Don't be TARDY
To the Party!

Last chance to win a great prize! It's easy – just come to school on time each day during the month of May! Students who arrive at school each day by 8am will have their name entered into the raffle. We will be tracking from May 1st to May 31st.

We will choose 6 names, one from each grade level, and those students will be called down to the office to receive a prize. Prizes have been donated by our wonderful Whittier PTO.

The final drawing will take place on May 31st.

Whittier School

May Highlights

Important dates to remember for the month of May

May	1	Kindergarten Open House 3:00-4:00pm
May	3	PTO Common Ground Parent Coffee 8:00am
May	4	District 97 Ethnic Festival at Julian 10:00am
May	7	PTO Meeting 7:00-8:30pm
May	17	End of Year Picnic 5:00-7:00pm
May	20	Music Concert – (Grades K, 3, 4) 5:30pm
May	21	Music Concert – (Grades 1, 2, 5) 5:30pm
May	23	Memorial Day Tribute 9:00am
May	27	Memorial Day – CLOSED – No School
May	28	Olympic Day – PTO Pizza Lunch
May	29	Honors Assembly – 4th and 5th Grade 8:30am
June	6	Last Day of Attendance – full day

National Sports and Fitness Week
April 29th to May 4, 2019

Monday - Ball Day – Bring your favorite ball to school and use it during recess

Tuesday - Healthy Heart Day – Wear red and bring a healthy snack for lunch

Wednesday - ACES: 10:50 – 11:05
All Children Exercising Simultaneously

Thursday - Hat Day - Wear your favorite hat to school

Friday - Team Day – Wear your favorite team gear or team colors

Saturday - District 97's Annual Fun Run
8:00 am at Lindberg Park

SIMPLIFY BACK-TO-SCHOOL

WITH WHITTIER SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

Available through Carlson School Supplies

For 2019-2020

KINDERGARTEN: $48

1ST GRADE: $45

2ND GRADE: $42

3RD GRADE: $55

4TH GRADE: $60

5TH GRADE: $58

Headphones/earbuds/calculators may be added for an additional charge, if your child does not already own them

ORDER ONLINE NOW THROUGH JUNE 7
WWW.WHITTIERPTO.ORG

School Supply Kits will be delivered to your child's classroom in time for the start of school

*PLEASE BE SURE TO ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD'S GRADE **NEXT** YEAR*

Questions? Email schoolkits@whittierpto.org

WHITTIER PTO

Whittier Diversity Committee Announcements

Whittier Diversity Committee General Meeting

Time: Monday, May 13 from 7-9 pm
Location: Whittier Elementary Media Center (the library on the 2nd floor)

We truly welcome all interested individuals to join us, share your thoughts and ideas, or just be present.

Please note that CHILDCARE will be provided for this meeting.

Any further questions can be directed to Munirah Curtis at munirahcurtis@gmail.com or Kate Cares at kate.cares@gmail.com.

Recycle soft plastic here!

To celebrate Earth Week this year, we will be collecting clean and dry soft plastic (bags and wrappers) in a lobby collection box.

Help Whittier Go Green!

Did you know that **plastic bags are NOT recyclable in our Oak Park bins**? In fact they cause problems at recycling centers and should *never* be put in our regular bins. They **CAN be recycled in special bins** at grocery stores.....and for a short time, at Whittier! Bring your dry, clean plastic bags in for recycling until April 26th.

Ask your kids what BYOBB means - - the Green Team brought in JoeyFineRhyme for an educational assembly all about how we can be good stewards of our planet - - reducing, reusing and recycling bags is one of the ways we can make a difference!

GREEN TEAM
WHITTIER GROWS GREEN

Recycle soft plastic here at Whittier!

Why not?

Soft plastics ruin the recycling equipment and get stuck in sorters. If a recycling bin contains plastic bags, Waste Mgmt considers the whole batch contaminated, and the whole load is tossed in the landfill.

Support your PTO & Help the Monarchs & Bees in your Garden!

The **Easy Garden Kits** from West Cook Wild Ones (WCWO) will let you create a garden that attracts Monarchs and other butterflies and provides food and habitat for native bees and many other wonderful creatures.

Go to http://tinyurl.com/wcwo2019 to pre-order kits and other native plants **by May 19th.**

WCWO will donate **$8** for each kit purchased to YOUR SCHOOL. Plant **pick-up** is Sat. **JUNE 1**, 10am-2pm in the Euclid Methodist Church parking lot, 405 S Euclid in Oak Park. More plants and kits will be for sale that day.

Each kit contains 10 plants. The Monarch & More Sun Kit and the **Shade** kit each cost **$38**, which is less than plants purchased separately. They provide all that Monarch caterpillars and adults, and bees and others need to grow up happily, plus food for birds. See the website for plant photos and growing tips and to buy other plants too.

HOW does it work? Add a kit to your online cart on the website. Click on Cart, then put the name of your school in the box at lower left. After June 1, the schools will get $8 per kit. Open to parents, neighbors, or anyone! Contact westcook@outlook.com with questions.

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Bravo Proudly Presents

Wicked JR.

pilot workshop production

April 26 to May 5

bravoperformingarts.org

WICKED JR. is presented by special permission of Music Theatre International and the creators of *Wicked,* who have given BRAVO the right to present this production for the purposes of author input only. There is currenly no intention to release WICKED JR.

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ALLIANCE

OPRF

SOCCER TRYOUTS FOR 2019/20

May 4-5 (high school)

May 11 (all non high school boys)

May 18 (all non high school girls)

Learn more and register for tryouts at

OPRFAllianceSoccer.com

A competitive, traveling soccer club focused on building soccer skills, leadership skills, and confidence.

Check out our website for more information about tryouts and summer camps: www.oprfalliancesoccer.com

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RIVER FOREST RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

WHAT TO BRING

ELECTRONICS (SSI) flat screen and tube TVs, monitors, computers, laptops, tablets, readers, keyboards, mice, printers, scanners, copiers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD/CD/tape players, stereos, radios, projectors, routers, modems, switches, electronic alarm clocks, cell phones, chargers, gaming consoles, electrical/computer cables, digital cameras, video cameras, MP3/music players, power supplies, digital converters, small scale servers

SCRAP METAL (Roy Strom): washers, dryers, radiators, metal lawn furniture, metal hangers, rusty swing sets, metal garbage cans, metal garden tools, water heaters, metal railings, metal pots and pans, gutters, metal shovels, metal shelving, metal wagons, metal pipes, metal wheel barrels, metal chicken wire, tomato cages, auto radiators, old & empty propane tanks

HOUSEWARES (Epilepsy Foundation) clothing, sheets, towels, blankets, shoes, purses, small household items (no prewired fixtures or fans - only working lamps or stand-alone fans. *Non-useable fabric material (single socks, torn sheets, etc) should be placed in a separate bag and labeled scrap fabric.*

BATTERIES & LIGHT BULBS (Roy Strom/Bulbs and Batteries): alkaline household batteries, button batteries, car/boat/sump pump batteries, CFLs and fluorescent tubes under 6 ft in length

MISCELLANEOUS (SCARCE/VFW/Sugar Beet Coop) musical instruments, Brita filters, corks, keys, tattered and torn American Flags for proper retirement, ink jet cartridges, CDs/DVDs removed from cases, LPs, sports equipment, holiday lights, unused greeting cards, yard signs

SCHOOL SUPPLIES (SCARCE): rulers, pencils, crayons, usable spiral notebooks, yarn, art supplies, rubber stamps, buttons, books

WORKING BIKES adult bikes in repairable condition, gently used kids' bikes, bike carriers/trailers with all parts/mounts included, bike parts and tools, helmets in good condition

MEDICAL (Lions Club and River Forest Police Dept.) eyeglasses, hearing aids, unwanted/unused/expired medications (prescription or OTC) for pets or humans
NO LIQUIDS and NO SHARPS

PET SUPPLIES (Animal Care League) collars, leashes, carriers, food bowls, blankets and old towels, pet medications

DO NOT BRING

Hazardous materials or paint of any kind, mattresses, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, refrigerators, cribs, car seats, plastic playsets, plastic riding toys, wheelchairs or other medical equipment, shredded paper

If we cannot reuse or recycle an item, you will be asked to take it back home for disposal.

WHEN

May 4, 2019
8am-1pm
Rain or shine!

WHERE

RF United Methodist Church
(7970 Lake St, enter off Lake St.)

QUESTIONS?

sustainability@vrf.us

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Art Start

WHITTIER ELEMENTARY

Art Start

Our experts enriched the lessons of

240

students from Whittier Elementary. Enjoy a few highlights from this past year.

Oak Park Education Foundation

OPEF has offered free, hands-on STEAM enrichment programs to Oak Park schools for nearly 30 years. This year, OPEF delivered more than 33,000 hours of enrichment both during and after school.

Architecture Adventure — Architects help 4th and 5th graders design, build and explore the human-made world during art classes.

Art Start — Artists animate the curriculum through visual and performing arts residencies with K-2nd graders.

Geared Up — 3rd-grade students engineer simple machines using specialized LEGOs; 5th graders build and program Mindstorms robots during library time.

Science Alliance — Working scientists conduct experiments and lead field trips with 4th and 5th graders.

VEX Robotics — Tech experts work with teams of middle schoolers to design, build, program and compete with robots.

Spoken Word — Middle schoolers find and cultivate their unique voices by reading, writing and performing poetry.

Science Alliance

1 Crime, Grime, and Inclines

In Science Alliance, Forensic scientist Dr. Brent Friesen worked with students on solving a crime by identifying unknown white powders based on how they reacted with known solutions. Meanwhile, Dr. Brian Mitchell of Northwestern University investigated whose hands were the dirtiest and Dr. David Kupperman of Argonne National Labs gave 4th graders some hands-on experiences with gravity and its effects on objects in free-fall and on an inclined plane.

2 Artful Gratitude

Second graders in Ms. Druckmiller's class worked with teaching artist Guillermo Delgado on a project that allowed them to explore the ideas of thankfulness and gratitude. Each of the artist's visits began with a short walking or stretching meditation. Students then created a series of colored tin milagros working with themes of gratitude and thankfulness in the shapes of hands, hearts and stars. The finished pieces became part of an installation in the Whittier garden.

Science Alliance

Art Start

Science Alliance

3 Batteries Not Included (or needed)

Third graders used LEGOs to build on their understanding of simple machines such as pulleys and levers and how these machines operate in our daily lives.

4 Space, Shape + Form

Second grade students in Ms. Williams' and Ms. Wright's class visited the Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio and learned how space, shape and form can affect the way you live in a given space. Students created a floor plan for a client and then built a 3-D model of their design.

Oak Park Education Foundation

B·A·S·E CAMP

BASE Camp is a fee-based, STEAM-focused summer enrichment program that helps support OPEF. More than 900 students enrolled in BASE Camp. More than 120 Oak Park students attended camps on scholarship.

Art Start

Science Alliance

Oak Park Education Foundation

Oak Park Education Foundation is a privately funded nonprofit organization that brings artists, architects, scientists, and technology experts into K-8th grade classrooms at every District 97 school. Learn more at **opef.org.**