



Whittier

January 2015



Principal Message

January is a great time for new beginnings, and we are starting an attendance incentive program right away! Each class is setting a goal for attendance. If they reach that goal for the day (100% attendance or only 1 student or so missing), or are 100% tardy-free for the day, they get to color in a space on their attendance chart. Each attendance chart will spell a word like, "GREAT!" When they fill in a word, the class will earn a "college degree" in this order: trade school, associate's degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctoral degree. Then the class can set another goal and fill in another word for a higher college degree. Each degree will bring with it a diploma and a prize for the entire class. In this way, we hope to encourage good attendance and help students realize that good attendance will help them prepare to be college and career ready.

Please make sure your students bundle up for the weather this month. Most days, students will be going outside to play at recess time, since most students need a chance to run around a bit and unwind. When the temperature is extremely cold (about 20 degrees F or lower including wind chill), we will keep students inside.

Some of our best learning months are January-March, so we look forward to some great learning at Whittier!

-Lynette Golze

Parent Portal Instructions

Instructions for setting up your parent portal in English and Spanish are on the Granite District website (on the right) at: www.graniteschools.org



Food Drive

We are doing our annual food drive from January 9-23, with a theme centered around the "Souper Bowl". Watch for more details.

Science Fair

It is fast-approaching time for our Science Fair, which will be held on Thursday, January 29th. Your child's project may be due at some time before that so that it can be judged by grade level. Top projects from the grade levels will be judged by the judges for possible school awards. All projects will be on display for parents to see in a walk-through on Jan 29th from 3:45-5:00 PM. Awards will be given at 5:00 PM on that day.

See you there!



Community Café

CEP Partnerships invites our parents to attend Community Café, which is an opportunity once or twice a month to meet as parents, discuss the issues your children face, enjoy a light breakfast and be an active participant in our community, whether you speak English or Spanish. We launched the program in November and had another successful Community Café in December. Parents expressed a need for more supervision on the playground before school, so a few of the parents are now going to be trained to be volunteers on the playground, wearing the yellow vests like our duties. This month it will be held on Jan 22nd at 9:05 AM in the school cafeteria. Childcare and translators will be provided.

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Upcoming Events

Community Council
Tue Jan 6 4:00 PM
PTA Meeting
Thu Jan 8 9:30 AM
No School
Fri Jan 16 & Mon Jan 19
Community Café
Thu Jan 22 9:05 AM
Science Fair
Walk-Through Thu Jan 29 3:45-5:00 PM
Awards Thu Jan 29 5:00 PM
Weekly Open Parent Time
Wednesdays 4:00 -5:30