



## The Whittier Weekly

11/5/2020

**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 Friday, November 6**

**The building will be closed.**

**No food box pickup or supplies pickup until Monday, November 9.**



# School Supplies & Tech Support



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). Please 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:

## High 5:

Please don't forget to pick up your child's new High 5 Learning Pack! **We will start to use these materials on Monday, November 9th.** Please pick up any day this week at Door 15.

## High 5 Packets include:

New colored wipe board markers, erasers, playdough, playdough letter mats, cutting practice worksheets, math group packets, alphabet books, etc. **PLEASE KEEP THESE ITEMS ONLY FOR DISTANCE LEARNING!** We will be using these materials in small groups, large group live learning, and as added practice on SeeSaw.

## Kinder and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Phonics!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

Phonics, Science, and Math

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

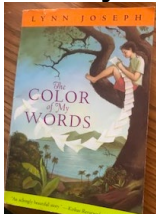
Unit 2 Math Books and Science Bags - *The science bags are from a scholarship we received from the MN Arboretum. We will use the materials in the bag for our science classes during the next 3 weeks. Please do not open the bag until your child's teacher tells you to do so.*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades:

Unit 2 Math Books, Science Kits\*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

### Literacy: The Color of My Words book



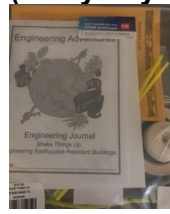
### Math: Fractions Unit Folder



### Ms. Malmgren's ELL Math: whiteboard and markers



### Science: Engineering Adventures Kit (many of you have already picked this up)



## All grades:

More PE equipment TBD – stay tuned

**\*HANDS OFF THE SCIENCE KITS UNTIL YOUR TEACHER SAYS TO OPEN THEM FOR CLASS!!**

**We also have iPad cases (for both sizes of iPads). If you would like one, please bring in the iPad with you, so we are sure it will fit!**

**For Supplies Pickup and Whittier Tech Support:** Come to Door #15 at Circle Drive – ring the buzzer and we will be out to help you! Hours: Mondays from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM; Tuesdays through Fridays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**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.

# MacPhail Center for Music and Whittier International

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## MacPhail Music

MacPhail Piano and Violin instruction has officially begun this week for our 33 registered 4th and 5th grade students! Student schedules and meeting links were shared last week/end via email and virtual classrooms. Loaner instruments and books are ready for you to pick up at Circle Drive ASAP!

Here's to another year of partnership with MacPhail Center for Music! Grateful for this 22-year partnership and the experiences it has provided for Whittier International students!

If you have questions about MacPhail and your registered student please contact Whittier International IB Coordinator, Libby Dominguez, [libby.dominguez@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:libby.dominguez@mpls.k12.mn.us)

## Social Work Corner

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### Dear 3-5 Grade Parents,

Every year I host **social emotional learning groups for students in 3, 4, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade**. Even though we are in distance learning, students may continue to benefit from these groups. Groups may focus on **emotion regulation, social skills, mental wellness, grief and loss, transitioning to middle school, mindfulness, or**

**any other area** in which there is an identified need. If you are interested in having your student participate in a social emotional learning group or have any questions, please complete the form below, contact me at 612-293-5505 (call or text) or email me at [tasha.novotny@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:tasha.novotny@mpls.k12.mn.us) .

[Social Emotional Group Interest Form](#)

### Nowhere to Call Home?

**If your family is in temporary or unstable housing**, then you may be protected under the McKinney-Vento Act. Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the rights to:

- Stay in the same school.
- Get school transportation, even across district lines.
- Immediately enroll in school without education records, immunization records, or proof of residency.
- Participate fully in school activities, including before and after school.
- Get free school meals.
- Receive other educational services.

If you have any questions or are in need of support, please reach out to your school social worker.

### Resource Reminder:

We know recent local and worldwide issues have created a great deal of anxiety and stress for our families. We also recognize that some of our families are coping with many other losses and hardships.

**School social workers and our interns are here to support you and your students in a variety of ways.** If you are interested in resources or support, please complete the form below or contact your school social worker.

[Resource Request Form](#)

**PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades: Laura Sanchez Garcia #612-234-7736**

**3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Federal Setting 3: Tasha Novotny #612-293-5505**

## 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 #8 – THAT'S THE GARAGE DOOR.** Please knock (don't buzz) and someone will be out to help you. You will need to wear a mask.

**\*\*IF SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED (FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6) THERE IS NO FOOD PICKUP AVAILABLE\*\***

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

## Music with Ms. Bennett

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**Exit forms are a big part of students' grades.** Be sure that your child is successfully submitting the exit form found at the bottom of the Assignment page each week. Students have until the end of Thursday of the following week to complete the previous week's form. Email Ms. Bennett if you want to know if your child is getting them completed or if you need help submitting them.

**Special message for 4th & 5th Graders:** This week there are Seesaw assignments in your Music class if you are missing exit forms or Soundtrap projects. Soundtrap is an amazing music creation tool. It is imperative that you complete the project each week. Read the directions & requirements and watch the how-to video for each project before you start. Be sure to get help during class meets or email me to set up an alternative time. If you fall behind, you will not know how to do the future projects.

The Music Website is accessible only to MPS accounts. Your child's MPS email and password need to be entered into the browser to access the site.

There are links to the Music site in the Music Seesaw Class & Music Clever pages. 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)

## Community Ed Corner – Art Buddies Pen Pals Update

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**Community Education**

All Art Buddies Pen Pals should have received their first letter by now! You'll see the pre-stamped return postcards for your student to send a letter back to their pen pal. If you haven't received your package yet, let Mr. Nacho know. We will figure it out!

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

Jeff "Nacho" Carlson, Community Education Coordinator, Whittier International Elementary  
[Jcarl001@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Jcarl001@mpls.k12.mn.us) / 612-205-8828

## 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)

## Whittier Health Office

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There's a lot of information out there about the flu. Know the difference between the myths and the facts.

Flu myths:	Flu facts:
The flu is just a bad cold.	The flu is a serious virus that hospitalizes nearly 100,000 people every year.
Not everyone needs a flu vaccine.	Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine every year, including the immunocompromised.
The flu vaccine gives you the flu or makes you sick.	The flu vaccine does not give you the flu or cause any infection.

HELLO WOLVES!

**Just want you to know...**

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,

AKPENE ASEMPA, RN, PHN, LSN

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PAT ARNOLD, HSA

Phone: 612-668-4186

Email: [Patricia.Arnold@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Patricia.Arnold@mpls.k12.mn.us)

## Educational Benefits – Free & Reduced Lunch

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

## 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 Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

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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.

## (Virtual) Coffee with the Principal – next one on Friday November 13

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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)

## 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.