

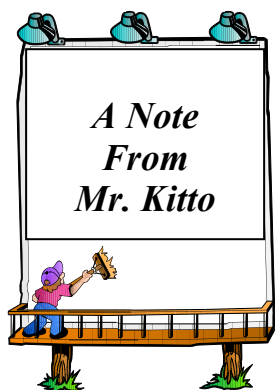
# WHITTIER NEWS

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Greetings, Whittier Families,

It is hard to believe that January is behind us as we march into February. In January, I put out a challenge to families to read at least 20 minutes per night either with or to your child. I can honestly say, I have been putting down my electronics in the evenings and settling down with a good book. I encourage you all to find those 20 minutes a day to commit to reading.

As you have all seen, we have sent report cards home, and we encourage you to take a close look at your child's progress. Please know, if you have any questions about your child's progress, or interpretation of the report card, please contact your child's teacher or me.

We have concluded our winter testing in both Reading and Math. Over the past couple of weeks, your child took the STAR test on the computer that gives us a look at your student's growth from the beginning of the year until now. Like any test, this is just one snapshot in time and by no means the only data we look at when assessing your child, rather we prefer a body of work over time. The test does give us more information to help make decisions on our instruction and how we place our support staff throughout the building.

**I just want to remind parents about our pickup protocols after school.** We would ask that students be picked up either in the courtyard/playground or in the front lobby. We ask that **NO students** wait outside in the front of the school. We will not allow any student to wait, unattended, for pickup! Thank you for emphasizing this safety concern with your child.

Craig Kitto  
Principal



## **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

Fri. 2/8	Whittier Free Movie Night at 5:30 p.m. (Pizza dinner/\$2 - Free Popcorn and Water) Movie: "Incredibles 2"
Fri. 2/15	Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Mon. 2/18	NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
Fri. 3/1	Lost & Found Pickup by Love, Inc.
Fri. 3/1	Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Fri. 3/15	Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Mar. 18-22	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
Fri. 4/5	Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Apr. 11 & 12	NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Spring Conferences
Fri. 4/19	Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Fri. 5/3	Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Fri. 5/17	Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Fri. 5/24	NO SCHOOL – K-12 PIR Day
Mon. 5/27	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day Holiday
Thurs. 6/6	Last Day of School – Students released at 12:45 p.m.

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18!**

**KINDERGARTEN/NEW STUDENT  
REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2019-2020**

The First Round of Enrollment for the 2019-2020 School Year for Kindergarten and New Students, grades 1-5, will begin Monday, March 4, 2019, and continue through Monday, April 8, 2019. Enrolling during the First Round increases your chance of getting into your attendance area school, but there is no guarantee. Everyone who enrolls during the above time period will be treated equally.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before September 10. All children who meet the age requirements are encouraged to register for kindergarten. If you are unsure and have any questions, please feel free to call. Readiness is being 5!

Registration for grades K-5 will be done online. Go to the District website ([www.bsd7.org](http://www.bsd7.org)) > Students and Parents Tab > Enrollment > Enrollment Instructions Grades K-5. The selection tab for the 2019-2020 School Year will not be available until Monday, March 4, 2019. If you do not have access to a computer, two computer stations will be available at the Enrollment Office in the Willson Building, 404 West Main St., Room 133. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any questions, please call Sandi Chamberlain, Enrollment Secretary, at 406-522-6005.

A copy of a Certified Birth Certificate and most up-to-date Immunization Records are required at time of registration! These documents may be returned to the Enrollment Office at 404 W Main St, Rm 133. You may also fax to 406-522-6091 or email to [sandi.chamberlain@bsd7.org](mailto:sandi.chamberlain@bsd7.org).

If your student is currently enrolled in the Bozeman Public Schools, you do not need to complete the online enrollment process again. An "Intent to Return" form for the 2019-2020 School Year will be sent home with your child the last week of March. This form must be returned to the school by Monday, April 1.

Please call Sandi Chamberlain, Enrollment Secretary, at 406-522-6005 with any questions.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OWEN  
ANDREWS AND ZAYVEON LEAGONS!**

Congratulations to Owen Andrews and ZayVeon Leagons for being Whittier's top 2 spellers! Owen will compete in the County Spelling Bee and Zayveon will be his backup in case he cannot attend. Congratulations to both of you for being such good spellers!

**ATTENTION 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS  
6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REGISTRATION NIGHT!**

**Please mark your calendars for this very important event!**

**CJMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade Registration/Meeting Night** will be on February 21, 2019 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the CJMS gym. Please mark your calendars for this very important date. **Students are encouraged to attend.**

**SMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade Registration Night** will be on February 21, 2019 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.. **This night is for parents/guardians only (due to space.)**

The middle schools will be sending home flyers to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians about this Parent/Registration Meeting Night. **Please plan to attend this very important evening to pick up your student's 6<sup>th</sup> grade registration packet.**

**TIPS FROM YOUR PARENT LIAISON  
VONDA DAVIS 406-922-1600**

**Getting Kids to Listen**

One of the hardest parts of parenting is getting our kids to listen to us, and then, of course, getting them to do what we ask. Here are a few ideas for being more effective:

- **Think Before You Speak.** If you ask your kids to clean up the family room, don't allow the mess to remain for the night. If you threaten to cancel your child's party if he sasses you again, you have to actually cancel the party when he sasses again. Following through is critical.
- **Give one command at a time.** Children have a hard time remembering more than one thing at a time. Avoid stringing commands together. For example, "Put your toys in the bin" instead of "Put your toys away, wash your hands, and come to dinner."
- **Control Your Emotions.** Kids often key in on your anger, but miss the point of your words. Instead, keep your voice even and calm, and your words clear and specific. If you can't do that in the moment, then say, "I need to think about what I want to say to you, and I'm upset right now. In 20 minutes we will talk".
- **State commands positively.** Tell your child what to "GO" do instead of what not to do. Avoid the use of "no", "don't", "stop", "quit it", etc. For example, "Keep your feet on the ground," instead of, "Stop climbing on the furniture."
- **Give brief rationales.** For example, "We are going to the store, so put on your coat." A longer rationale is not needed and only creates confusion.
- **Reward compliance.** Immediately acknowledge that your child has completed a request by using praise, attention, and affection.



