

# Whittier Parent Newsletter

March 2019



## Letter from Principal Robinson:

Hello Whittier Family and Friends,

As we celebrate Women's History Month, I want to take the time to celebrate and recognize the amazing women of Whittier for ALL of the outstanding work being done at this school each day! Thank you for making a big difference in the lives of our young scholars! Additionally, I want to say thank you to ALL of the women in our community for all your dedication, hard work, and time devoted to ensuring our scholars are supported in and out of school. As a staff, we say thank you!

This month (March 11<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>), our young scholars will begin state testing. The state is no longer administering the PARCC assessment for 3rd-5th graders but will give a very similar test called the "[Illinois Assessment for Readiness](#)". Please ensure your scholars get a good night's rest and healthy breakfast in the morning.

As always, we thank you for all your support and collaboration as we ensure ALL students are successful here at Whittier – Where I belong!

Principal Robinson  
*Follow me via Twitter @PCLR Robinson*



## Upcoming Events

March 11<sup>th</sup> : 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade IAR testing

March 14<sup>th</sup> : 4<sup>th</sup> Grade IAR testing

March 15<sup>th</sup> : Irish Dance Troop Performance (grades 3-5 only)

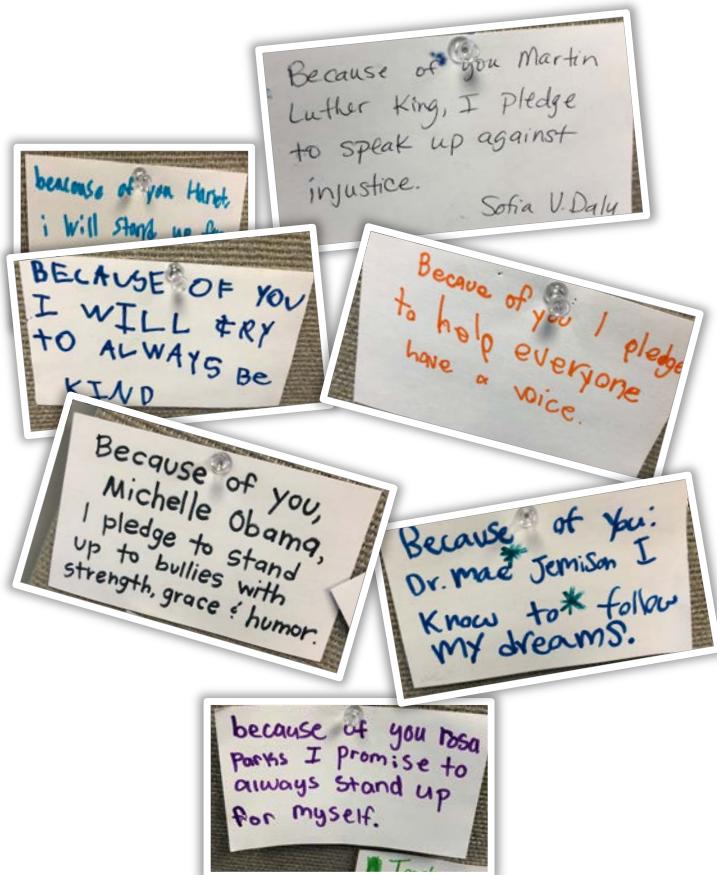
March 15<sup>th</sup> : Report Cards go home

March 19<sup>th</sup> : 5<sup>th</sup> Grade IAR testing

March 21<sup>st</sup>: Joey FineRhyme Assembly

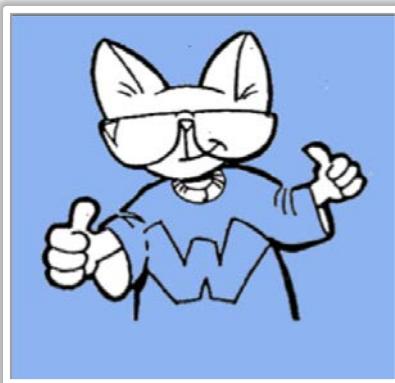
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### THERE IS STILL TIME...

You can still help Whittier School become the best school it can be. The 5Essentials Survey is focused on our educational practices and school climate. The parent survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. You can access this survey at <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>. It is the goal of Whitter to have a 90% parent participation rate; as of now we have 57% parent participation. Help us reach our goal by completing the 5E survey as soon as possible. The deadline is this **Friday, March 15, 2019.**



### Black History Month in Review 2019

*"Because of them we can...."*

February was an empowering month that allowed students the opportunity to become aware of African American leaders of the past and present who fought for the rights of all. Students were able to experience and participate in several school wide initiatives such as morning spotlights, Harriet Tubman narrative, and Black History Month Family Literacy Night.

Thanks to this wonderful Whittier community, we had about 200 people come join us in a night centered around culture, community, and fun. We hope continue to develop relationships between the school and the uniquely, diverse neighborhood it serves.

### Women's History Month

March marks the beginning of Women's History Month. Classrooms will acknowledging many of the pioneering women who have made and continue to make a lasting impact on today's world. We give thanks to all the wonderful women who help inspire, motivate, and support the students at Whittier!



**"One Child, one teacher, one pen, one book change the world."**