

WHITTIER ELEMENTARY'S PTA NEWSLETTE

Paws in for Vaccines!

As Principal Watters has shared, we're aiming to have as many Wildcats fully vaccinated as possible by January 1! This will help keep our community safe and help reintroduce important traditions, like parent volunteers, back on campus. To reach this goal, Wildcats will need to have their 2nd vaccine by 12/18

Still looking for vaccine clinic information? While SPS hosted clinics no longer have availability, other community partners are open. Bonus: Caregivers can get their booster shots at most of these locations, too!

- Seattle Children's
- UW Medicine
- Docere Center for Natural Medicine
- CVS
- Bartell (Note: Only select Bartell locations offer the 5-11 shot)
- Downtown Primary Care 2124 4th Ave (Call to schedule: 206-296-3110)

For a complete list of providers,

visit https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov (and be sure to select the 5-11 vaccine in the filter list!). We can do this, Wildcats!!





Follow Us!





Winter Giving Drives: 11/29 - 12/10

Whittier PTA Helping Hands Gift Card Drive and Illumination Learning Studios Sock Drive run from November 29 through December 10.

Donate **gift cards (e.g., Fred Meyer, Target, etc.)** to help provide winter gear, groceries, holiday gifts, home essentials and more to families in our community; and donate **new men's L and XL socks** that will be distributed by FamilyWorks. There are three ways to participate:

- Drop boxes available 8am 5pm everyday:
 - 645 NW 83rd St.
 - 7530 13th Ave NW
- Return to the front entrance of the school.
 - Place gift cards (in an envelope labeled "Whittier PTA Helping Hands") in the mail slot at the front entrance of the school
 - Place socks in the labeled bin near the front door.
- For Gift Cards ONLY, donate to a volunteer's PayPal account (5th grade parent Amy Bryan, @AmyBBryan) to support the purchase of gift cards and add the message "Whittier PTA - Helping Hands". Donations will be acknowledged via email upon receipt, and a follow-up email will be sent to all donors when gift cards are purchased.

Paws up for Wildcats!

Useful Links Whittier Elementary School Website

Thank You to our 2022 Sponsor!



Family Support Options this Winter

As we enter into the season of both holidays and long school breaks, there are families in our community who may benefit from some

Calling 3rd Grade Families!

For December's staff appreciation, 3rd grade families are hosting! On 12/16, we would love to provide the staff with Cookies & Treats and have additional assistance. We are fortunate to have resources to share! If you or a Whittier family you know might need some additional support during this time please reach out to the Whittier Office (office.whittier@seattleschools.org or (206) 252-1650. All information shared is confidential and we are honored to support our community.

them fill little bags to take home. Cookies and treats can be purchased or homemade. Each month, we are also asking for a couple key Supplies the school is in need of; this month Adults scissors and White Card Stock.

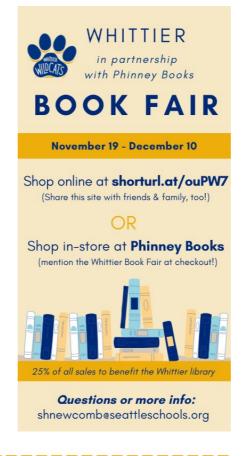
Please sign-up to share some appreciation for our hardworking teacher and staff Wildcats!

Where'd You Hear That? How Classes are Coordinating Holiday Gifts

Wondering how holiday gifts and teacher appreciation is being organized? Ask your Room Rep!

Room Reps are identified as "Classroom Leads" on Konstella (join Konstella and make sure to assign your child to their classroom) and have different ways of connecting with their classroom families. Some Room Reps might build email lists, others Facebook groups, and others use Konstella for communicating important announcements. Many Room Reps also coordinate directly with their classroom teachers to organize classroom supply requests, news, and more.

Haven't heard from your class's Room Rep?
They might need your contact information!
Contact Kate to be connected with your Room
Rep directly and be added to your class's
contact list.



Reminder: Upcoming Lost & Found Purge

As a reminder, our Lost & Found (bursting with water bottles, jackets, and lunch boxes) will be purged on December 19, with all items donated. If you'd like to scan the Lost & Found for items, you can check out the racks directly inside the main entrance. Contact Whittier's Front Office for more details



K & G1 Gratitude Assembly: Dec 3

Ms. Steph, the kindergarten and grade 1 classes, invite families to an in-person and virtual performance to express gratitude and share their talent with family and friends. For more details, see Principal Watters' emails on Nov 23 and 29, or contact Cindu.

Where's the Lunch Menu?





Due to continued supply chain challenges altering planned menus, SPS Culinary Services is no longer providing publicly-available advance school menus at the district level. However, our wonderful Kitchen Manager and Lunch Lady, Jo, has offered to share advanced menus when she receives them. We'll include lunch menus in our Wildchat when we can and will post additional Lunch Menus on the Whittier PTA website.

If you have any questions about school lunch, please contact our excellent front office team who can help connect you to the right Wildcat staff member. Thank you!

Washington State PTA Recognizes the Whittier PTA with the Bronze Membership Growth Award



The Whittier PTA has recently been recognized by Washington State PTA as a Bronze Membership Growth Award recipient! PTAs are presented with this award for enrolling at least one more member than the previous year's total membership. That means our PTA is growing! Thank you to everyone who has become a member so far this year: YOU are the reason our PTA achieved this award! If you haven't yet signed up for a 2021-2022 PTA membership, please consider joining today! By doing so, you are demonstrating your support for our PTA and all it does for Whittier.

Thank you, Wildcats!