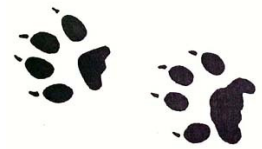


# The Whitt Wolf Call



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

- 9/2 Labor Day – No School
- 9/10 Family Fun Night @ Spring Creek BBQ (5pm to 9pm)
- 9/13 Fall Fundraiser Kickoff
- 9/17 General PTA Meeting  
Watch D.O.G.S. Kickoff  
6:45pm
- 9/19 Volunteer Orientation –  
7:30am
- 9/20 Wolf Howl – 7:45am
- 9/25 Early Dismissal (12:30pm)
- 9/27 Cookie Dough Orders Due



### Stay Informed

There are so many good things going on at Whitt that it's sometimes hard to keep track.

The good news is that there are several ways to help you stay informed:

- The Whitt Wolf Call Newsletter  
(Sent home in your child's Thursday folder on the last Thursday of the month)
- PTAvenue
- Whitt PTA website  
([www.whittpta.net](http://www.whittpta.net))



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## From the President:

Welcome back to school Whitt Wolves, and welcome to our new kindergarten class and our newest pack of Wolves! I hope each one of you had a fun-filled summer ... it sure goes by quickly! I am so excited for this upcoming year!

I am always amazed at the incredible volunteers Whitt produces each year. We truly have some of the most giving, selfless, talented, and amazing volunteers! The wonderful programs, events, and projects that happen in the school would cease to be without each of you and the support, time, and heart you give to every child at Whitt.

I welcome everyone to what the PTA board has deemed "**Team Whitt**" – an amazing group of staff and volunteers working together to help each child "make tracks" and to help each child succeed and achieve in every aspect. I truly believe in the cliché saying, "Together we can make a difference." I feel blessed to have witnessed this difference on a personal level and to have witnessed it on the larger scale.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many ways Whitt PTA has to stay informed and apprised of events and volunteer opportunities: Our Facebook page (Whitt Elementary PTA) for updates and reminders, check out our PTA website ([www.whittpta.net](http://www.whittpta.net)), and visit our new web-based program at [www.PTAvenue.com](http://www.PTAvenue.com) to view our interactive calendar, log in volunteer hours, and download important documents, and definitely read our monthly newsletter that will be sent home with your child. Make sure you join PTA, so you can easily stay connected.

Be sure to read through Whitt PTA's "First Day of School Packet." You will find lots of good information on volunteering, our upcoming events and fundraisers, our Watch D.O.G.S. program, and our pretty awesome new line of spirit wear. We've made sure to include all the necessary forms for your convenience! You will also find a calendar marking some of the highlights that will be taking place this year.

I'm excited to be with old friends and to make many new friends this year. Please know that I am here for you and for our "Team Whitt!" I feel privileged to be a part of something so positive and so amazing! Please don't ever hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns, or ideas.

Stacie Smith  
Whitt Elementary PTA President

## PTAvenue



Web-based, easy-to-use screens to:

- Read the Latest News and Announcements
- Review the Interactive Calendar
- Volunteer for Events and other Opportunities
- Enter Volunteer Hours
- Access Forms and Documents
- Contact PTA Board Members



We are blessed at Whitt with the most amazing group of teachers and staff and are so excited to welcome some new staff members this year:

- Tracie Gaiennie (1<sup>st</sup> grade)
- Kippy Cooper (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- Kristina Griffin (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- Allen Wade (4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Melissa Sellers (paraprofessional)
- Kim Corso (Nurse)

Be Your Child's Biggest Fan

Become a Whitt Room Representative

Check your child's Whitt PTA – First Day of School Packet for informational form and sign up.

Any questions? Contact Jamie Hodges at [WhittRoomRep@gmail.com](mailto:WhittRoomRep@gmail.com).

## Whitt Wolves Grade Level Shirts



Kindergarten – Yellow

1<sup>st</sup> – Orange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Red

3<sup>rd</sup> - Green

4<sup>th</sup> - Blue

Sizes: Youth Small – Large, Adult Small – 3XL

Shirts are \$5. Please make checks made payable to "Whitt PTA."

These will be used for field trips, grade level contests, field day, etc. and of course can be worn to show Whitt Spirit any day!

Contact Noreen Smith at [whittspirit@gmail.com](mailto:whittspirit@gmail.com) for details.

All orders are due **Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## Are You Connected?

Get Connected with Whitt PTA! Please check your child's Whitt PTA - First Day of School Packet for membership form and return envelope. Each child will receive a "spirit stick" with 2 PTA memberships.

Please help us reach our goal to have every student at Whitt represented by a PTA member.

Classes that get 100% of their students with PTA membership will also win a party!!

Join today! Please contact Lara Paretti with any questions at [whittptamembership@gmail.com](mailto:whittptamembership@gmail.com).



## Calling Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, and Father Figures!!!



**WATCH D.O.G.S.** (Dads of Great Students) is a K-12 program that invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer one day during the year. Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assistance with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, engaging students during recess, helping at PACK times, or helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling.

It's a great way to help the school and show your kids how special they are to you!

We will be having sign-ups following the General PTA Meeting on **Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Jo Murrett at [whittwatchdogs@gmail.com](mailto:whittwatchdogs@gmail.com) for any questions.

## Box Tops for Education

Hope you and your family had a terrific summer and were keeping an eye out for those valuable Box Tops for Education labels!

Last year Whitt Elementary raised \$1,500!! Thank you to all the parents and students who worked so hard to help us have a great year.

We will send home collection sheets for the kids to fill up later this Fall. There will be a contest for the classroom and student that collects the most.

For questions, contact Stacy Pewitt at [whittffn@gmail.com](mailto:whittffn@gmail.com).



## Spotlight on Volunteering

The Whitt PTA would like recognize our Volunteers of the Month, for the month of August. These volunteers have worked tirelessly even during the summer months to make the 2013-2014 school year the best yet!

**Stacie Smith  
Theresa Evetts  
Lara Paretti  
Noreen Smith**

Thank you for all your hard work,  
we appreciate you!

## Fall Fundraiser

Hello Whitt Parents, Teachers, and Staff!

Every fall, Whitt Elementary PTA hosts a large fundraising project in order to make all of our events and special programs throughout the year possible. We want to make this year just as exciting as previous years for our precious kids!

### Fundraiser Schedule

- 9/13: Fall Fundraiser Kickoff
- 9/13-9/24: Dates to collect catalog orders
- 9/25: Cookie Dough Orders Due
- 10/24: Cookie Dough Pick-Up  
2:30PM to 6PM

Please consider helping your child participate so we can have another fantastic year at Whitt!

We will be sending home packets and parent letters after the official kickoff on **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you,

Amy Embry  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Ways & Means



## Looking for a simple but meaningful way to support the AMAZING TEACHERS at Whitt?



### Participate in our Teacher and Workroom Shower!

For the next few weeks, you will see purple stars on the door of the teachers' lounge labeled with items requested to shower the teachers with love. We are asking parents who are interested in participating to purchase one or more items from the door. These items will be used to stock the teachers' lounge with some little extras like coffee and k-cups and the workroom with office supplies. Teachers and parent volunteers will use the office supplies in the workroom for the classrooms.

Please drop off donated items in the designated box in the front office at Whitt.

Thank you for supporting our teachers and making Whitt a great place to learn!

Dawn Schuler – Staff Appreciation

## WHITT WISHES

Want to wish your child a special Happy Birthday?

Purchase a Whitt Wish line on the Whitt Elementary marquee sign for \$20.

The form is included in your child's Whitt PTA - First Day of School Packet or can be downloaded from our PTA website. For any questions, contact Thao Wong at [whittcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:whittcommunications@gmail.com).

What a wonderful way to let them know how special they are!

## Fridays are Spirit Days at Whitt!

Don't forget to wear your spirit wear every Friday.

If you don't have your spirit wear yet, the PTA has a selection of t-shirts for purchase. The order form is included in your child's Whitt PTA - First Day of School Packet and can also be printed from our website ([www.whittpta.net](http://www.whittpta.net)).

Just send in your payment and we'll deliver your order to your child's classroom.

Thanks for your support and don't forget to show your Whitt Wolf Spirit!

## Family Fun Night!!



### SPRING-CREEK BARBEQUE

3335 North George Bush Highway  
Garland, TX 75040

September 10  
5pm to 9pm

**This is a great way to raise money for Whitt, and parents get a night off from cooking!!**

**Some of your favorite teachers will be there to support the cause and pass out warm rolls!**

**There will be prizes for the class with the most participants!!!**

