berry is the Vice Chair of the Labor & Workplace Standards Committee. Both committees have a direct impact on our family's educational experience. Be sure to share your voice on Tuesday, Nov 9th!

And for more info on the Whittier PTA's educational advocacy efforts, please contact [Megan](#), Advocacy Chair.

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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SPS Covid Vaccination Opportunities

SPS is partnering with Public Health Seattle & King County to host COVID-19 vaccination clinics for students 5 years and older at many schools across the city. First-dose clinics will run from November 8 through November 23. Second-dose clinics will be offered from November 29 through December 14. The Pfizer vaccination requires two shots. Students should plan to be available for both school clinic dates to receive both doses of the vaccine.

There are two types of school vaccine clinics that will be available: regional clinics and school-day clinics. **14 regional clinics** will be held on weekends or evenings. Any SPS student 5 years and older can attend with their parent or guardian to receive either the pediatric dose for 5-11-year-olds or the regular

dose for 12 years and up. Students do not have to be enrolled in that specific school. [Find a regional clinic.](#)

Northwest Seattle Regional Clinics

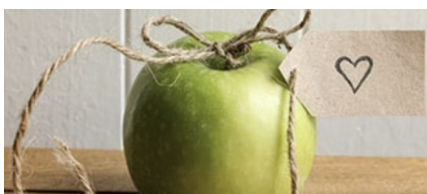
- Cascadia Elementary 1700 N 90th St. Seattle, WA 98103
 - 1st dose: Sunday, November 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - 2nd dose: December 5, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Enter from back parking lot
 - Medical provider: Seattle Visiting Nurses Association. Registration and consent shared soon.
- Hamilton Middle School 1610 N 41st St. Seattle, WA 98103
 - 1st dose: Saturday, November 20, 12 – 6 p.m.
 - 2nd dose: December 11, 12 – 6 p.m.
 - Medical provider: Seattle Visiting Nurses Association. Registration and consent shared soon.
- Whitman Middle School 9201 15th Ave. NW Seattle, WA 98117
 - 1st dose: Sunday, November 21, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - 2nd dose: December 12, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Medical provider: Seattle Visiting Nurses Association. Registration and consent shared soon.

40 **school-day clinics** will also be offered at individual schools specifically for students enrolled at those schools. [View the schools offering vaccine clinics.](#) Please note Whittier Elementary is not currently planning to offer a school-day clinic.

For more information on SPS' vaccination clinics, please visit <https://www.seattleschools.org/news/vaccine-clinic/>. Thank you for helping keep our community safe. Paws up for Wildcats!



Calling 4th Grade Families!



4th grade is up for November (17th) and we would like to provide the staff with a Soup & Salad bar around conference timeframe. Cindy and staff are excited and comfortable with how far we have come with covid and precautions everyone is taking to be able to do homemade options. Each month as are also asking for a couple key supplies the school is in need of (this month's supplies are "Flair" Pens and Clorox Wipes).

[Please sign up to show your appreciation on 11/17!](#)

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month



November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Our district recognizes Native Nations have been stewards of these lands since time immemorial. This month and every day, SPS honors the achievements and contributions of Native Americans, especially our students, families, staff, and community. Read Gov. Jay Inslee's [proclamation](#).





UPCOMING LUNCH MENU

11/8	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12
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	NO SCHOOL	Chef's Choice Bagel Lunchbox Chicken Caesar
11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19
Cheese Enchilada Seed & Cheese Lunchbox Bagel Lunchbox	Shredded Beef Burrito Hummus Lunch Box Chicken Caprese Salad	Chicken Wings Turkey & Cheese Pinwheel Veggie Cobb Salad	Orange Chicken w Veggies & Rice Asian Chicken Udon Salad Fall Butternut Squash Salad	Chef's Choice Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Chicken Caesar

[Printable version of this menu!](#)

Wildcat Families—We Need Volunteers!

Our Wildcat community is great because our families raise their paws when support is needed! We are seeking volunteers for these roles and committees:

- **Garden Project** - Help give our planters and garden beds a little TLC on this afternoon or weekend project. Contact Ms. Monica at maganyard@seattleschools.org for more details or to volunteer.
- **Book Fair Coordinator** - While this year's book fair will be virtual, we're seeking a parent volunteer to help Ms. Newcomb and Phinney Books coordinate the details for this exciting event. Please contact the [Volunteer Chair](#) for more details or to sign up.
- **Spring Fling Committee** - Were you on your prom committee? We have several key volunteer roles open as part of our Spring Fling planning committee. If you're new to Whittier, Spring Fling is part fundraiser/part parents night out. Help make this event a great night out this year (and meet some awesome Whittier families while you do!). Join [Konstella](#) and browse "Committees" to learn more or contact [Sandra](#), Spring Fling Chair, directly.
- **First Friday Fun Committee** - Want to help our awesome Events & Hospitality Co-Chairs build community once a month? We have one more position open for this committee that inspires family connection and fun! View the open position on [Konstella](#) or contact
- **Communications Committee** - Like memes? IG stories? Want to help keep Whittier families in the know? Join our Communications committee! Visit [Konstella](#) or contact [Kate](#), Communications Chair, for more info.
- **Reflections Art Contest Committee** - We're seeking families to participate in the final selection process for our Reflections Art Contest! This one-day commitment is a great way to dip your toe into volunteering (and support Whittier while you're at it!). Visit [Konstella](#) or contact the [Volunteer Chair](#) for more details or to sign up.

Have you participated in another volunteer role or committee in the past and want to get involved again? Have a volunteer project idea or see another way you can get involved? [We'd love to hear from you!](#)

The stained glass window and keystone above the Whittier main entrance is from the 1928 building that was demolished in 1998. A maritime theme reflecting Ballard's history is carried out in designs on the exterior and interior of the building.

School Break Camps!

We're approaching seasons of thanks, snow, family togetherness, and SCHOOL BREAKS! Looking for childcare support during upcoming school breaks (11/11, 11/22-26, 12/20-12/31)? Here are a few community options to explore for your family:

SPORTS

- ARENA SPORTS - <https://www.arenasports.net/magnuson/schools-out-camp/>
- SEATTLE GYMNASTICS ACADEMY BALLARD - <https://seattlegymnastics.com/ballard/play/gymnastics-camps/>
- SANCA - <https://sancaseattle.org/camps/>

OUTDOOR/NATURE

- TRACKERS SEATTLE - <https://seattle.trackersearth.com/youth/winter-break-camps>

- PINNACLE EXPLORATIONS - <http://pinnacleexplorations.org/break-camps>

ARTS & DRAMA

- ILLUMINATION LEARNING STUDIOS - https://www.illuminationlearningstudio.com/school_year_camps-2/
- NEO ART SCHOOL - <https://www.neoartschool.com/events>
- STUDIO EAST - <https://studio-east.org>

LANGUAGE: SEATTLE AMISTAD SCHOOL - <https://seattleamistadschool.org/camps/vacations-breaks-camps/>

SCIENCE: KIDS SCIENCE LABS - <https://kidsscienceclubs.com/holiday-break-camps>

Know of a school break camp you'd like listed? Join our [Konstella](#) group highlighting school break camps and [email us!](#)

Parent Ed: The Black Lives Matter Guiding Principle

In support and alignment with McDonald teachers and staff's commitment to BLM Year of Purpose please join us in welcoming Tierra Johnson, writer, author, and co-founder of Education Unchained to discuss:

The Black Lives Matter Guiding Principle : Unapologetically Black *(hosted by McDonald International PTA)*

Wednesday November 17th 6:30 - 8pm

This is the affirmation that Black Lives Matter and that our love, and desire for justice and freedom are prerequisites for wanting that for others. These principles are the blueprint for healing and do not include nor do they support ignoring or sanitizing the ugliness and discomfort that comes with dealing with race and anti-race issues.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3700415285?pwd=eVJ6T2R3UjZPUzV4TFpsRDNEWkQyZz09>

Subscribe: Konstella Events Calendar

Did you know the events calendar on Konstella has a more comprehensive events calendar? We aim to include events from all over the SPS and Whittier communities, including Seattle Special Education PTSA information sessions, parent education opportunities, reminders for important deadlines, and more.

To have these calendar items added to your digital calendar, sign into [Konstella](#), click on "Calendar" on the right hand menu, click on "Sync to My Calendar" on the top Menu. Scroll down to the "Event Calendar" section, choose your preferred calendar type, and follow the rest of the instructions.

Want an event added to our Konstella calendar? Contact [Kate](#), Communications Chair.

Thank you, Whittier families!