

WHITTIER NEWS

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Greetings Whittier Families,

Hard to believe two months of school have passed, what an awesome fall it has been! We are now getting into the heart of our curriculum and our expectations are increasing. We know Whittier students are capable and we'll continue to push their comfort zone. I want to encourage you to continue to be active in following up with your child on what they have been learning in school. As well, I can't emphasize enough the importance of reading EVERY night with your child for at least 20 minutes.

We have brought on a new counselor here at Whittier. Maria Albin joins us and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Whittier Staff. Mrs. Albin will be teaching classroom guidance; as well as, working with small groups and providing individual counseling to our students.

Halloween is nearly upon us and this year, like last year, we will be offering our students the opportunity to dress up in a school appropriate costume the last hour of the day. **As well, we will be having a costume parade at 2:30 that will take place in both wings of the school. We welcome parents to come and observe the parade and join their student for any parties afterward.**

PLEASE WAIT FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER TO DISCUSS ANY CLASSROOM PARTY/CELEBRATIONS AND DRESS UP PLANS THEY MAY BE CREATING FOR THEIR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY. If classroom celebrations are happening, those parents who may be signing up for treats, please be mindful of offering a balance of sweet vs. nutritious healthy options. Our school policy is really targeting healthy choices and keeping our sugary sweets to a minimum. Thank you. IF YOUR STUDENT IS PLANNING TO WEAR A COSTUME THE LAST HOUR OF THE DAY, Please consider the following requirements:

1. **No fake weapons**
2. **No fake blood or gore**
4. **Encourage sports, silly, fun and creative school appropriate costumes**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Fri. 11/2	Lost & Found Pickup by Love, Inc.
Mon. 11/12	Veteran's Day Assembly at 9:00 a.m.
Thurs. 11/7	Lifetouch Picture Retakes at 12:30 p.m.
Mon. 11/19	Turkey Bingo from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the gym
Nov. 21-23	NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon. 11/26	NO SCHOOL - PIR Day
Thurs. 12/13	Holiday Program at 6:30 p.m. at the Willson Auditorium
Fri. 12/21	Lost & Found Pickup by Love, Inc.
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
Mon. 1/21	NO SCHOOL – PIR DAY
Fri. 2/1	Lost & Found Pickup by Love, Inc.
Mon. 2/18	NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
Fri. 3/1	Lost & Found Pickup by Love, Inc.
Mar. 18-22	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

**Lifetouch Student Picture Retakes
Wednesday, November 7**

LOST & FOUND PICKUP DATES

The lost and found items will be picked up by Love INC. Clothes Closet on: **11/2, 12/21, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3 and 6/7.** This organization provides free clothing to the community. **Please make sure you check the Lost & Found area before these dates when visiting our school.**

WHITTIER PAC NEWS

FUN RUN RESULTS!

WOW! FUN RUNNERS! Whittier kids completed **895 laps!** That's about **68.8 miles!** Many thanks to our Whittier kids and our many wonderful volunteers!

Most laps (boys): **Owen Andrews, Cody Westlake**
Most laps (girls): **Emma Tasker**

We are still calculating the total money earned but it may be the most ever earned with this event!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

This Friday: Red Ribbon Walk during lunch recess

This Friday: Free Movie Night "Ferdinand"
Monday (11/19): Turkey Bingo Night

Whittier PAC is still needing volunteers for the above upcoming events. Please email the PAC at whittierpac@gmail.com if you would like to help.

MUSIC NEWS

Save the Dates!

1. **Save the date!** Whittier Winter Around the World Concert is **Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 PM in the Willson Auditorium.** All Whittier students from the Running Start Preschool through 5th grade students will be performing. More information soon!

2. **All Veterans** who are related to Whittier students are invited to our Veterans' Day Assembly on Monday, November 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Whittier Gym. Please RSVP to Mrs. Herdina (sara.herdina@bsd7.org or 522-6767) by the 9th of November if you plan on attending.

BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Thank you to all who visited the Whittier Book Fair. It was a huge success! We raised nearly \$2,000.00 to purchase new books and materials for our library. This will benefit our whole school community.

TURKEY BINGO NIGHT

Please join us for the annual Whittier Turkey Bingo on Monday, November 19. This fun event takes place in the Whittier School Gym from 6:00-7:30 p.m. See you there!

THANK YOU WHITTIER PAC

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who prepared food for teachers during the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Teachers loved the delicious meals and desserts throughout the two conference days. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

WHITTIER WEBSITE

Please remember to check our Whittier School website. Go to the Bozeman School District's main page at www.bsd7.org and select the "Schools" tab. Click on Whittier School. Parents can view our newsletters and the upcoming events calendar online.

TIPS FROM OUR PARENT LIAISON

Sometimes adults will comment that kids aren't as motivated to work as they used to be. The parenting professionals at the Love and Logic Institute tell us that the problem is not with kids but with parents who are training their kids to believe they are honored guests in their home instead of contributing members of a family team.

Who is out shoveling when your driveway needs to be cleared? If your kids haven't been helping, you can bet that living in Bozeman will give you plenty more chances to get them out there with you! How lucky are you?!

Kids benefit from helping with family jobs in any way that is appropriate for their age. Even small children can be given simple jobs that make them feel included in household operations. To help your child feel important, needed, and loved include them in the work that keeps your home and family moving forward. The Love and Logic Institute reports that after decades of observing kids and families, children who view themselves as valued family members enjoy higher self-esteem and happier lives. So, go get some more shovels, and with lots of love, get your kids to help you clear the ice and snow! You will all benefit.

For more information on how to get your kids to help with chores, call your Parent Liaison, Vonda Davis, at 922-4245 or 522-6775.

