



WHITMAN ELEMENTARY

School Year 2019-20
 Monthly Newsletter
 December 2019

11/25/19-11/26/19	Parent Teacher Conferences
11/25/19-11/29/19	NO SCHOOL
12/2/19	Winter Registration for SUN goes home
12/2/19-12/6/19	Book Fair
12/10/19	PTA Open Board Mtg 6:30 pm
12/13/19	Fire Drill
12/19/19	Winter Festival 6-7:30pm
12/23/19-1/3/19	Winter Break NO SCHOOL
1/8/19	Parent Circle 8:45am
1/10/19	Fire Drill
1/13/19	Winter SUN Starts

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Whitman Families,

All of us at PPS are thankful that voters across Portland voted to renew the levy that pays for **over 800 teachers per year**, teachers in **every school** in the district, including here at Whitman. That's about *one-third of all PPS teachers*.

Thank you for your vote of confidence and for your support of our teachers. Thank you for believing in Whitman.

We wanted to also send out a reminder to please be mindful of the speed limit in front of the school and people using crosswalks. There was an accident by Whitman and thankfully everyone is ok. Please keep safety in mind and thank you!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Murdock and Celina Garrido



Attendance:

School attendance is very important. Did you know that when children miss more than 2 days a month, or 17 days a year they are considered chronically absent? Missing more than 10% of the school year can make it harder to learn to read. We want the very best for our students and believe the best gift we can give them is a good education.

From the Office:

- Students wear your Whitman T-shirts on Fridays!
- Coming Soon: Adult Whitman T-shirts for sale!
- Morning Drop off: Just a reminder that students are not allowed to be in school before breakfast at 8:25 as there is no adult supervision at this time.

PPS Before and After School Child Care Survey, 2019-20

Please take a moment to complete a confidential [online survey](#). Go to pps.net, departments, child care. Your input is valuable. Survey results will be used as part of an annual program evaluation. Please complete the survey by December 13, 2019.

SUN:

Winter Term SUN Extended-day Registrations go home: Monday December 2nd & are Due 12/4.

SUN: Laurelee Wells & Dulce Lopez our NEW extended-day coordinator!! [503-916-6531](tel:503-916-6531) or [503-319-5813](tel:503-319-5813)

Come meet us! SUN Stands for Schools Uniting Neighborhoods & we provide many services at Whitman. We are located in room 1 at Whitman Monday - Thursday. If your family has a need please let us know, we may be able to help. Call [503-916-6531](tel:503-916-6531), stop by (check into school office first ☺) or email lwells@impactnw.org

Does your family have a need this Winter? Please talk to Laurelee Wells [503-916-6531](tel:503-916-6531), or come to the school office and ask for her. We can help with coats, food & sometimes energy assistance and more. Please do not hesitate to check in.

Parent Tea: Join us for the SUN Parent Tea Wednesday, December 4th at 8:50am. Coffee and Snacks will be provided!

Zumba: Adult Zumba! Mondays & Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm at Whitman. Only \$4 per class. Free to Whitman Parents (see Laurelee to register & get ID card)

***4th & 5th grade students- Basketball registrations due November 22nd**

PTA:

Want to provide some snacks for teachers during November conference week? Interested in learning to pop corn for Popcorn Fridays? Contact Chris, president@ptawhitman.org