

J.G. Whittier "STEM" Education Campus *The Whittier Word*

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Whittier Vision Statement

To prepare all students to become life-long, innovative, learners and productive competitors in the ever-changing 21st century.

Whittier 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.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
~ Dr. Seuss

Principal's Message

Greetings Whittier Families! I would like to start off by thanking those parents who attended our last parent conference day on February 28th. We enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. The success of our students is reflective upon supportive parents. Anytime you have a question, concern or just want to share information, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

March is literacy month at Whittier EC!! Students will be participating in activities throughout the month that focus on increasing their literacy awareness. Please remember to share the joy

of reading with your child by spending time reading with them each day.

With the arrival of March means spring is just around the corner! Weather this time of year is unpredictable and requires the need to pay close attention to the forecast and how your child is dressed for school. Please help to ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately to go outside for recess. It's easy to take off a coat, jacket or gloves, but difficult to keep those arms and legs warm when they are only wearing shorts, skirts, or a t-shirt on a day when it is chilly in

the morning.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents that the DC-CAS is quickly approaching. The DC CAS will be given from April 4-7th and April 11-14th.

Please make sure that your child is at school on time everyday so that they can get all the instructional time they need to **SMASH THE DC-CAS!**

Yours In Education,

Nicole Clifton, Ed. D.

Special points of interest:

- > www.k12.dc.us
- > www.whittierdc.net
- > www.facebook.com/WhittierEC
- > Main Office Contact:
202-576-6156

Enrollment for the 2011-2012 School Year Starts April 1st!

Whittier will begin accepting applications for all grades for the 2011-2012 school year starting April 1st. In addition to completing the enrollment form, parents of returning students will need to bring their proof of residency and an up to date health certificate in order to be officially enrolled. New and transfer students will need to bring proof of residency, an up to date health certificate, birth certificate and any records from their former schools if possible. For more information, feel free to call the main office at (202)-576-6156.



Standardized Tests—Choose to do well!

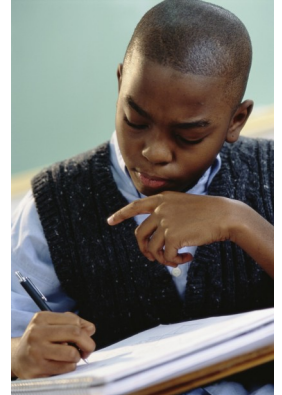
True or false: standardized tests are tough. The answer depends on how prepared your child is. Here are four ways to help your child handle their test:

1. Explain that the tests will show how much they have learned. Encourage them to try their best, but don't put so much emphasis on them that they feel stressed.
2. Practice the test format. For example, your child might have to read a para-
3. Limit activities the night before tests. You may want to avoid activities that may require your child being up late. Be sure your child gets to bed on time and sets an

graph and answer questions. Using one of their textbooks, have them look at the questions at the end of the section first and then read the passage. That will help them know what to read for and how to find the answers.

4. On test day, give your child an energy-boosting breakfast. Try to include both protein (eggs, yogurt, or milk) and carbohydrates (fruit, oatmeal, toast).

alarm for the next morning.



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winners!!

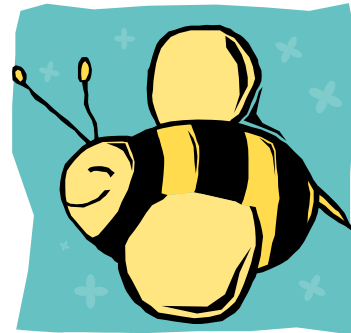
We would like to give special recognition to our Whittier Spelling Bee winners!

NIH Spelling Bee Winners

- 1st place—**Skyah Davis**—5th grade
 2nd place—**Taliyah Cook**—6th grade
 3rd place—**Raymond Ramsey**—6th grade

Elementary Spelling Bee Winners

- 1st place—**Steven Manangan**—1st grade
 2nd place—**Zavion Banks**—2nd grade
 3rd place—**Adam Thomas**—2nd grade



**“ We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.”
 ~ Aristotle**

Upcoming Events

March

- 17th—Principal/Parent book club- 9:15-10:00 am
 18th—Professional Development Day—No school for students
 25th—Records Day—Students dismissed at 12:15
 25th—Breakfast with the Principal- 9:00-10:00 am

April

- 4-7th—DC-CAS
 8th—Report Cards Issued
 11-14th—DC-CAS

