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***** THIS EMAIL IS FROM YOUR WHITTIER SCHOOL PTA *****

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NUGGETS OF NEWS:

>> Anxious about the pre-teen season? Join us tonight at Whittier from 7-8:30 p.m. to hear Liz Henley (PT, OCS) talk about what to expect and how to deal. Please come—and bring a friend! Sitting is available for \$2/kid. Questions? Contact Parent Education Chair Tamy Bobbitt (btbobbitt@hotmail.com).

>> Anxious about traffic around Whittier and our neighborhood? Also tonight at 7 p.m. is a Village meeting (http://www.downers.us/assets/production/agenda_related_doc/file/2548/Council_Agenda_11-17-09.pdf). You may also email the village manager, mayor and commissioners to voice your concern. See list of addresses at http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4821_2.

>> This Wednesday from 8-8:30 a.m. will be Breakfast with Books. Come in and read with your child!

>> This Wednesday is also Waste Free Lunch. All students who bring in three or more waste-free items can enter the raffle! Check out the Waste Free Lunch display at school.

>> This Wednesday is the last Walking Club session until the spring. Thanks to all those who've volunteered and to Cindy Fingerhut, Playground Chair!

>> Thanks to all who supported the Book Fair last week. Our earnings will help support all of our wonderful PTA programs. Special thanks to Rose Book for managing the book fairs over the years. Your work is appreciated!

>> Come and knock out some holiday gifts this Thursday from 8:30 – 11 a.m. at the Giuliano home (812 Summit Street) during the inaugural Shopping With Benefits open house. Place orders for gift cards, create handmade gift card enclosures and benefit Whittier simultaneously! Use cash or check. Market Day breakfast items will be served! Questions? Contact Donna Giuliano (dngiuliano@comcast.net) or Heather Isacson (isacson1@comcast.net). For more info, go to http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/userFiles/358/swb_invite.pdf

>> Fun Lunch is this Friday (Aurelio's Pizza)!

>> This stinks: a recent "Waste Audit" (an evaluation of all of the garbage generated in the lunchroom) by an outside organization revealed that students generate 60 pounds of trash per day—or 10,800 pounds per year. And 82% of that trash is uneaten or partially eaten FOOD. You can help! Talk to your kid, find out what he throws out, and pack appropriately. See http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4426_2 for more info.

REMINDERS:

>> Have a connection to the Cubs? A lake house or golf course? Are you a talented crafter? Have a service you can donate? It's not too early to start thinking of items to donate for Game Night. The committee is planning ahead and appreciates your suggestions. Questions? Contact Lisa McTigue (lisa_mctigue@yahoo.com).

>> The Olympics are coming—to Whittier! The Math and Science Olympiad will be held February 11. Please start saving toilet paper, paper towel, and wrapping paper tubes for this fun family event. Please send them in weekly.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

Whittier Weekly is emailed every Tuesday during the school year. Have something to share? Email PTA co-presidents dngiuliano@comcast.net or jillsbrowning@comcast.net by 5 p.m. Mondays.

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