

Register Your Child for the Whittier Wildcats Fun Run Today!



Please Register TODAY! PLEASE DON'T WAIT!

Follow these 3 Simple Steps:

1. Register by clicking on the link below:
https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register?school_uuid=5d2f47547adf
and complete the parent registration or [Login](#) to your parent dashboard and complete your child's Student Fundraising Webpage with a picture and personal message.
2. Make an online donation using the red Donate button.
3. Share with friends and family - they want to help! Using the share tools on your parent dashboard send 10-15 emails and/or text messages, then share on Facebook or Twitter. This will help your child reach their goal (possibly within 24/48 hours!).



It's a fact, online Student Fundraising Webpages raise 3 times more. Family and friends want to help your child succeed. Email or share our fundraiser with them today!

Thank You for Your Support!



World Language Lunchtime Enrichment Classes

Proudly sponsored by the Whittier PTO!

ATTENTION 2ND-5TH GRADERS! Are you interested in learning another language? Sign up for Whittier's lunchtime World Language enrichment classes! This year, you can choose from **French, German, American Sign Language, or Hindi (new!)** running from October to March/April (20 classes total). Classes meet during the entire lunch hour (55 minutes, from 11:30am-12:25pm) once a week.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration is **ONLINE ONLY THIS YEAR!** If you have difficulty getting internet access during the registration period, please email lori.robert@gmail.com or call the Whittier office at 708-524-3080 for special accommodations.
- We will be using the new PTO Membership Toolkit for World Language. All parents and guardians must be registered on that platform to sign up for World Language. If you need to register, go to www.whittierpto.org and click on the yellow "Register/Login" button.

THE LANGUAGE LINE-UP

Mondays - French (\$170 / \$160 early bird)

Wednesdays - Hindi (\$170 / \$160 early bird)

Thursdays - German (\$170 / \$160 early bird)

Fridays - American Sign Language (\$170 / \$160 early bird)

- Registration opens **September 20th** and ends on **October 2nd**.
- All classes start the week of **October 7th** and run through March/April.
- After registration, your child's instructor will contact you with a list of exact class dates.
- Early birds register by September 25th to **save \$10/class!**
- All classes are eligible for cancellation due to low registration (minimum 6 students).

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

If your child has any special needs to consider, please let us know. We will make every effort to accommodate everyone!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Whittier's PTO will continue to offer need-based scholarships to those who qualify (maximum one course per child). **Scholarships, like all World Language classes, are first-come, first-served.** No scholarship requests will be accepted after September 30th.

QUESTIONS? Contact PTO World Language Chair, Lori Robert at lori.robert@gmail.com

World Language Program Instructors

French – Lori Robert

Lori Robert is a Whittier parent and the PTO World Language Chair. This is her fourth year teaching French at Whittier and Hatch, and her third year at Lincoln. She is a fluent French speaker, raising two bilingual children along with her French husband. She completed a French minor at the University of Arizona and spent a year abroad in Paris. She also has experience teaching private lessons and co-teaching with her husband for the French-Speaking Children's Group of Oak Park. Her classes will focus on speaking and comprehension through fun songs, projects, games, and stories.



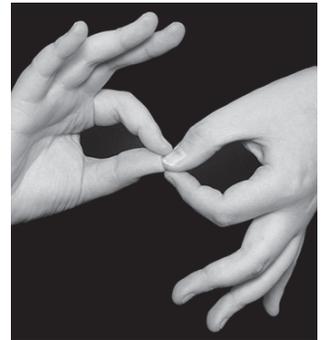
German - Lisa Krueger Peters

Lisa Krueger Peters spent a year abroad at University in Germany and Austria before receiving her Illinois Teaching Certificate in German Language and then going on to teach German in high school (levels I, II, III, & IV), junior high (7th & 8th grades), and elementary school levels (K - 6) over a 25+ year career. Her classes emphasize having fun while employing listening and speaking skills to complete small and large hands-on projects, as well as singing songs, playing games, reading books, and many other educational activities.



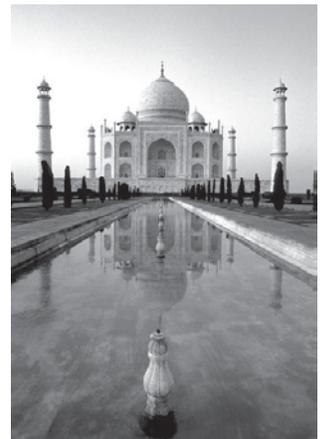
American Sign Language - Stephanie Hartman

Stephanie Hartman is a Julian and OPRF parent. This is her fourth year teaching American sign language at Irving and her third at Whittier. She was a licensed and certified educational interpreter and has experience teaching ASL enrichment classes at schools and in private lessons. Her classes will focus on learning about Deaf Culture and ASL through hands-on activities, games, skits, and short videos. Lessons include signs related to family, food, animals, school, emotions, and seasons.



Hindi - Vipanchi Raghu

Vipanchi Raghu is a free-lance learning designer and consultant. She has over 12 years of experience in designing learning in corporate companies. Additionally, she enjoys teaching language and culture explorations through interactive stories and activities at Academia (an Institute of Language and Culture). She also teaches at an Indian Sunday School. She holds a Masters degree in English literature with a focus on Indian Writing. As a parent of a 12 year old child, she believes passionately in raising global citizens and looks forward to contributing to the World Language program at Whittier!





October 2, 2019

Whittier School
is participating in Walk to School Day on
Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

- It's fun
- It's good for the body and the environment
- Reduces traffic congestion, pollution, and speed near schools
- Taking back neighborhoods for people on foot
- Good warm-up for the Whittier Wildcat Run later in the day!

Learn more at

walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





Background Checks

A background check is required for anyone who wants to serve as chaperone on a field trip. To obtain a one-time background check, please go to the district website and click **Background Check Appointments** under **Quick Links** to schedule an appointment. Or, here is the direct link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b48a9ab22a0fd0-district>.

Please bring your driver's license or State ID to your appointment at the District 97 administration building located at 260 Madison Street. It takes approximately 24 to 72 hours to receive your results.

If you have submitted prints in the recent past, you can check your status with the school.

Thank you.

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- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
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Regular Price: **\$15.49**

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WHITTIER SCHOOL BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Dear Whittier Parents and Guardians,

You are invited to share in Whittier's Birthday Book Program! We hope you and your child will participate in this worthwhile program that increases the number of books our children can choose in the Whittier library. With parents and students helping, the program raises approximately \$2500 for the library. Please take a moment to read about the Birthday Books program.

The Birthday Books cart is loaded with new and wonderful fiction and non-fiction titles selected based on school needs. Your donation goes toward the purchase of new hardcover books that cost between \$20-\$25. Although the program is called Birthday Books you may donate to commemorate any special occasion, important person, ethnic holiday or favorite teacher. After returning the form and donation, students can select books from the cart to donate to the library. The joy the children get from picking a book, seeing his or her name inside and donating the book to the library is almost as important as the book itself. Your donation helps to teach the joy of giving as well as receiving. All donations are tax deductible.

This is how it works. This form is sent home with each student at the beginning of the school year and also in the month preceding his or her birthday or half birthday. If you wish to participate you need only donate once at whichever time you wish. When we receive your donation we will send you a tax receipt and your child will be called to the library by one of the birthday book volunteers during the month of his or her birthday, half birthday or special event to choose a book from the Birthday cart. *Although the book will remain the property of the library, your child will be honored as follows:*

1. A bookplate with your child's name is placed in the front of the book, listing their birthday or special occasion. For years to come, other students will know that your child donated this particular book.
2. Your child will be the first to check out the book and share it with his or her classmates and family.
3. Your child will receive a Whittier pencil.
4. Your child's photo will be taken with the book and displayed in the Whittier library until the end of the school year.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the form on the reverse. We look forward to seeing your child in the library.

I would like to donate a book to the Whittier School library in honor of my child's birthday or other special event.

NAME (as it should appear in the book) _____
(Please print clearly)

BIRTHDATE OR SPECIAL EVENT TO COMMEMORATE (please specify)

CHILD'S TEACHER and GRADE _____

YOUR NAME _____

AMOUNT OF ENCLOSED CHECK/CASH _____
(Make check payable to Whittier PTO)

Return form and donation to your child's teacher.

Questions? Please contact:

Terri McConville (parent volunteer) terrimconville@yahoo.com

Laurie Conley (Whittier Library Media Specialist) lconley@op97.org



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A Healthy Way to Raise Money for the Whittier PTO

Dear Whittier Parents and Guardians,

It's time for the first PTO fundraiser, the **Wildcat Fun Run**, which is a walk/run-a-thon, kid style! Instead of selling wrapping paper or other stuff, this is simple and fun. It is a way for kids to do something healthy with a significant fundraising benefit. Students gather pledges for the PTO and either run laps or participate at whatever level is comfortable to them. They will be joined by the Wildcat mascot on Whittier field for 40 minutes of fun accompanied by their favorite music. The Wildcat Fun Run is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. In past years, Whittier kids and families raised approximately \$14,000 at this event – which accounts for about a third of our PTO annual budget. **This year, our goal is to raise \$16,000 or \$50 per child.**

These funds keep PTO programs running all year and have funded large purchases like technology in the classroom, playground improvements and the outdoor classroom. The PTO also funds community, cultural and academic programs such as all-school picnics, Opera for the Young, Hubbard Street Dance, scholarships to Camp Edwards, as well as, teacher and classroom grants.

Donating is even easier this year. Supporters can contribute in 2 ways:

1. Online: Setup a profile for your child at <https://www.getmovinfundhub.com> by selecting "Register As Parent" and using the **School Identifier: 5d2f47547adff**. It takes about 2 minutes. You will be able to donate online via PayPal or credit card. This donation system allows you to upload a picture of your child and send a customized email or post to social media in two clicks, making it easy for you to spread the word. Data is secure and is not collected or managed by anyone outside of school.

BONUS: Set up an online account by 9/21/19 and your child's classroom teacher will provide an "EXPERIENCE COUPON" in class, such as choosing a song or game for their class to enjoy, bringing a favorite toy to school or wearing pajamas all day! *Students who cannot create an online account are encouraged to contact the committee at funrun@whittierpto.org to ensure your child can still receive this prize.*

2. Cash/Checks – Use the donation envelope sent home with this packet and turn cash/checks in to your child's teacher. **Please include your child's name on the check and make it payable to Whittier PTO.**

We chose this fundraiser because it encourages healthy behavior, does not involve products to buy or sell and is a simple, effective and efficient way of supporting the school. More than 85% of each pledge dollar goes straight back to PTO programs enjoyed by the entire school.

Ask your friends and family to support Whittier PTO programs by making a pledge! Remember, even small contributions add up - so spread the word! We are looking forward to a great school year loaded with wonderful PTO-funded educational opportunities!

Shayla Bell
Marella Croom
Kirsten Jackson

Esther Lopez
Danielle McCain
Kelly Witt

Wildcat Fun Run Team
funrun@whittierpto.org



Timeline

Kickoff: Monday, September 16, 2019

On September 16, 2019, we will kick off the fundraiser with a special visit and a few words from the PTO during lunch. At this time, the costumed Whittier Wildcat will create lots of excitement! Pledge packets will arrive home with your child.

Pledging: September 16 – October 18, 2019

Between September 16, 2019 and until October 18, 2019, students will collect pledges, either online using their own pledge pages at <https://www.getmovinfundhub.com> with school identifier **5d2f47547adff** or via check/cash. Please be sure that the child's name is on any pledge envelope or checks you receive.

- **Early Bird Registration Prize Incentive-** Simply set up your account at: www.getmovinfundhub.com on or before September 21, 2019 and your child will be guaranteed an Experience Coupon for a special classroom experience! *If you are unable to create an online account please contact the committee at funrun@whittierpto.org to ensure your child can still receive this prize.*
- **PRIZE DRAWING 1-** Turn in at least \$50 in pledges by **September 19, 2019** to have your child's name entered into the **first drawing on 9/19/2019**.
- **Additional Prize Drawings will be held throughout the pledge season.**

Fun Run Event: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

All students are encouraged to participate (at whatever level they wish) in the run on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 during school. Parents/guardians are welcome to participate during your child's scheduled time. A schedule will be published closer to the run. Kids love seeing adults and siblings cheer them on!

Each student will receive a run number sticker before the race, fresh fruit as a post-run snack, and a wall ball to promote more fitness!

- At the set time for your class, PTO volunteers will do warm ups with the kids.
- Afterwards, the kids will walk/run for approx. 30 minutes and the last lap will be a walk.
- Once the walk/run time has expired, we will gather at the warm up area and distribute snacks.
- Finally, we will take a class photo with the Whittier Wildcat. Wall balls (racquetballs – one per student) will be distributed to teachers.
- Remind the kids to wear good shoes and bring water bottles!





Please do not allow your child to go door to door to solicit pledges.

The Wildcat Fun Run is not a race or speed competition, just a fun, simple and healthy way to fund PTO programs.

Incentives

INDIVIDUAL REWARDS

- Participation Prize: All students who participate in the FUN RUN will receive a **wall ball** on the day of the run.
- Online Registration Prize: All students who sign up for an account with our online platform by 9/21/19 will receive an incentive from the FUN RUN Experience Coupon Board (examples include: permission to bring a stuffed animal to class, wear slippers in class, choose a song for the class to listen to, etc.) *facilitated by the classroom teacher*. Students who cannot create an online account are encouraged to contact the committee to ensure they can still receive this prize.
- Raffle Prize: Each student that reaches their **pledge goal of \$50** will be entered in scheduled drawings for prizes. The Spirit Committee will visit classrooms and allow students to pick from the selection of prizes listed below.
 - **Oberweis Ice Cream gifts cards good for a single scoop of ice cream**
 - **Delia's, Puree's, Lou Malnati's, Wells Street Popcorn gift cards for \$5**
 - **Monster Squishy Clip Ons, Pop Out Tongue Light Bouncing Balls, and Step Counting Pedometers**

CLASSROOM REWARDS (classrooms are encouraged to work as a team)

- \$25 Prize for the Class: All classrooms that hit their goal will get \$25.00.
- \$100 Prize for the Class: The 2 highest earning classrooms will get \$100 for recess activities.

TOP EARNER -The top earning students get to choose their grand prize from the options listed below.

- **A family gift card to Elmhurst SKY ZONE for four people to jump for 60 minutes each.**
- **A family gift card to Escape Factor in Forest Park for a 30 minute session for four people.**
- **A family gift card to Circle Lanes to cover the cost of four bowlers, shoes and 1 game of bowling.**
- **Open gym passes to the GRC or RC Rink in Oak Park for four people.**
- **A family gift card for \$75 to Creativa.**
- **Selection of a toy to be chosen from the 4 toys Gepetto's donated.**



Incentives cont.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRIZE

When a new whole school goal is met, the students will receive incentive as listed below.

- **\$2,000 = Mr. Robinson will tell a joke during morning announcements**
- **\$4,000 = Mix and Match Day (applies to clothing only)**
- **\$6,000 = Dress up as your favorite celebrity or famous person**
- **\$8,000 = 10 minutes of extra recess/free time on iPads**
- **\$12,000 = Freeze Dance during each recess block (participation is optional)**
- **\$16,000 = A Lip Sync battle between Mr. Robinson and a person whose name is drawn.**
- **Students and staff members who are interested can enter their name in a drawing to battle Mr. Robinson and a person will be selected at random.**