

Whitman Wildcats Weekly

May 5-9 is Staff Appreciation Week: Please let the staff at Whitman know how much you appreciate them! The PTSA/Staff Appreciation Committee are planning events throughout the week to thank our wonderful staff for all they do.

Math Concepts Sheet for Placement Test Help: Students not currently enrolled in Advanced Math who are planning to take the Advanced Math placement test can pick up a concept sheet from Mrs. Chandler in the main office (during lunch or after school only).

Also, check out the Connected Mathematics website for practice tests:

www.phschool.com/cmp2

Let's Get Real – This Wednesday Third Period: There is one more viewing for parents and caregivers to come see the contemporary and moving documentary "Let's Get Real." This video addresses the issues that our kids face in school regarding bullying and harassment. The presentation takes about 35 minutes. If you can't make this last viewing you can check out the DVD from the Whitman Library to view at home. If you would like to check out a copy, please go the Library during school hours and it will be available at the library desk. Any questions? Please call Rene T. Murry 206-783-6010.

Thursday Night: Girls Volleyball Playoff: Come out and support our lady Wildcats as they take on Washington for a semi-final playoff game. The Wildcats first step to a possible championship begins @ 6:30 p.m. at Ballard High School.

Cat Tracks Coming Soon: In fact, on Friday, May 23 each grade will be released from class to go and walk/run around our awesome, new track to raise funds for Whitman. Each student who participates will have 40 minutes to move around the track. There will be many fun raffle prizes to be won; in addition, there will be 3 grand prizes that will go to the 3 Whitman students who raise the most funds. Be on the alert, information and envelopes will be sent home on Wednesday, May 7. Show your Wildcat Pride and rock around the track on May 23. Go Wildcats!!!!!!

Walk and Run for Our PE Department: Hey all you Wildcat runners and walkers, sign up for the Nike 5K Race starting at Niketown on **May 10!** Let's get a big Wildcat group out there running/walking in Wildcat gear! Have your child see PE teacher, Ms. Jones for all the forms and information that are needed for the race. Designate Whitman as your school and all the proceeds will benefit our PE program and would be greatly appreciated by the PE teachers.

An Easy Way to Raise Money for Whitman and Shop Local

Interra is a Seattle-based non-profit company that has launched the Puget Sound Community Change (PSCC) program. The PSCC offers the public a free card, which when used at selected local businesses, awards the cardholder a cash discount. The free cards are available online at the website: <http://www.pugetsound.cc/>

It works like a credit card in that it is processed using similar technology. A rebate is generated every time card is swiped at a participating merchant. For a list of merchants, see <http://www.sgnl.org/hl/pssc-merchant-list.html>. A percentage of the transaction is returned to the customer and an equal percentage is donated to a local non-profit or school. Whitman Middle School can easily be made your beneficiary. You can sign obtain your card right now by signing up at the PSCC website.

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Upcoming Dates

May

5/7 – Let's Get Real Video Showing

5/5 – 5/9 – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

513 – PTSA Board Meeting

5/21 – 2-hour early dismissal

5/22 – PTSA General Meeting

June

6/10 – PTSA Board Meeting in Library

6/11 – Late Start

6/16 – Eighth Grade

Promotion – 7 pm

6/17 – Last Day of School One hour early dismissal

Volunteer Box

Music Tutoring Supervision

Help: Parent volunteers needed to provide supervision during Wednesday music tutoring. An easy gig, as we need an adult to make sure kids are safe, and the room is locked up before we all leave.

Date: Wednesdays

Time: 2:15-4 pm

Contact: Scott Radford
(swradford@msn.com)

Lunch Time Hall Monitor

Date: Tue, Wed or Thu

Time: 10:45-12:15

Contact: Connie Sandstrom -
cjsarchitect@comcast.net

WILDCAT PRIDE

May 30 – Spirit Days

LOCAL EVENTS & CLASSES

Summer Camps Listings Online

We've created a special page that summarizes all of the summer camp choices we received to date. We will continue to add to this page as we receive more notices. If you have a camp you would like listed please send the link to Julia Detering at jrdetering@comcast.net. Check it out:
http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/whitman/news_summer_events.html

Enrichment Programs Scholarship Awards

The Assistance League of Seattle is pleased to offer extracurricular Enrichment Scholarships to students who are currently enrolled in grades 6 through 11. These scholarships are awarded annually to eligible students exhibiting keen interest in a variety of fields such as music, art, science, debate, mathematics, language, drama, technology, leadership and journalism. Assistance League of Seattle will evaluate all applications on a competitive and impartial basis. The maximum award is \$500 per student. See your grade level counselor for an application.

Free Educational Assessments and Counseling

The UW invites parents and their children to participate in the school psychology programs testing and counseling practicum courses set up through the University of Washington's Educational Psychology Department. FREE assessments and counseling sessions are offered by graduate students in training, under supervision of faculty, throughout the year. Interested? Please contact Joan Waiss Clinic Coordinator University of Washington at 206-616-6362 or contact your Whitman grade level counselor for more information.

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