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The Whittier Word

J.G. Whittier "STEM" Education Campus

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Whittier families:

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed their break and have come back refreshed and ready to learn! The school year seems to be rapidly moving along and we are working very diligently as a staff to meet the needs of every student. Our focus has been in the last few months, and will continue

to be in the future, on using student data to drive instruction. Now would be a good time to continue to reinforce the concepts of perseverance, high expectations, academic excellence, empathy, and personal responsibility to your children. Persist in encouraging your children to accept nothing less than

their best efforts as they prepare for their future in this competitive world. One of my major focuses for Whittier is to increase the home and school relationship. My goal is to be completely transparent with parents and the community as we work together to ensure a bright future for every child. In order to do that I ask that you please attend functions such as the Parent/Principal Book-club and Breakfast with the Principal each month so that we can share knowledge about educational trends and strategies as well as discuss any questions or concerns that you may have. Please be sure to make time to attend your child's parent-teacher conference on Monday, February 28th. You should be sure to



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically..Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

prepare questions ahead of time and bring your child to the meeting to assess their own learning.

Yours In Education,

Nicole Clifton, Ed.D
Principal

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- www.k12.dc.us
- **Whittier Website:**
www.whittierdc.net
- **Whittier Facebook Page:**
www.facebook.com/WhittierEC
- **Main Office Contact Line:**
(202) 576-6156

Mission Statement

The mission of J.G. Whittier Education Campus is to provide an interactive, hands-on approach to inquiry and project based learning focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Principal/Parent Bookclub & Breakfast with the Principal Reminders

Principal/Parent Bookclub

The next principal/parent book-club meeting will be on Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 9:15-10:00am in the parent center Room 230.

Breakfast with the Principal

The next breakfast with the principal will be Friday, January 21st, 2011 from 9:00-10:00 am in the parent center. For more information on these events please feel free to contact our

parent coordinator Ms. Lertia Lopes by e-mail at

lertia.lopes@dc.gov.



EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

Weather-related closings and schedule changes are announced on the local radio and television stations, as well as on the DCPS website. In case of other emergencies, information will be announced on the website and local radio stations as soon as possible.

Parents should make arrangements for the care of their children. When schools close early or for the entire day, all after-school activities and athletic events are canceled for the day.

8 ways to get information about emergencies, delays/closing in DCPS

1. DCPS homepage
2. Sign up to receive e-mail alerts
3. Follow us on Twitter
4. Follow us on Facebook
5. Sign up to receive text messages from Twitter by texting follow depublicschools to 40404



6. Listen to the radio
7. Watch the news channels on TV
8. Call (202) 442-5885 or 311 for DC's citywide call center

*“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”
~ Malcolm X*

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!!

Classroom group pictures will be taken on Wednesday, January 19th! We ask that all students please wear their uniforms on this day. Students will be able to purchase a copy of their group picture in a 5X7 or 8x10 size. The cost of a

5X7 photo will be \$8.00 and an 8X10 photo will be \$10.00. **Money is due ON picture day.** Students will receive an order form to fill out for their picture purchase. If you have any questions please feel free to contact

the main office at (202) 576-6156.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 14th—Professional Development Day—No School for students
- 17th—Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observed—School Closed
- 19th—Class Picture Day
- 20th—Parent/Principal Bookclub—9:15-10:00 am
- 21st—Breakfast with the Principal—9:00-10:00 am
- 21st—Records Day—Students Dismissed at 12:15

February

- 3rd—STEM night—5:30-7:00pm
- 9th—Domestic Violence in Relationships Workshop 9:00-10:00 am

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression.”

- Albert Einstein