

James A. Whitaker Elementary School

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The Whitaker Wave



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Important Dates:

March 2018

- 2— Picture Day
- 6— HSO Meeting @2:45 in Rm.12
- 9— Report Cards Go Home
- Trimester Awards
- 15— PBIS Bunny Pictures
- 16— Jiji Party
- 20— Minimum Day Released @12:20
- 23— \$1.00 Dress Day
- PBIS Raffle #3
- 26-30— SPRING BREAK
- 27-29— GRIP Soccer Camp

Buena Park School District Strategic Plan

- ◆ Maximize student achievement through standards-based instruction and assessment.
- ◆ Provide a safe and positive learning environment
- ◆ Build trust, clear communications, and positive human relations.
- ◆ Promote parent involvement
- ◆ Create community partnerships
- ◆ Enhance staff effectiveness



Whitaker POWER³ -Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn

Principal's Message:

The Father – Daughter dance was precious. It was an evening that those dads, or special someone, and girls who attended will long remember. Dads and their daughters dressed up and came to an evening with special music and special memories. It was both amazing and impressive when every dad got up with each five to twelve year old daughter to dance the slow dance. Special thanks for all who pitched in to make it so special.

As we move into March, we are maintaining our focus of supporting students in foundational skills and enrichment. Recently "Reading Together," an after school program was begun for first thru sixth graders. This program supports improving Reading while establishing friendships with other students through a very strategic reading process called, Guided Reading. We are looking forward to seeing the positive results over the next few months.

Mr. Kim and I just introduced "Multiplication Madness" to encourage students learn their times tables. On April 13, we will cook and serve yummy pancakes to all third and fourth grade students who learn their times tables. The students took a quick assessment and are now on their way, but they need our help. As I discussed with the students, times table need to be practiced at home, on weekends, and with family as well as at school. This needs to be done regularly and frequently. Please help your children and it will pay off, big time. If you have time, please help us on April 13 with the breakfast at 8:30 am. We are all looking forward to it.

Report cards are coming home. Please take time to discuss your child's progress with them and contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or would like a conference.

Volunteer Opportunities

- HSO Meeting (03/06 @ 2:45 Room 12)
 - Grip Greeters (Daily, Morning and After School)
- Please call (714) 521-9770 or visit the front office if you are available/interested in volunteering.

Kindergarten Round-up

Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten packets for 2018-2019 school year are available in the office.

Only completed enrollment packets will be accepted.

Box Tops for Education

Remember to bring in your box tops to help earn money for our school.



HSO News

HSO Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 06 in room 12 @ 2:45

Brain Power News:

Save your receipts when you shop at Buena Park Mall and Buena Park Downtown. Please turn them in to Ms. Maria at the front office. Visit shoppingpartnership.com/

Wear your Whitaker shirts/sweatshirts everyday!