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Whittier Weekly – September 15, 2009

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

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#### NUGGETS OF NEWS:

>> The Whittier Walking Club starts up again this Wednesday, September 16 during lunch recess! In exchange for laps around the playground, kids receive special tokens that they keep on a chain. (See [http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4440\\_2](http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4440_2) for details.) The club will run every Wednesday until Thanksgiving break and then start again in the spring. Questions? Can you help from 11:15 to 12:10 p.m.? Contact Cindy Fingerhut (630-960-9501 or [cfinger4@netzero.net](mailto:cfinger4@netzero.net)).

>> Are your closets spooky? Clean them out the week of October 5 when the Welcome and Support Committee will host a Winter Wear AND Halloween Share. Drop off your gently used winter coats, snow pants, boots, mittens and gloves (no hats, please) AND your Halloween costumes and accessories. Exchange to fill your closets with the right sizes. Details to come. Questions? Contact Cindy Tschosik ([tschosik94@comcast.net](mailto:tschosik94@comcast.net) or 630.322.9001).

>> W.R.E.C.K. NEW for 2009/2010! Whittier Robotics Explorers Club for Kids will meet monthly, and is for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Each session will include a little information on robotics and engineering, and a WHOLE LOT of building with Lego using the NXT robotic kits. The first session is this Friday, September 18 from 2:40 – 3:30. See [http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4448\\_2](http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4448_2) for more info and a permission slip. Questions? Contact Kelly Johnson ([bjohnson290@comcast.net](mailto:bjohnson290@comcast.net)) or Josh Stein ([s.joshua.stein@gmail.com](mailto:s.joshua.stein@gmail.com)).

>> Want to make Whittier prettier? Spend a couple of hours after the early dismissal next Monday, September 21 sprucing up the gardens around our school, from 11:25-2:40 or so. Kids eat for free! (Parents must attend with kids.) Please RSVP through the Evite or contact Kelly Johnson ([bjohnson290@comcast.net](mailto:bjohnson290@comcast.net)) or Cindy Ayers-Cannon ([Cindy@MyDupageRealtor.com](mailto:Cindy@MyDupageRealtor.com)).

>> Does Whittier collect Box Tops? Yes! Send carefully clipped Box Top coupons (found on General Mills products) to school with your child at any time. We also collect UPC labels from Campbell Soup products. Every little bit helps to fund our PTA programs. Thank you!

#### REMINDERS:

>> 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))!

>> Whittier has caught the bug—the WeatherBug, that is! A WeatherBug Tracking Station now sits atop our school, and kids will be able to integrate this local weather data and technology into classroom learning. And we all have access to real-time weather! Go to <http://weatherbug.com> and

plug in 60515. Way to go, Math and Science Committee! The interactive website is at <http://achieve.weatherbug.com/>. Select the grade that your child is in for interactive activities and quizzes and further exploration. Questions? Contact Jana Peters ([jpeters@thinkcritical.com](mailto:jpeters@thinkcritical.com)) or Kim Atwater ([kkatwater@comcast.net](mailto:kkatwater@comcast.net)).

>> Say cheese: School picture day will be on Friday, September 25. Sale proceeds will go directly to our LRC for new furniture! Questions? Contact Principal Linda Welch ([lwelch@dg58.org](mailto:lwelch@dg58.org)).

>> By the numbers: The Summer Math Club was a success, with 32% of Whittier students participating and 50% finishing all three levels. Of the seven schools participating, 2,253 kids participated! For more info go to [http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4446\\_2](http://www.whittierschoolpta.org/index.php?pageID=4446_2).

>> The reflections due date has been changed to October 14. Also, Mr. Belonio still has open spots in his September 23 after school Reflections workshop. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Check out [www.ptareflections.org](http://www.ptareflections.org) for more info. Questions? Contact Mary Sustar ([sustar@comcast.net](mailto:sustar@comcast.net)).

#### 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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