

The Whited Eagle

Douglas L. Whited Elementary School
A California Distinguished School
"Where the Children Come First"

From the Principal:

Dear Whited Eagle Families,

Oh my goodness, where did the 2011-2012 school year go? I always have mixed feelings as the end of another school year approaches. It is always tough to say "goodbye" to students and families that I have known for several years.

As you recall in the fall, Whited was one of the top ranked schools in Sonoma County this year with an API of 912. We are currently waiting on the state to release our Similar School Score in which our school is compared with one hundred other schools in California that reflect the same demographics as Whited. We are expecting for the FOURTH year in a row, a Similar School Score of 10, the highest ranking that is given by the state. We are also excited to announce that we anticipate to rank NUMBER 1 in the state for the second time in the past three years among our state cohort of one hundred schools. This achievement is a reflection of our outstanding staff and great parent support we have at Whited!

On another note, the month of May, as always, is filled with a number of special events. To begin with, please plan on attending our school play, "Peter Pan" on May 1st with two shows scheduled at 1:30 and 7:00. The Diane Moresi Annual All District Track Meet for 5th and 6th grades is happening on May 3rd followed by Fine Arts Day on May 10th. Whited's Open House is scheduled on May 17th with our sixth grade selling hot dogs, chips and a drink as a fundraiser beginning at 5:30. Classrooms will open at 6:30 with parents encouraged to visit as many rooms as possible. The Whited staff will be honoring our fabulous volunteers on Wednesday, May 30th with the Whited Volunteer Tea in the library beginning at 2:00.

On June 1st, the annual Whited Talent Show will take place in the morning beginning at 8:30. We will once again have a large number of students displaying a variety of talents. Parents and family members are always welcome.

Finally, a huge "thank you" to Stephanie Vreeland, our fabulous librarian, for serving as editor of the Whited Newsletter for the past several years. I really appreciate the time and energy she puts in making this publication possible. Thank You Stephanie for another great year!

Tom Castagnola, Principal

May 2012

Editor: Stephanie Vreeland



Calendar of Events:

May:

5/7: **Band Concert**
at Santa Rosa Bible Church

5/10: **Fine Arts Day**

5/19: **Marching Band**

5/17: **Open House-**
5:30-6:30 Hot
Dogs, 6:30-7:30
Classroom Times

5/27: **Walk-A-
Thon, 1:00-2:00**

5/28: **Memorial
Day, No School**

5/30: **Volunteer Tea**

June:

6/1: **Talent Show**

6/5: **Last Day of
School**

Classroom News:



News From Mrs. Tarantino's K-1 Class:

Kayleen: We made Spring pictures.

Meiling: We have learned about letters V and X.

Benjamin: We made an octopus puppet!

Emely: We learned about adding numbers on Board Math.

Harmony: I like Mrs. T. and making seahorses.

Karris: We made a baby chick and found 24 on the number line.

Eshitha: We made ladybugs with adding sentences.

Jasmine: I like seahorses and lobsters.

Caiden: We sounded out words with chips.

Julia: We made Spring flowers.

Alexis: I like April and learning numbers on the calendar.

Dustin: We went on a field trip to the Wildlife Museum.

Joy: We made a whale book. A whale is a mammal.

Natalie: Mrs. T. read my dolphin book. Dolphins live in air and water.

Eduardo: We wrote about Spring.

Nathan: We saw animals on our field trip.

Tavien: I like to build with legos and read about insects.

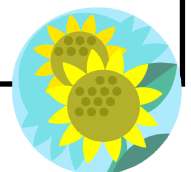
Siya: We made Spring pictures and wrote a sentence about it.

Nicholas: I wrote a sentence on Daily News.

Lyvia: We made number ladybugs, and we have flowers on our tree.

Alex: I made a Spring Bee.

David: We made and read about seahorses.



Classroom News:

Here are some words of advice from Room 8 students for taking the STAR test:

Room 8 is GREAT!



Lisy-Don't be nervous because it will just slow you down too much.

Monica-Try your best and underline key facts and words. I can, I will, I did!

Joey-Read Questions three times to recheck your answers. Have a great attitude and believe in yourself.

Nicole-Believe in yourself and don't be lethargic.

Jefferson-Go slowly, check your work and read three times.

Caleb-Use scratch paper, and figure out what "math action" to use.

Nikolai-Even though it is a STAR test, don't rush or you'll get it wrong.

Jaden-When you finish the test, go back and check all of your answers just in case you missed something.

Alyssa-Always concentrate and be focused. Remember not to cheat. I will be a success on the big test and high on the achievement ladder, I can, I will and I did.

America-Be focused and concentrate on the STAR test.

Kaig-Try your best and never give up.

John-Never give up and come to school everyday.

Max-Go to bed early and believe in yourself.

Lola-Have confidence in yourself and persevere.

Abby-use your scratch paper for alphabetical order and try your best.

Katie-Eat healthy (don't eat junk food) before you do the STAR test. Go slowly and work hard.

Taylor-Try your best and go on slowly. Make sure you get a good night rest before the test.

Emma-If you think you can...you can.

Sofie-If there is a hard question, just try it.

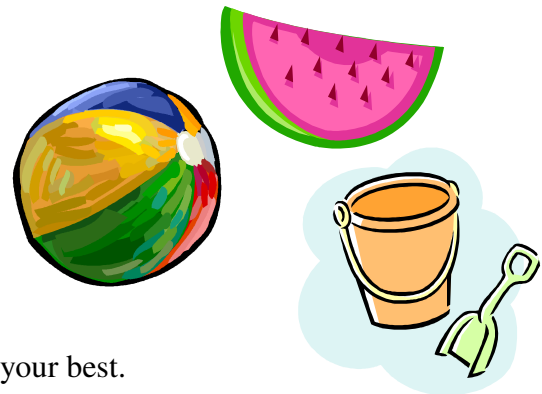
Lorien-After you finish the test, make sure you recheck answers in case you skipped a question.

Aden-Go to bed early, eat a healthy breakfast. If you get an answer wrong, don't throw your pencil on the ground, just try it.

Gracie-If you study and focus, you can get a 600 or 100%.

Missy (the pet hamster)-Be quiet and don't disturb others.

Mrs. Perry-The students in room eight are focused and hardworking on the STAR test. We all thank the PTA for donating daily snacks.





In Celebration of Office Manager's Day, An Interview With Mrs. Rossi:

Mrs. Rossi does a little bit of everything around our school, from copying papers to helping us when we are sick. We decided to interview her to see how she is able to "Do It All"!

Interviewers, "How long have you been an Office Manager?"

Mrs. Rossi, "I have done this for four and one half years."

Interviewers, "What did you do before you were an Office Manager?"

Mrs. Rossi, "I ran an at-home daycare for twenty-three years."

Interviewers, "How do you manage to do everything you do in one day?"

Mrs. Rossi, "You have to make priorities. Number one is to help the children."

Interviewers, "How many things do you do in one day?"

Mrs. Rossi, "I do at least forty things in one day."

Mrs. Rossi is an important part of our Whited School environment. We are Lucky to have her!

Reported by your Whited Action Reporters,
Sophie Carlton, Maggie Opel and Skylar Wilson.





E-Scrip

Sign up or re-register for E-Scrip and help raise money for your children's education! Go to www.escrip.com and sign up now under Douglas L. Whited Elementary. It's Free and it benefits Whited and your children. Just sign up your Safeway card. The school receives a percentage of what you spend. Thanks for your support!



It's Yearbook Sales Time!!!

*It's already been a year and yearbooks are up and running in their sales. For **only \$15**, you will get memories of your child's elementary school year to treasure well into the future. Don't wait too long they're already running out the office door (a limited supply). To purchase **your** yearbook see the Whited School Office.*

Thanks for supporting our school and your children's memories!

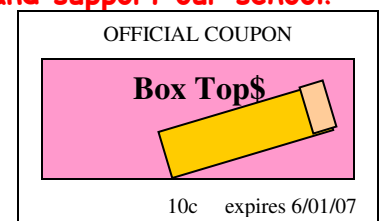


**Thanks to all
of the Whited
Staff and
Students for
making
2011-2012 a
Great Year!
-Stephanie
Vreeland**

Box Top\$

Let's start collecting a lot of Box Top\$ for Education from participating brands of General Mills Products. You can find the Box Top\$ on the top of the participating boxes; start watching for the picture on top General Mills cereals, dry goods boxes, and Pillsbury canned biscuits and cookies. Just cut them out, save them, and bring them in. Whited gets 10 cents for every Box Top you bring in. That can add up to a lot of Money for our Children! Drop your Box Top\$ in the container inside the office. So, let's bring those Box Top\$ in and support our school!

An Example found on the top of participating boxes: →





Whited Physical Education News

We are getting to the time of the year where I'm telling our students that we are achieving **HUGE RUNNING MILES**. As of this writing the students of Whited have run a total of 7,426 miles this school year. Here are some of the breakdowns of the mileage.

Primary students: a total of 2,000 miles. (Room 4 alone has run 700 miles)

Upper grades: a total of 5,426 miles. (the 6th graders have run 2,937 miles)

We are still running. The most miles Whited students have run in a single school year is 7,670 miles. We are on track to **SMASH** that record this year! We are continuing to track our entire running in all PE classes. **WAY TO GO ALL WHITED STUDENTS!**

Our theme for the month of May/June is: **Blast Off!** We will be teaching students to take what they have learned in PE and apply to their personal life.

New Kindergarten Jump Rope Program: A student jumps 100 times in a row or more.

Leilani Guzman, Leslie Robles, Alexis Hoke, Natalie Ortiz, Feyori Filmon, Jerusalem Ortiz, Joy Kim, Julia Garza.

These Kindergarteners have jumped 2,232 *times in a row* in a long jump rope with a teacher counting. **WOW! Way To Go!**

I encourage you to set goals about how you can be a healthy family at home.

Physical Education doesn't begin in kindergarten and it doesn't end in 6th grade. If we are to have our children live healthy, it's lifelong!

Keep up the great work as parents; your children are the **BEST!**

Rule of One Champion: *Room 9, Mrs. Haldi's 3/4th grade class. Record is 1,424.* This school record was set May 2006. Can this record be broken this year? We will see!

Remember children need Security, feeling safe is essential for growth.

Stay Happy, Stay Healthy, Ride Your Bike!
Physical Education Instructor, Mr. Samuel Pisenti