

WHITTIER NEWS

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Greetings Whittier Families,

As the days start getting shorter and the colors begin to change, it serves as a gentle reminder of the long winter months ahead. Of course, that means plenty of hot chocolate, watching football games on the couch, and of course Halloween approaching.

Now that the first month of school is underway, I'm slowly becoming more familiar with our students, parents, and the awesome staff here at Whittier. We really are getting into the meat of our curriculum and students are being challenged on a daily basis, and I've come to appreciate the high level of instruction I see in all of our classrooms. Not only do our teachers challenge our students, but the support staff from the kitchen to the custodian, all are there to encourage, lend a hand, or provide a teachable moment to all of our students.

A huge shout out goes to our Whittier PAC team in pulling off a wildly successful FUN RUN! A big thanks to all who helped out with counting laps, running numbers back and forth, DJing, providing water to the runners, staff collecting money, and tallying the final numbers. What an awesome team you all are.

A few upcoming dates to keep in mind. We do have parent teacher conferences on October 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and then on October 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be no school on October 18 and 19 for teacher PIR days.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mon. 10/8	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Book Fair in Library)
Tues. 10/9	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Book Fair in Library)
Thurs. 10/18	NO SCHOOL – PIR Day
Fri. 10/19	NO SCHOOL – PIR Day
Wed. 11/7	Lifetouch Picture Retakes
Nov. 21-23	NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon. 11/26	NO SCHOOL - PIR Day
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
Mon. 1/21	NO SCHOOL – PIR DAY

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY
OCTOBER 8 AND 9!
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
OCTOBER 18 AND 19!
TEACHER PIR DAYS!**

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 now view our Parent Handbook, newsletters, and the upcoming event calendar on-line.

OCTOBER PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

This year the Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Monday and Tuesday, October 8 and 9. On Monday the conferences will be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The conferences on Tuesday will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Conference forms have been sent home to set-up a conference time with your classroom teacher. There will be no school on these conference days.

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WHITTIER LIBRARY FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 8-12

- Mon. 10/8 - 10am-8pm (PT Conferences)
- Tues. 10/9 - 10am-2pm (PT Conferences)
- Wed. 10/10 - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch 11:30-12:15)
- Thurs. 10/11 - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch 11:30-12:15)
- Fri. 10/12 - 8am-3pm (closed for lunch 11:30-12:15)

Whittier students are welcome to hang out in the library and browse the fair while parents are conferencing with teachers. Parents/guardians are encouraged to shop before or after school and on conference days. *Thank You*

CLASSROOM LIBRARY SCHEDULE -
Please remind students to return books on time.
Thank you

- K - Alexander - WEDNESDAY
- K - Lawton - FRIDAY
- 1st - Fraser - THURSDAY
- 1st - Nash - TUESDAY
- 2nd - Kumpula - TUESDAY
- 2nd - Cunningham - THURSDAY
- 3rd - Underhill - TUESDAY
- 3rd - Wolf - THURSDAY
- 4th - Langin - FRIDAY
- 5th - Wiers - WEDNESDAY
- 5th - Wemple - FRIDAY

HEARING SCREENING

There will be a Hearing Screening for kindergarten and first graders on Tuesday, October 16, from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

WHITTIER PAC NEWS

Whittier Family Gathering: Thursday, October 4, at the Midtown Tavern. Come for an informal social gathering to meet your fellow Whittier families. All are welcome.

Teacher Appreciation Meals: The PAC provides potluck meals to the Whittier School staff as a gesture of appreciation. Event organizer and volunteers needed.

Family Movie Night: Friday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Whittier gym. Bring the family for a pizza dinner and enjoy a free movie. Event organizer and volunteers needed.

Turkey Bingo: Monday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Whittier gym. Enjoy this festive family gathering and take home some pies...or a turkey for a BINGO! Event organizer and volunteers needed.

2018-2019 PAC officers: Dawn McDonald, President; Mary Moulton, Vice-president; Nicole Edwards, Secretary; Cassandra Balent, Treasurer; and Volunteers & Outreach, Sam Blomquist.

Watch for information about our upcoming family events!

Hello Whittier Families!

As we head into fall, it's important to remember that children learn the best when they feel their best! We want to keep our school healthy and we need your help! Please remember to help your children practice these positive health habits:

1. Frequent **hand washing** with soap and water or hand sanitizer. This is the **BEST** way to prevent the spread of germs.
2. Get plenty of rest. 9-12 hours of sleep each night is recommended.
3. Drink a lot of healthy fluids, water is the best! (soda doesn't count!)
4. Eat a healthy diet with a lot of fruits and vegetables.
5. Do not share cups or utensils with others.
6. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or elbow.

Please do **NOT** send your child to school if he/she **has** or **has had**:

1. Fever more than 100 degrees within the last 24 hours.
2. Vomiting within the last 24 hours.
3. Diarrhea within the last 24 hours.

If your child is placed on antibiotics by your health care provider, please **do not return them to school until they have been treated for at least 24 hours.

Looking forward to a fun, healthy school year!

Connie, RN

Did you know... There is a 'right way' to wash your hands? You need to use plenty of soap and warm water, soaping up for at least 20 seconds before rinsing.

