



## The Whittier Weekly

10/15/2020

**Whittier International Elementary**  
315 W. 26th St. Minneapolis, MN 55404

**THE BEST SOURCE OF THE MOST UPDATED WHITTIER INFO IS ON OUR WEBSITE:**

<http://whittier.mpls.k12.mn.us>

**No school on these days:**

**Thursday, October 15**

**Friday, October 16**

**See you next on -**



## Note from Principal Lamberty

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Good Afternoon Whittier Families - This is Principal Lamberty reaching out and checking in.

This year's online book fair starts Saturday October 17th through October 30th. Visit the school website for all the information to shop and come to our special, socially distanced drive-thru and walk-up event next week, Thursday Oct 22 from 4-7pm at school. All purchases benefit our school, and students are encouraged to dress as their favorite storybook character. We are also hosting a free flu shot clinic for students and their families in Circle Drive at the same time. Hope to see you there!

Superintendent Graff has sent a family survey regarding your family's preference for continued distance learning, in-person learning, or a hybrid. As our district leadership gathers data on family preferences, your needs for your family count! Please make sure you let us know what your preferences are for your child's learning as the year progresses.

Please plan on joining us for Whittier's Site Council meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, via Zoom. I will share the State of the Schools presentation, updates on the CDD, and begin our work on transforming from a Magnet school to a Community school. I value your voices and ideas and look forward to the collaboration that will help us ensure we become a community school that truly serves and is led by our community.

Due to the long weekend, there will be no coffee with the principal this week, we will return on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Be well, be kind to yourself and others, and don't forget to take time to just BE

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## School Supplies & Tech Support

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Come pick up your art supplies, school supplies and iPad (grades High 5 – Grade 2) or Chromebook (Grades 3 – 5) and hotspot (if you need one). Our device supplies are running low and we are waiting for the District to replenish iPads, Chromebooks, and Hotspots – call before coming if you need a device to make sure we have some available

See below what additional supplies we now have ready for pickup:

<b>Kinder and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:</b>	Phonics!
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade:</b>	Phonics, Science, and Math
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> grades:</b>	Science kits and Unit 2 Math Books - HANDS OFF THE SCIENCE KITS UNTIL YOUR TEACHER SAYS TO OPEN THEM FOR CLASS!!
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b>	a book!! (in addition to the above)
<b>All grades:</b>	None available right now – more PE equipment should be here the week of 10/19 – stay tuned

Come to Door #15 at Circle Drive – ring the buzzer and we will be out to help you! **\*Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Tuesdays EXPANDED HOURS 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM.**

**\*THIS COMING MONDAY OCTOBER 19 ONLY – WE WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 9:30 AM!!**

**Whittier Tech Support:** We are here in person to help \*Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Tuesdays EXPANDED HOURS 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

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We also have **Somali in-person tech support** Monday and Wednesday afternoons, 12:00-4:00 with Mr. Ahmed Warsame.

If you would prefer to call the help desk, the number is 612-668-0088 or the [MPS Tech Support Website](#) is also very helpful.

## **Whittier Site Council October Meeting**

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### **The Next Whittier Site Council meeting: October 27th, 6pm-8pm, via Zoom**

Please join us for our October Whittier Site Council meeting. All are welcome to attend, and your voices are critical as we begin the process of planning our transition to a Community School.

#### **The Agenda:**

1. Community School Playbook
2. Specialty Schools update
3. State of the Schools
4. Co-chair, Secretary

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84445229291?pwd=SHVMOW5jVDRmVm81UTJrNEFwcDRSZz09>

Meeting ID: 844 4522 9291

Passcode: 3p9cC5

### **La próxima reunión del Consejo del Sitio de Whittier: 27 de octubre, de 6 p.m. a 8 p.m., a través de Zoom**

Únase a nosotros para nuestra reunión del Consejo del Sitio de Whittier en octubre. Todos son bienvenidos y sus voces son críticas mientras comenzamos el proceso de planificación de nuestra transición a una escuela comunitaria.

#### **La agenda:**

Libro de estrategias de la escuela comunitaria

Actualización de escuelas especializadas

Estado de las escuelas

Copresidente, Secretario

#### **Unirse a la reunión de Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84445229291?pwd=SHVMOW5jVDRmVm81UTJrNEFwcDRSZz09>

ID de reunión: 844 4522 9291

Código de acceso: 3p9cC5

### **Shirka Golaha Goobta ee Whittier Next: Oktoobar 27th, 6 pm-8pm, iyada oo loo marayo Zoom**

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Bugga Ciyaaraha ee Dugsiga Bulshada

Cusbooneysiinta Dugsiyada Gaarka ah

Xaalada Dugsiyada

Wada-guddoomiye, Xoghaye

#### **Ku soo biir Kulan Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84445229291?pwd=SHVMOW5jVDRmVm81UTJrNEFwcDRSZz09>

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# Registration Forms for New Families

We will send reminder emails to all our new Whittier families regarding **important registration materials**. Please be sure to complete these forms ASAP. Feel free to drop off your completed forms at Whittier any time Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (expanded hours on Tuesdays 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM). If you have any questions, please call Jeannie Modaff at 612-668-4173. Thanks everyone for your efforts on this!

## Shop the 2020 Whittier Book Fair

Support our school & shop our  
**ONLINE FAIR**



You're invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair online **October 17-30!** All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more. You'll love these special online shopping features:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25
- All purchases **support our school** and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" – **the online sale starts Saturday, Oct 17!**

**LINK:** <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/whittiempls>

### Drive-thru/Walk-up Book Fair event: Thurs. 10/22 4:00-7:00 pm

Keeping your family safe is our priority. That's why we're taking extra precautions to host a safe, socially distanced Drive-Thru/Walk-Up Fair. This special, outdoor event will exclusively offer "Best of the Book Fair" value packs including Scholastic's best sellers for grades K-2 or 3-5. For details on what's included, visit the online book fair shopping link or go to [https://whittier.mpls.k12.mn.us/whittier\\_book\\_fair.html](https://whittier.mpls.k12.mn.us/whittier_book_fair.html).

Each pack includes a bonus tote bag, invisible ink pen and bookmark. Please wear a mask and practice physical distancing at the event. Cashless (credit/debit cards only).

**BEST OF THE BOOK FAIR VALUE PACKS AVAILABLE AT DRIVE-UP EVENT!**

	Grades K-2	Grades 3-5
	\$19.99 +tax	\$39.99 +tax
	\$19.99 +tax	\$39.99 +tax

**BONUS TOTE U.V. PEN & BOOKMARK INCLUDED!**

**Extra Books for Whittier Kids!** Whittier PTA is collecting donations in any amount toward purchasing books and will work with staff to surprise Whittier students who could benefit from more books at home or some reading recognition. These purchases will earn Whittier additional Scholastic credits school can use to buy books, classroom supplies, technology and more. Visit <https://whittier-international-pta.square.site/> and look for the Book Fair Sponsorship item.

**Want to volunteer at the outdoor event?** Contact [whittier.pta.mpls@gmail.com](mailto:whittier.pta.mpls@gmail.com) to sign up.

## Free Flu Shot Clinic

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Whittier International Elementary School is hosting a free flu shot clinic at the same time as our book fair event: **Thursday, Oct. 22 from 4-7pm in Circle Drive**. Shots are available for Whittier staff, students and families. Protect yourself against the flu (influenza). If you have a health insurance card please bring it along, and we ask that you bring your own pen to complete forms.



## MacPhail Center for Music and Whittier International

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### MacPhail Music Updates (4th and 5th grade)

Registration is officially closed. Thank you for your continued patience as we work together to launch MacPhail music instruction the week of October 26th. A couple of updates:

- Families/students will receive their MacPhail schedule via email the week of **Oct. 19** (day/time/instructor)
- Students will begin their lessons the week of **Oct. 26th**.
- **Instrument distribution** will continue next week from Circle Drive. If your child's registration indicated that they need a **loaner keyboard or violin**, these are available for pick up all week. Come to Door #15 at Circle Drive – ring the buzzer and we will be out to help you!  
**\*Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Tuesdays EXPANDED HOURS 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. \*THIS COMING MONDAY OCTOBER 19 ONLY – WE WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 9:30 AM!!**
- Student musicians must also pick up their **music books**.
- Lastly, if you have any questions ... please contact **IB Coordinator Libby Dominguez** at [libby.dominguez@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:libby.dominguez@mpls.k12.mn.us). You will also receive emails for instructors next week who will be great resources for you on your child's musical journey this year!

## (Virtual) Coffee with the Principal – next one 10/23/20

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Principal Lamberty is inviting you, parents, to a scheduled Zoom meeting for virtual Coffee with the Principal. Fridays, 10:30 – 11:00 AM, virtual, of course! Join the Zoom Meeting by clicking on the link below – this information is also on our website:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89855515281?pwd=aWQzR21DM045SEdJc1ZrVTZuTFRrZz09&from=msft>

Meeting ID: 898 5551 5281

Passcode: 3ktrzt



## Possible “Bell Time” Changes

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As part of the Comprehensive District Design, our district is considering "Bell Time" changes. This means that they are looking at the start and end times for all schools and may be making changes. Please take a moment to review the information in this presentation, and on the website linked below. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to Principal Lamberty and share your thoughts. Feel free to join her at her next Coffee with the Principal! (Friday

mornings, 10:30 AM, via Zoom – see above)

<https://mpls.rev.vbrick.com/#/videos/bbcdb214-cc32-439b-a367-75de082fc2ec>

[https://transportation.mpls.k12.mn.us/bell\\_time\\_schedules](https://transportation.mpls.k12.mn.us/bell_time_schedules)

## Hennepin County Library Services and Resources

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Click here for an [overview of current Hennepin County library services](#) that may be helpful for you and your child, or visit the [Hennepin County website](#) here.

## Whittier Health Office

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### **WELCOME BACK WOLVES! Just want you to know...**

We are contacting parents to let you know if their student's immunizations are not up to date. We understand that these are challenging times to seek medical attention and ask that you talk to your student's health care provider to see what they currently advise.

As we move forward, Minneapolis Public Schools will be following guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding immunizations during the pandemic. Currently, the Minnesota Department of Health states:

*Health care providers should continue vaccinating during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially infants who are at high risk of getting vaccine-preventable diseases. Slowing or stopping access to vaccinations increases our risk of other disease outbreaks.*

Please let us know (include your contact information if you want to be contacted) if you have questions or if we can provide additional information or be of help.

Sincerely,

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## Educational Benefits – Free & Reduced Lunch

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[Complete the Application for Educational Benefits online.](#) – follow the link!

## Physical Education (PE/Gym) with Ms. Bryand

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PE activities are posted on the specialists Website:

<https://sites.google.com/mpls.k12.mn.us/whittierspecialists/home>

Students can get to this site several ways. There are links on the classroom teachers Seesaw, google classroom & Clever pages and the Whittier website. <https://whittier.mpls.k12.mn.us/> click staff then specialists.

You need to know your child's email for the username and password so that you can help them log in. You can also get technical support by bringing your device to Whittier at door 15, circle drive at 26<sup>th</sup> and Grand Ave or call 612-668-0088

The best way to communicate with Ms. B is email: [nancy.bryand@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:nancy.bryand@mpls.k12.mn.us)

## Music with Ms. Bennett

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**Starting with Week 5, exit forms will be part of students' grades.**

Be sure that your child is successfully submitting the exit form at the end of each week's lesson. Students who did not complete their Week 5 Exit Form have received an assignment in Seesaw. Contact Ms. Bennett if you want to know if your child is getting them completed or if you need help submitting them.

Music lessons are hosted on the [New Music Website](#).

The **site is accessible only to MPS accounts**, so be sure that you know your child's username and password so that you can help them **log in to the browser**.

This is different than logging into Clever or Seesaw, etc.; **they must be logged into the browser to be admitted**. There are links placed in the Music Seesaw & Clever pages as well.

Check with your teacher or the Whittier Office to find help.

The best way to communicate with Ms. Bennett is by email: [kbennett@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:kbennett@mpls.k12.mn.us)

## Whittier Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

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Whittier International  
Elementary School  
**PTA**



You are invited to join our brand-new [Whittier International School Community](#) group on Facebook! This group is for the Whittier International School community to connect to each other. Ask questions! Share information! Offer tips and tricks that help your student in distance learning!

The Whittier Parent-Teacher Association administrates the Facebook group, but you do not need to be a PTA member to join. Everyone is welcome.

If you want to support the PTA, you can [become a PTA member here!](#) A paid membership is not necessary to be active in the PTA at Whittier, but the support of people like you pays for MacPhail music lessons, requested supplies for teachers and students (we bought apps and online tools for teachers last spring), staff appreciation gifts, and membership scholarships. Annual membership in the PTA is \$8 for an individual or \$15 for a family membership (two members). Regardless of ability to pay, all parents, caregivers, teachers, and staff are welcome and encouraged to participate in the PTA. Free scholarship memberships are available if your budget does not allow for the expense. Please contact us at [whittier.pta.mpls@gmail.com](mailto:whittier.pta.mpls@gmail.com) to inquire about a scholarship.

## Beep! Beep! Beep!

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Do you hear that beeping sound? Could be you need to change the batteries in your smoke alarm. Take it down from the wall and see what kind of batteries it takes – AA? 9V? Check it out, replace the batteries, and the beeping will stop, and you and your family will be safe.

## Community Ed Corner

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### Community Education

#### Fall Community Ed

Class are underway! For those of you who registered for ART BUDDIES PENPALS, look for your first letter soon!

#### Safe Routes to School Surveys

There is still time to complete your Safe Routes to School Survey. These surveys will help guide Minneapolis Public Works as they implement improvements for walking and biking at several intersections near Whittier. Here is the link for the survey:

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GXWZTKV>

*Todavía hay tiempo para completar su Encuesta de Rutas Seguras a la Escuela. Estas encuestas ayudarán a guiar a Minneapolis Public Works a medida que implementan mejoras para caminar y andar en bicicleta en varias intersecciones cerca de Whittier. Aquí está el enlace de la encuesta:*

Español: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GXVRNRZ>

As always, give us a holler if you have any questions!

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## Free School Meal Boxes for All Youth

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All families are invited to pick up free school meal boxes for their children. School meal boxes contain five breakfasts and five lunches and meet Minneapolis Public Schools Culinary & Wellness Services' (MPS CWS) high standards for nutrition and quality ingredients. In every box, children will find school favorites, whole grains, fresh fruits, and vegetables. Milk is offered on the side, up to ten milk cartons per box.

- All youth 18 & under can participate.
- Youth do not need to be enrolled in MPS.
- Youth, parents, or siblings can pick up one box per child, per week.
- Pick up at any of the 29 school **sites** - no registration required.
- All sites are open Monday through Friday, most from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a few have extended hours of 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (**Whittier is available until 5 p.m.**)

**WHITTIER FOOD PICKUP: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday at Door #19** (From 27<sup>th</sup> Street, follow the winding path or take the stairs all the way up toward the main entrance. Door #19 is to the LEFT of the main entrance.)

Please follow this link for more information about [School Meal Box Pickup](#).



# Important Information about Voting November 3

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## GET OUT THE VOTE!!

Click here for information on [how to vote](#).

## Election Day is approaching: Make a plan to cast your ballot

We're just five weeks away from Election Day, Nov. 3. Early voting began on Sept. 18 and the City has mailed over 130,000 requested mail ballots out to voters. Voting by mail is CDC recommended this year, but you may still vote in person either early or on Election Day.

The Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave., makes [early in-person voting](#) more convenient for Minneapolis voters. It's especially helpful to people who need language support or other special accommodations, such as curbside voting. While we are in a pandemic, voting early can help people avoid lines and crowds at polling places on the day of the election.

The Early Vote Center's hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (*closed Monday, Oct. 12*). The center will have extended hours for the final two weeks of voting, including Saturday and Sunday hours. For the last seven days of early voting, the City will open two additional Early Vote Centers. [All early voting hours and locations are posted on the Elections & Voter Services website.](#)

**YourCity. YourVote.**

Minneapolis  
OFFICIAL AIRMAILED BALLOTING MATERIAL  
Early by mail

EARLY VOTE CENTER  
Early in person

NOVEMBER 3  
On Election Day