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***A Note***

 ***From Mr. Kitto***

Greetings Whittier Families,

I do believe it is official, March came in like a lion, but thankfully, out like a lamb.  I trust you all had a relaxing Spring Break and are ready for that final push of the school year.  I just want to let you know of a few things that will be taking place in the next few weeks.

Parent/Teacher conferences will begin on the 11th and 12th of April.  If they haven’t already, your student’s classroom teacher will be reaching out to you to schedule a time to meet.  At our conferences, teachers, and or students, will be sharing evidence of their growth throughout this school year, with final thoughts and suggestions to end the school year on target.  We encourage parents to come and ask questions at our conferences, and we always strive for a 100% participation rate.

We will begin our state mandated testing, termed the Smarter Balanced Assessment, on April 24. We only test our 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades in Math and English/Language Arts.  Again, your child’s teacher will let you know the exact schedule when we near that date. Just a reminder to parents, if you have questions regarding this assessment, please be sure to contact your classroom teacher, Mr. Kitto, or visit our District Website.  This is an opportunity to see where our students are performing in comparison to other schools in the state as well as inform our instruction for the future.



**DATES TO REMEMBER…**

**Fri. 4/5 Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Apr. 11 & 12 NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Spring Conferences**

**Fri. 4/19 Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Fri. 5/3 Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Fri. 5/17 Mini Bank Deposit from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Fri. 5/24 NO SCHOOL – K-12 PIR Day**

**Mon. 5/27 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day Holiday**

**Thurs. 6/6 Last Day of School – Students released at 12:45 p.m.**

**NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY, APRIL 11 & 12!**

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

**Please don’t forget to register your kindergarten student for next year!**

Please remember to register your kindergarten student for the 2019-2020 school year. Enrollment for kindergarten registration is online. Go to the District website ([www.bsd7.org](http://www.bsd7.org) > Students and Parents Tab > Enrollment > Enrollment Instructions Grades K-5. You must have a copy of the child’s birth certificate and immunizations record to register.

If your child is already enrolled in our preschool this year, they will automatically be enrolled for kindergarten next year at their attendance area school. **All preschoolers must have proof of their booster immunizations before they begin kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**INTENT TO RETURN FORMS**

**Intent to Return Forms were sent home Monday, March 25, and are due back Monday, April 1,**

In order to reserve a space for your child and prepare class lists for next year, we need to determine which students will be returning in the fall of 2019 which students have incoming kindergarten siblings, and students wishing to transfer to another school.

If you request a transfer to your attendance area school and we are unable to transfer your child, your child will remain on that waiting list until that can occur or until you notify the enrollment office that you are happy with your current placement.

If you request a transfer to a non-attendance area school and we are unable to transfer your child, your child will remain on that waiting list until the beginning of the school year.

If your child is placed in a non-attendance area school and there is not space for attendance area students, your child may be force transferred.

Harnessing Our Own Power as Parents

**PARENT LIAISON NEWS**

Kids love to get into power struggles with us. Love and Logic teaches us that we have control over one side of the struggle: ourselves. Knowing this allows us to harness this power and positively influence the situation.

As parents, we spend a lot of time reminding, nagging, and telling children what they should not be doing. This reduces our energy and leads to power struggles. What can we do? Enforceable statements are the tonic to this drain. As parents we can state what we will do (instead of telling our kids what they should or shouldn’t do).

Instead of saying, “Unload the dishwasher!” try, “I would be happy to cook dinner when the dishwasher is unloaded.” For the kid who is struggling in school: “I would love to sign you up for that dance class when I see a B in Science class.”

One I use frequently in my home with a whining child is, “I will listen when your voice sounds like mine.” The only trick with that one is to make sure your voice truly is neutral!

For these and other great parenting tips contact your

Thrive Parent Liaison, Vonda Davis, at 922-1600 or

Vonda.davis@bsd7.org

### WHITTIER PAC NEWS

**Colombo’s Pizza: March 29** after 5:00 p.m. Come have fun and 5% of the evening’s sales will be donated to the Whittier PAC.

**Whittier Fork & Spoon Night: April 2** The Whittier community is invited to the Fork and Spoon Community Kitchen for dinner.

**An Evening with MeatEater, Steve Rinella: April 10 a**t the Hager Auditorium, Museum of the Rockies at 6:00 p.m. Join the Bozeman community for an evening with the host of Netflix’s Original Series “MeatEater,” hunter, author, cook (Whittier Parent )and conservationist, Steven Rinella.

**Teacher Appreciation Meals for Cnnferences:** April 11-12. Sign up to help provide meals for our teachers during Spring Conferences. More info on the PAC Facebook page.

**Whittier PAC Meeting: May 1** in the Whittier Library from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please come join the PAC to review the 2018-2019 school year and discuss goals and planning for 2019-2020.

**Whittier Social Hour: May 1.** Everyone is welcome! Join the PAC for an informal gathering at Midtown Tavern.

**Whittier Family Fun Day: June 1.** Celebrate the end of the year with bouncy castles, face painting and other fun activities at this **free event!**

**SPRING MUSIC CONCERTS**

**Please come join us for our Whittier Spring Concerts on Thursday, May 30!**

**PreK-2nd Grades: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**3rd-5th Grades (including choir, band and orchestra): 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Both concerts will be in the Whittier School gym.**

**5TH GRADE BAND & ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL**

**On WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24,** all Bozeman Public School band and orchestra students in the fifth grade will again be offered an enrichment day in performance music education. CJMS will host the orchestra festival and SMS will host the band festival. The festivals will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and all students will be bused from their home school to CJMS and SMS middle schools for the afternoon. **Parents will need to pick up their children at the respective schools at 5:00 p.m.** The afternoon includes sectional instruction offered by a specialist on each instrument, a performance by each specialist for the students, and an all-district band and orchestra rehearsal for the combined groups from all eight elementary schools. After giving the students a day to rest their playing muscles, we will present a District Fifth Grade Band and Orchestra Concert on **Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bozeman High School South Gymnasium.** We look forward to this being a rich experience for each child!

**Parent/Teacher Spring Conferences will be held on Thursday, April 11 and on Friday, April 12. Teachers are sending home forms to set-up a conference time.**



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