Whittier PTA

Spring 2026 Experiences

Supporting the Whittier Spring Fundraiser!

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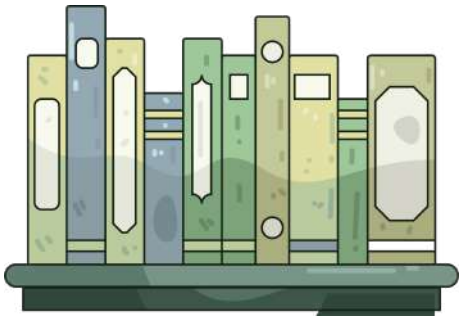


Book Swap

You provide the books, we provide the drinks and apps! Please bring gently used books that you no longer want, and get ready to pick out some new ones with this boozy book swap! Start stocking up for spring break at this adults only event.

Date: Thursday 2/26
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm — Max: 20 ppl
Location: The Waszak's Home - 5215 Grand Ave — Cost: $30 pp

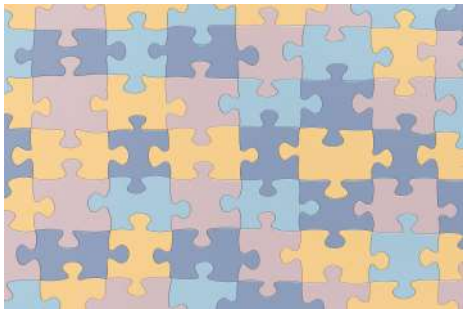
Hosts: The L. Novak, Maslowski & K. Waszak Families

2nd - 4th Grade Pizza Making with Papa Marcos

Come join local filmmaker & chef, Papa Marcos, who will teach kids how to make pizza from scratch-while enjoying music from some of his favorite Italian-American movies. Papa Marcos learned to make a proper pizza at his papa's pizza restaurant in Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain. He fine-tuned his pizza technique after trying many pizzas in Chicago and abroad.

Date: Saturday 2/28
Time: 2:00 - 4:30 pm — Max: 12 ppl
Location: The Ochoa's Home - 737 Summit St — Cost: $20 pp

Hosts: The Ochoa & Doctor Fernandez Families



Ladies Puzzle Night

Escape the everyday chaos and join us for a relaxed night of puzzles and conversation. We'll have multiple jigsaw puzzles spread out...dive deep into one, hop between several, or simply chat and snack. However you puzzle, there's a spot for you! Drinks and Apps provided. Adults Only.

Date: Friday 3/6
Time: 7:30 - 10:00 pm — Max: 30 ppl
Location: The Rogalla's Home - 117 2nd St — Cost: $25 pp

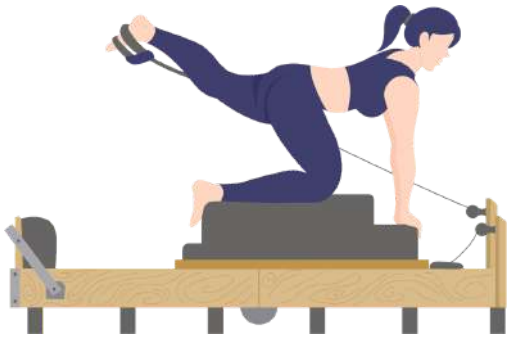
Hosts: The Marek, Rogalla & K. Waszak Families

3rd-5th Grade Iron Flag Fitness

Lots of active games, activities, obstacles and more fun! Dress for working out. Snacks will be served at the end.

Date: Saturday 3/7
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm — Max: 25 ppl
Location: Iron Flag Fitness - 20 E Chicago Ave. — Cost: $30 pp

Hosts: The Fredrich Family



Clearly Pilates

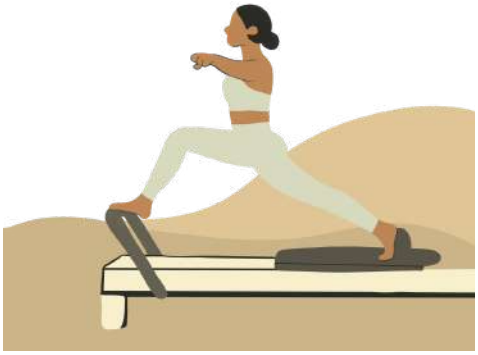
Join us for a 50-minute Reformer Pilates class designed to strengthen, stretch, and energize your body, followed by a relaxed 40-minute post-class mingle. Stick around to enjoy light bites and refreshing drinks.

Date: Sunday 3/22
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 pm — Max: 10 ppl
Location: Clearly Pilates - 4947 Main St — Cost: $40 pp

Hosts: The Kunkel & Cherney Families

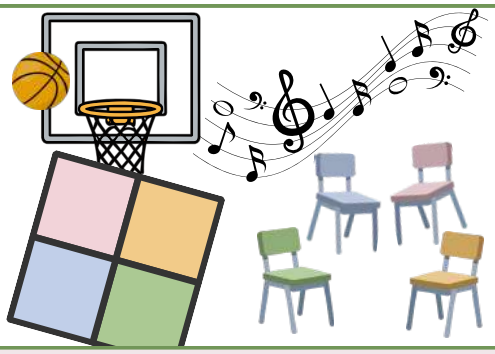
MBS Pilates

Join us for a 50-minute Barre/Reformer Pilates class that blends strength, balance, and toning for a feel-good burn, then unwind with a 40-minute post-class mingle. Enjoy sips and snacks and take home a special post-workout gift as a little extra treat.



Date: Friday 3/27
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm — Max: 9 ppl
Location: MBS Pilates - 5021 Fairview Ave — Cost: $45 pp

Host: The K. Waszak Family



Kindergarten Old-School Game Day

Ready...set...play! On an early dismissal Monday, kindergarteners will head to the gym after school for an Old-School Games Day featuring classic playground favorites like Musical Chairs, Four Square and H.O.R.S.E. A few game prizes, a small snack and a drink will be provided.

Date: Monday 4/13
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm — Max: 40 ppl
Location: Whittier Gym — Cost: $15 pp

Hosts: The Ander, Robbins, Prendergast & Maslowski Families

Karate Confidence Class

This special one-time karate class is designed to help kids build real confidence through positive challenges, practice listening, focus & self-control, learn skills that encourage independence & responsibility, and have fun while moving, learning & succeeding. No karate experience needed – just a willingness to try! Students will leave feeling proud, capable, and empowered.

Date: Monday 4/20
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Location: Whittier Gym

Max: 30 ppl
Cost: $15 pp

Hosts: The Avilia Family & TBK Karate

4th Grade Bingo

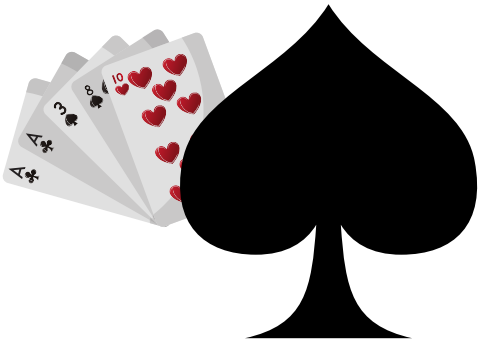
Join us for a fun afternoon of friendly bingo games! We will provide yummy snacks and amazing prizes!

Date: Friday 4/24
Time: 3:00 - 4:15 pm
Location: Whittier Gym

Max: 50 ppl
Cost: $15 pp

Hosts: The Landers, Larke, Schoonover & Ward Families

Euchre Night

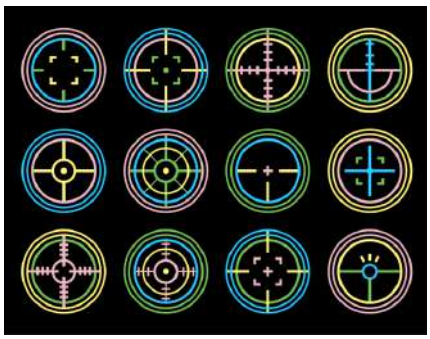


It is the 3rd Annual Power Euchre Tournament! Whether you love playing euchre or just love a good time, this is the event for you! We will host up to 22 two-person teams for a Round Robbin euchre tournament! We also have spots for the social butterfly who doesn't want to play but likes to enjoy the festivities. Heavy apps and drinks will be served.

Date: Saturday 4/25
Time: 7:00 - 11:30 pm
Location: The Ward's Home - 18 4th St

Max: 44 ppl (22 teams)
30 ppl social
Cost: $25 pp

Hosts: The Ward Family



3rd Grade Laser Tag Night

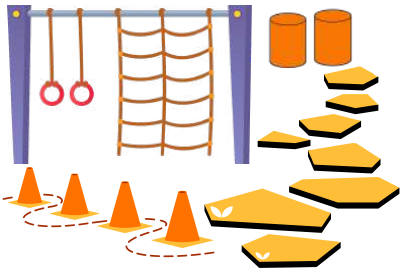
Calling all 3rd graders! Get ready for an action-packed Laser Tag Experience. Run, hide, tag, and team up with your friends in an exciting laser tag adventure—plus pizza will be provided to keep everyone fueled up. Don't miss this awesome night of fun, games, and friends. We can't wait to see you there!

Date: Friday 5/1
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Location: Whittier Playground

Max: 40 ppl
Cost: $15 pp

Hosts: The Bouton Family

1st Grade Fun at Iron Flag Fitness



One-action-packed-hour designed just for first graders! Kids will move, jump, climb, crawl and play exciting games and participate in obstacle courses. Our first graders will build strength, coordination, balance and confidence - all while having a blast at Iron Flag Fitness!

Date: Sunday 5/3
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Location: Iron Flag Fitness - 20 E Chicago Ave.

Max: 40 ppl
Cost: $20 pp

Hosts: The Szczepaniak, Torello, Kunesh, Ashland & Cashion Families

6th Grade Kickball Game

Calling all 6th graders! Get ready for a fun, action-packed kickball game where you can run, kick, laugh and hang out with your friends. Hosts will walk the kids from school to Randall Park. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Date: Wednesday 5/6
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Location: Randall Park

Max: 40 ppl
Cost: $15 pp

Hosts: The Barrett, Dziedzic, Cherney, Hoff & J. Shea Families

Pub Trivia

Calling all trivia buffs (and those who just want a fun evening)! Pub Trivia Returns at the Randall Park Tavern back patio with your team of 4-6 people. Form your team in advance or we'll help sort teams. There will be beer, seltzers, snacks, and prizes.

Date: Friday 5/8
Time: 7:00 - 11:30 pm
Location: The Ricca's Backyard - 5305 Park Ave

Max: 50 ppl
Cost: $40 pp

Hosts: The Ricca & Schoonover Families

2nd Grade Wind Chimes

Second graders will get to create their very own wind chimes just in time for the warmer months. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Parents please pick up on blacktop along Grand

Date: Friday 5/8
Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Location: Whittier Blacktop

Max: 40 ppl
Cost: $25 pp

Hosts: The Patterson & K. Waszak Famlies

5th Grade Capsules & Kickball

Before middle school adventures begin, fifth graders are invited to celebrate their final year at Whittier with an after-school experience that blends memory making and fun with friends. Students will create a personalized time capsule box filled with favorite memories and a letter to their future selves, then play a classic game of kickball with friends. The afternoon will wrap up with snacks and a feel-good way to celebrate their milestone year together before heading off to Herrick!

Date: Thursday 5/14
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Location: Whittier Gym & Blacktop

Max: 44 ppl
Cost: $15 pp

Hosts: The Jilek, Ander, Ruiz, Purlee, Moses, Dostal & Papanikolas Families

Student VS Staff Kickball Game

See if you can beat the Whittier Staff Team in a good old fashioned game of kickball! 20 students will be able to take on the staff and see if they can win the game. Get ready for an afternoon of fun!

Date: Thursday 5/14
Time: 3:00 - 3:30 pm
Location: Whittier Intermediate Playground

Max: 20 ppl
Cost: $15 pp

Hosts: The Whittier Staff

Springtime Wine Walk

Join us for a Spring Time Wine Walk! Moving as one big group, we will stop at 3 homes in Fairview Heights. Each home will feature a hand picked wine and snack pairings provided by the hosts.

Date: Thursday 5/14
Time: 6:30 - 8:45 pm
Location: Landers, Ward, Stimes Homes

Max: 40 ppl
Cost: $40 pp

Hosts: The Landers, K. Waszak, Stimes, L. Novak, Orozco, Ward & Schoonover Families

Adults Only-Pickleball Tournament

Pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island by three dads who were looking for something to occupy their children, which then grew into the sport we know today. In the spirit of people creating silly games and then taking them way too seriously, we're hosting a pickleball tournament! Come join us for pickleball, beer, food, and good times. The only things not allowed at the tournament are injuries and children. This is for adults looking to relive their glory days! Sign up with a partner, or sign up individually and get paired with a partner at random. For non-players, we still have a spot for you! You can purchase a spectator ticket that gets you access to everything but the court. We'll have a few other yard games there as well. ** Please send all partner information to waszak.kristin@gmail.com *Paddle required to play, if you are in need of a paddle please reach out.

Date: Saturday 5/16
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Location: Downers Grove Swim & Racquet Club

PLAYER TICKET
Max: 30 ppl
Cost: $30 pp

SPECTATOR TICKET
Max: No Maxl
Cost: $25 pp

Hosts: The O'Neill/Johns, Parrish, Paulik, Van Howe & J&K Waszak Families

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade Glow Dance Party

The lights will be low, the fun will be high, and everything will glow. Our glow party will be filled with fun colors, upbeat music, and electric atmosphere that will make everyone shine. Wear your brightest neon colors, dance with friends, and watch the room light up with glowing excitement.

Date: Thursday 5/28
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Location: Whittier Gym

Max: 150 ppl
Cost: $25 pp

Hosts: The Blazaitis, Ginger, Hazen, Jilek, Kafer, Kleehammer, Kunesh, Milstead, Novak, Racine, Southall, Szczepaniak, Wasik, & Wilson Families

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