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Whittier Weekly – September 1, 2009

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

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#### NUGGETS OF NEWS:

>> Be on the lookout for information and entry forms about the PTA Reflections program. The due date is EARLY this year—September 25. (Maybe a good Labor Day activity?) Check out [www.ptareflections.org](http://www.ptareflections.org) for more info. Questions? Contact Mary Sustar ([sustar@comcast.net](mailto:sustar@comcast.net)) or 630-964-7161).

>> Want to add Head Room Parent to your resume? If you're a parent of a sixth grader in Lyons' 5/6 split class, please consider helping out in this capacity! Contact Julie DeCero if interested ([julie\\_decero@yahoo.com](mailto:julie_decero@yahoo.com) or 630-769-9325).

>> Mrs. G. from the LRC talked up the Rebecca Caudill book nominees to 5th and 6th grade classes. We have limited copies of these books in the LRC--but the Downers Grove Public Library children's room has lots of copies, so take advantage of it to get these books in your child's hands. See <http://www.rebeccacaudill.org/nominees/2010.htm> for a list of books.

>> On September 24, Downtown Downers Grove Merchants will support PTAs by donating a portion of the proceeds from their sales on this night from 5-9 p.m. See attached file for details. Also check out the support these terrific merchants provide to us for fundraisers, like Game Night (see [http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4417\\_2](http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4417_2))!

>> Market Day orders are due this Friday. If you've never tried the food, you're in for a treat! Check out <http://www.marketday.com/> to browse the options. (Bonus: At next Tuesday night's PTA meeting, there will be samples of new foods to try!) Questions? Contact Kelly Murphy ([klmurph3@aol.com](mailto:klmurph3@aol.com) or 630-968-4841).

>> Need help keeping fall dates straight? Bookmark the Whittier PTA calendar for all of the latest info at <http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=5034>

#### REMINDERS:

>> Be safe on four wheels: traffic around the school has changed—go to [http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4432\\_2](http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4432_2) for more info on where you can (and cannot) park!

>> Be safe on two wheels: kids who have completed the Be Safe Program (offered to all first graders in April) are invited to ride their bikes to school (from now until Thanksgiving and again after spring break). Helmets and bike locks are required. Kids must walk your bikes in the crosswalks and on school property.

>> We've extended the due date of the PTA Packet. If have yet to sign up for volunteer opportunities or pay for fun lunches, Whittier Wear or classroom parties, you now have until Friday, September 4 to do so. Lose the form? Just click on

[http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/userFiles/358/pta\\_packet\\_for\\_2009-10.pdf](http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/userFiles/358/pta_packet_for_2009-10.pdf) to download another. Questions? Email PTA co-presidents Donna Giuliano ([dngiuliano@comcast.net](mailto:dngiuliano@comcast.net)) or Jill Browning ([jillsbrowning@comcast.net](mailto:jillsbrowning@comcast.net)).

>> Mark your calendar for the first PTA Meeting of the year on September 8 from 7-8 p.m. Babysitting is available. Our meeting topics will include safety and fundraising! Check the new full Whittier calendar at <http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=5034> for more event dates.

>> Are you a babysitter, housecleaner, handy man or musician? The Whittier Directory this year will include a "Goods and Services" section and for just \$5 you can advertise your services. If you are a corporate sponsor, you can claim a bigger space for \$20! Questions? Email Julie Wallace ([rerode@prodigy.net](mailto:rerode@prodigy.net)).

>> We are in the process of scrubbing our email list. In the meantime, if you know anyone who isn't receiving this weekly email, please ask them to email Jill ([jillsbrowning@comcast.net](mailto:jillsbrowning@comcast.net)). Also, be on the lookout for a new and improved Whittier Weekly format, coming soon...!

#### QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

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

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