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GO GREEN

Whittier Community School kicked off the school year with a new theme which happens to follow a popular new trend that is taking place around the nation and the world. Go Green! Whittier School's theme for the year is Go Green, and the students and staff have ambitions to make changes locally and abroad. The Go Green theme is split into four different groups and is in unison with the quarters of the academic year.

The first quarter, which is organized by primary class teacher Shannon O'Brien, is all about Energy Conservation and Alternate Energy Forms. The school will look at its carbon footprint, basically the way the organization impacts the earth as well as each person as an individual. Also during this time the school will be doing



Erin Tolman, 5th Grade, does her part by recycling cans and newspapers.

their bi-yearly food drive, so be on the look out.

The second quarter focuses entirely on Recycling. Linda Tolman, the middle school class teacher, is helping her students and the rest of the school recycle such items as glass bottles, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles. The items collected to be recycled will be sorted and brought to the Anchorage Recycling Center. Some of the listed items also will bring money into the class and student council funds. The school will also be working with the Begich Towers and Waste Management to encourage recycling. Finally it is the school's goal to make Whittier plastic bag free. They will

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Current News

It's a time of excitement! The crowds are cheering, screaming, chanting and booing. Many see it as the end of George W. Bush's term, and others see it as a fresh start; a clean slate. It is time for the 2008 Presidential election and everyone is exuberant!

This election breaks many traditions from both parties. John McCain, the presidential candidate for the Republicans, has chosen the first Republican female Vice President, Sarah Palin. Barack Obama, the presidential candidate for the Democrats, is the first African American nominee for president.

John McCain is 72 and married to Cindy McCain. He is currently the Senator of Arizona and resides in Alexandria, Virginia. He was a Prisoner of War for almost six years and always puts his country first. He is pro-life and believes marriage should be between a man and a woman. He wants

a slower withdrawal from Iraq in order to prevent a Civil war in the Middle East.

Sarah Palin is 44 and married to Todd Palin. She has 5 children by the names of Trig, Piper, Willow, Bristol, and Track. She lives in Wasilla, Alaska and was born in Sand Point, Idaho. She is pro-life and promotes abstinence education. She supports McCain's proposal for a slow withdrawal from Iraq and encourages drilling and mining. Being the Governor of Alaska and a mother, Sarah Palin has already won the votes of many Alaskans across the state and many more mothers across the Nation.

Barack Obama is 47, married to Michelle Robinson and has two daughters named Sasha and Malia Ann. He is the Senator of Illinois, which is also where he resides. He is pro-choice and believes that gay couples should have equal rights. He wants a quicker

withdrawal from Iraq and lower taxes for the middle class.

Joe Biden is 65 and married to Jill Tracey Biden. He is a Senator from Delaware and lives there also. He is pro-choice. He wants to make college more affordable for the people who can't get scholarships. He believes that you should get a job no matter what your sexual orientation is and wants to lower taxes on people who can't pay them.

These are the main candidates in the race for our tradition-breaking presidency. Help pick out the better party. Help our country find its next president, and help us, the future of your country, by making the best choice for our future too. So when November 4th comes around, make sure you have the right information about who's the better pick.

◆ By Tawnie Nelson, Student

Colorado Discovery Camp

Tawnie and Riccie are headed to a new educational adventure. From September 27 to October 12, they will be in Colorado and New Mexico for service projects, tours, hands-on activities, and even some shopping. This trip is to prepare students for the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam or for students who need to retake the test. Also we are going to be doing hands on construction and culinary projects. We will also work on teambuilding along with employability skills training. Along with the other activities, the team will be helping others with community service projects.

“Woo Hoo!”

-Riccie Roehl

The students are psyched to go on this trip. Riccie says, “Woo Hoo! I am most excited to see the sun and learn how to build something for others to use.” Tawnie can’t wait to watch the football game and to learn how to cook some new dishes. If you want to read more about our Colorado trip, look for the October newspaper article.

◆ By Riccie Roehl, Student

Staff of the Month

Name: Katherine Mercurief

Age: 33

Family: 5 Kids, 2 Step children and 1 grandson plus her other half, her husband

Position: Preschool Teacher

Length of time in Whittier: Over a year

Best part about working at Whittier

School: Working with the other staff

Hobbies: Making jewelry with my kids, drawing, and cooking with her daughter

Kitty and her family would like to say thank you to every one in Whittier for their support!

◆ Riccie Roehl, Student

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implement this by making re-usable bags that people can purchase and use each time they take a trip to the grocery store.

The third quarter is all about going local, and Jeff Clay and the rest of the student body have plans to save the forest and the ocean, which eventually will impact the world.

And fourth quarter, Community Activism, will be led by high school class teacher Stephanie Burgoon. The activities that are focused on during the fourth quarter will be community clean up and beautification and extending to the tourist season. Sustainability is all about keeping the activities that we did through out the year going for years to come as well as throughout the tourist season. The fourth quarter is also the time where the

school does its usual clean up and beautification. We will have set days that are near the end of the school year to clean and beautify.

With all the efforts being made

We, as a community, may see positive change.

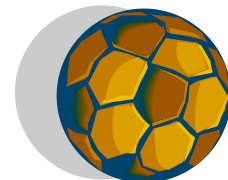
by Whittier Community School’s staff, students, and community members, we, as a community, may see positive change. This positive change for the environment will help Whittier become one of the country’s first all-green communities.

◆ By Jake Ginn, Student

Soccer

It’s time for soccer! Let the games begin. The K-8th grade soccer started on September 3rd. So kids, get your soccer ball and head to the gym. If the weather is nice, join us at the city park. Practice will be held from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Show school spirit and watch our eagles soar! And the coach, or should I say coaches, for the team are Linda and Shawn Tolman. If you have any questions ask Ms. Linda. Soccer game dates are not set at this time. Even though this soccer season is short, we are psyched about the games!

◆ Jaella Nelson, Student



The Arrival of New Students

Name: Jeffery Mattson

Age: 5

Grade: Kindergarten

What are you looking forward to this year: Playing with balls at gym, reading books, and learning my colors

Where did you come from: I Came from the B.T.I

Name: Maxsym Bilobrodsko

Age: 9

Grade: 4th

What are you looking forward to this year: Playing soccer, and doing better in math and spelling

Where did you come from: Russia

Name: Tacy Corbin

Age: 12

Grade: 7th

What are you looking forward to this year: Making new friends, passing levels, and the field trips

Where did you come from: Illinois

◆ By Riccie Roehl, Student

EAC Meeting

Parents and community members are invited to join the Educational Advisory Committee and help the school make decision about educational issues. Research shows that students are more successful at schools where parents and community members are involved. Please help our students become productive, prosperous citizens.

The first meeting is Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 in the Whittier library. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 472-2575.

◆ By Ms. Burgoon, Principal Teacher

What are we up to?

Ms. Burgoon's class:

Mrs. Burgoon has 4 students taking A.P. English classes. The whole class is studying the 2008 presidential elections in their government class. The class is also reading a book named Monster. Mrs. B's class is also writing screenplays from a key point in our own lives.

Ms. Linda's class:

Mrs. Linda's class is reading books based on life in Alaska. They are also learning about energy and ways to

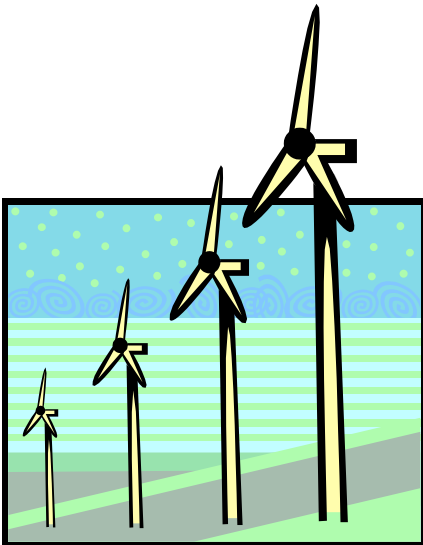
A.P. English classes.

"Go Green." Mrs. Linda's class is in charge of our recycling projects.

Mrs. O'Brien's class:

Mrs. O'Brien's class is learning about animals and habitats. They are also sharing ways to save energy with the rest of the school at breakfast. The primary has also been doing music with Mr. Clay's class on Mondays.

◆ By Alex Phillips, Student



Go Green Facts

1. Lighting an office over night wastes enough energy to heat water for 1000 cups of tea.
2. Switching off nonessential equipment in an office overnight saves enough energy to run a small car for 100 miles.
3. Don't forget to turn off your lights!

◆ This information brought to you by the Primary Classroom

