



A weekly publication of the Whitman PTSA

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WELCOME TO THE WHISTLE

Welcome to the first issue of the "Whitman Whistle" for the 2005-2006 school year. This is a weekly publication, sponsored by the Whitman PTSA, intended to provide a quick at-a-glance view of Whitman's events, information, and dates to remember. Future Whistle issues will be distributed via email, so if you have not already provided us with your email address, please send it to Cindy Peterson, at doncinpete@comcast.net. If you do not have access to a computer, ask your student to stop by the Main Office, Room 101, or the Library each week to pick up a copy.

OSP STARTING SOON!

The Out-of-School Program (OSP) at Whitman Middle School is getting ready to kick-off its 2005 classes. Permission slips were passed out to interested students this week. Registration will be held outside the cafeteria during lunches on September 20th & 22nd. Please contact the Out-of-School Program Coordinator, Christina Arcidy at 423-3004 with any questions.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE BEGINS

The Whitman Ultimate Frisbee program is a no-cut sport and the first practice is on Tuesday, September 20th, 2:30-4:00pm at the lower field. Future practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-4:00pm. Games are on Saturday mornings at Ingraham High School starting September 24th. Depending on the turnout, the squad may be divided into two teams for purposes of league play. You must have an athletic registration and physical form on file with the school nurse prior to participation. The physical form, once completed, is good for 24 months. Check with the school nurse if you're unsure if your child needs a new physical form. The athletic registration portion of the form must be completed each year. Forms are available in the Whitman offices or you can access the form at <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/athletics/REGPHYSICAL.pdf>. Please have your child come to practice ready to play with cleats, water, appropriate athletic wear (shorts or sweats) and optionally, an Ultimate disc. If you have any questions or for more information, please call Coach Ben Goldfarb at 783-3497.

SAVE THE DATE-BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to School Night (formerly known as Curriculum Night) will be on Thursday, September 29th. The evening will begin at 6:30pm with PTSA volunteers available to discuss various PTSA activities. At 7:00pm, Principal, Robert Kogane, will welcome parents and explain the format of the evening. A brief PTSA meeting will follow, which will include a Pass The Hat. So bring your checkbooks and cash and use this opportunity to contribute to your child's school. At 7:30pm the bell will ring and parents will head to their child's first period class to meet their child's teacher. By the end of the evening parents will have visited all six of their student's classes.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture Day is Friday, September 16th. If you are purchasing pictures, please complete the packet and have your child bring the packet with money on September 16th. All students will have their pictures taken as needed for their school ID and library card. Any questions, please contact Mary Wong at marwong@juno.com.

P.E. T-Shirts

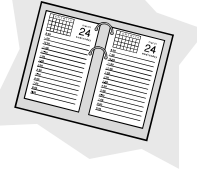
The Whitman P.E. shirts may now be purchased at the School Store. The School Store is open each morning before school and during all three lunch periods. T-shirts come in 5 different sizes (S, M, L, XL, and XXL) and cost \$7.00 each, please make your checks payable to Whitman PTSA.

FALL BOOK FAIR

The Secret Garden Bookshop will be sponsoring the fall Book Fair in the Whitman library, September 26th - 30th. Books may be purchased before school, during lunch, and throughout the Back to School night on September 29th. The Whitman library will receive a credit at the Secret Garden based on the number of books sold. Please use this opportunity to purchase some excellent books and support the Whitman library at the same time.

WHISPERS DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the October issue of the *Whispers* newsletter is tomorrow, September 16th. Please send articles to CMKeder@msn.com.



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 16
Picture Day
(Bring picture packet with money)

All First Day Packets are due

Whispers Deadline

September 20 - 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Ultimate Frisbee Practice
Lower Field

September 20 & 22-During Lunch
Out-of-School Program sign-ups

September 26 - 30
Fall Book Fair
Whitman Library

September 27 - October 12
ASB Fundraiser
Magazine Sale

September 28
Two-Hour Early Dismissal
(Professional Development Time)

September 29 - 7:00pm
Back to School Night

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