

## WHITTIER HISTORY

Our school was named for the American poet and writer John Greenleaf Whittier. The original Whittier Elementary School was built in 1889 and was located on the west end of what is now our lower playground.

Our current building opened in 1958. Whittier Elementary celebrated its centennial in 1989, which was attended by many former students and teachers.



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**DIVERSITY  
LEADERSHIP  
INNOVATION**

**HOME OF THE LIONS**



**Whittier Elementary School**

*Serving Pre-K through Sixth Grade*



## OUR MISSION

At Whittier, we choose to honor students and families. We recognize that it takes many people working together to fully educate our students.



## ABOUT WHITTIER

**Serving students**  
PK thru 6th grade

**Bell Times:**  
8:10 am – 3:10 pm

### Your Neighborhood Schools:

- Northeast Middle
- Northeast High

Whittier is a neighborhood school serving students from Kindergarten to 6th grade. We have a diverse student population that features many languages and cultures. Today we have more than 500 students enrolled in 21 classrooms. In addition to the core curriculum, the students also receive instruction in art, music, physical education, technology and library science.

### Community-Based Learning

Whittier students take a variety of field trips to experience activities and sites that are available in our community, including the Nelson Art Gallery, Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, the Kansas City Zoo, the Federal Reserve Bank, Hallmark's Kaleidoscope, and other trips sponsored by the Kansas City Arts Partners.

### Promoting Student Health

Whittier has several health programs in place to help the students identify and treat any health concerns. Score One is provided by the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and provides physical assessments of each child with their parents' permission. Big Smiles also is provided to our students to assess their dental needs.

## LION PROGRAMS

### One-to-One Digital Devices

Each student at Whittier will receive his/her own digital device in the classroom. This device can house student materials, textbooks, and help increase digital literacy and prepare students for the modern world.

### Free Before-and After-School Care

Whittier is proud to partner with LINC to offer free-of-charge high-quality before-and after-school care.

Students are able to engage in a variety of safe, fun and engaging activities. LINC provides a caring environment that supports students' social, emotional and physical development.

### English Language Learners (ELL)

At Whittier, we educate a diverse group of students who speak many different languages. The English as a Second Language program is designed to teach students who speak languages other than English how to understand, speak, read and write in English and to support students' home cultures and languages whenever possible.

### Partners & Activities:

- National Honor Society
- Junior Achievement
- Soccer
- School Garden
- Score 1
- LINC

