



The Whited Eagle

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

From the Principal:

Dear Whited Eagle Families,

May 2010

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Oh my goodness, where did the 2009-2010 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.

This, once again, has been a very special year. We began the year in August where upon on our return, we received some very special news.



1. Whited scored 922 on the STAR Test, FOURTH highest API score in Sonoma County.
2. Our third grade team received the news that they were the first grade level in the HISTORY of Sonoma County to have students score 100% proficiency or higher in Math. No other school or district could ever make this claim as Whited received "national attention" for this accomplishment. The third grade team had their Professional Learning Community meeting filmed and now is being used as a model for teachers throughout the United States.
3. Whited Elementary's Similar School was once again a 10, the highest state ranking a school can receive. In addition, when our school was compared to 100 other Similar Schools, Whited was NUMBER 1 in the State of California.
4. Whited continued its focus on theatre arts with several performances throughout the year. Next year, we hope to expand this program along with our fine arts program.

The month of May as always is filled with a number of special events. Please plan on attending our Open House on the evening of May 13th. The sixth grade will once again be selling hot dogs, chips and a drink as a fundraiser beginning at 6:00. Classrooms will open at 7:00.

On May 20th, the annual Whited Talent Show will take place in the morning followed by our Walk A Thon sponsored by the P.T.A. Look for more information on these and other upcoming special events.

Thank you for a great year!

Tom Castagnola, Principal

Calendar of Events:

May:

5/13: Open House
6:00-Hot Dog din
7:00-Classrooms
open

5/14: Whited Chorus
Performs at Valley
of the Moon Rotary
7:00 a.m.

5/20: Talent Show
8:30 a.m.

5/20: Walk-a-Thon
1:00-2:40 p.m.

5/21: Track Meet
5th/6th Grade @
Montgomery 9:00-
12:00 p.m.

5/25: 6th Grade vs.
Staff Softball 1:00
p.m.

Classroom News:

News From Mrs. Hughes's K2 Class: What are we learning in Kindergarten?!?



Komal: We are learning that magnets repel and attract.

Anthony: I am learning about sealife. Sharks will die if they stop swimming.

Savanhna: a squid can squirt ink.

Andrea: I learned about seahorses. They can change colors to their surroundings.

Raymond: I am learning about seahorses. The boy seahorse carries the babies.

Jayda: I learned that magnets can attract and repel.

Vijay: I am learning about magnets.

Carter: When magnets have north and south, they attract. When magnets have south and south or north and north they repel.

Aurora: We are learning about sea turtles.

Taylor: I learned about a seahorse. It has no teeth.

Joe: We are learning to count to 30.

Joey: I am doing my squid. A squid has ten arms coming out of its head.

Frankie: We are learning about sea life. If Sharks stop swimming they sink.

Terrence: I know seahorses are not very good swimmers.

Brennon: We are learning about sea life. Seahorses have a curly tail.

Aidan: I am learning about sharks.

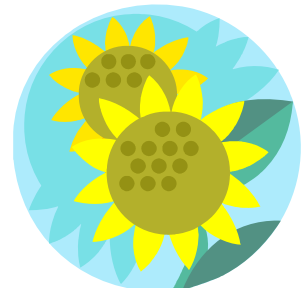
Shealynn: A lobster pinches.

Lee: Sharks have sharp teeth.

Ryder: Seahorses have a tail like a monkey.

Austin: I am learning to count to 100.

Savannah: Sharks could bite you if they do not know what you are. When they lose a tooth a new one takes its place.



Classroom News:

3rd Graders Advice to 2nd Graders From Mrs. Souza's Class:



D. J.: Always work hard and listen to the teacher.

Shaïen: Pay attention to the teacher so when you get a paper to work on you will get the answers right.

Estefany: Always return your homework so that you can take “Spot “ home.

Sara: Try to always do your best on everything!

Yajaira: always try to turn in your homework.

David: Try to remember to turn in your homework so you can have lunch with Mrs. Souza.

Hannah: Try not to mess around in the music room because Mr. Darrow will take away your flute.

Tabitha: If you will be good, you can have a flute concert.

Isabella: Remember to bring in your library books because in third grade, you get to checkout two.

Matthew: Listen to your teacher and work hard.

Gracie: Third grade is a little hard so be ready. You will have to do a lot of reports and biographies and cursive!

Marcella: Try to do your best on the STAR test because it is newer stuff.

Muhib: You need to be smart in class. Know your multiplication tables and try to return your homework on time.

Noelia: Do not forget to bring in your library books.

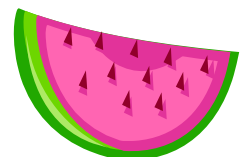
Justin: Go onto Multiplication.com to practice your times tables.

Ryley: When you present your report, you need to act brave and not be scared.

Chase: Listen to your teacher.

Iyana: Pay attention when the teacher is explaining math.

Ira: Obey your teacher and try hard in school.





Whited Physical Education Update!

Welcome to May 2010!

New PE Monthly Theme: "Blast Off!"

This month we will be focusing on taking Physical Education of our school and into our lives for the summer. Being active is very important along with proper nutrition. Find activities that you enjoy and "just do it" on a regular basis.

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

Save This Date: May 21, 2010!!! 5th/6th grade District Track Meet at Montgomery High School Stadium. Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00. If you would like to volunteer let the office know.

Running Distance Update:

Since August 17, 2009 Rooms: 1,2,6,7,8,9,11,14,15,16 have run a total of **5,000 miles**. It is 5,854 miles from Whited Elementary School to the Statue of Liberty in New York City and back to Whited. We will get there with no problem. **Way to go Whited Students!** You are **Great** runners.

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 2, Mrs. Haldi's 3/4 Class. Record is 1,424.

This record was set May 2006.

**Remember, children need Kindness, to Care for others,
as they are Cared For!**

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





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. To purchase **your** yearbook see the Whited School Office.*

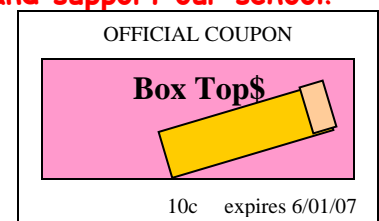
Thanks for supporting our school and your children's memories!



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: →





Student Council News

Dear Whited Students and Staff,

February was great and so was March. We are still working on Lunch Time Activities. We sell popcorn every Friday and soon look out for Ice Cream sales when the weather starts to warm up a bit. March brought us much exciting news! The Sixth Graders left for four days to Camp and had a wonderful experience. The Fourth Graders just returned from their trip to Coloma where they learned all about the Gold Rush. We have had Conferences, Spring Break, Science Fair, the Book Fair and Spirit Week. Spirit Week has been a success with practically everyone participating every day with new and exciting things to do and wear. Look for Crazy Hair Day coming soon and have fun the rest of the school year!

Your Whited Student Council



***Read Across America Day:
Dr. Seuss Day!***

***Thanks to all of our
Volunteers who read to
Classes on Read Across
America Day: Dr. Seuss Day.
All of your help and
participation was Greatly
Appreciated; the kids enjoyed
it immensely!
We can't wait until next
year!***

