



Important Dates:

November 2017

- 3—End of 1st Trimester
 - Spelling Bee Gr 4-6
 - 4th @12:25-1:00
 - 5th @1:00-1:40
 - 6th @1:45-2:20
- 7—HSO Meeting @2:45 Rm 35
- 10—Veteran's Day (No School)
- 14—Minimum day Release @12:20
- 16—Kinder Thanksgiving Feast
- 17—\$1 Dress Day
 - Jiji Party
 - Report cards go home
 - Trimester Awards
 - Power Raffle Drawing
- 20-24—Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- 28—ELAC Meeting @8:15
- 29—2nd PSP Meeting @8:45
- 30—BPSD Spelling Bee

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 end of October activities were big hits. We all said "NO" to drugs during Red Ribbon Week, families enjoyed the annual Trunk or Treat, and students were dressed and looked so cute for the Halloween Boo pictures.

Report cards go home this month. Take time to review your child's report card when it comes home. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions, or need to discuss your child's grades and progress. Upper grade students are preparing for the BPSD Spelling Bee, which will take place November 30. We are all rooting for our students. GRIP (Gang Reduction Intervention Program) is in full swing. This is a program for students who are in need of additional support to be successful. It offers attendance accountability, school, staff, and business mentors, a field trip, fun activities and a place to talk and be safe. GRIP focuses on Attendance, Academics, and Attitude, which are important values for all.

Whitaker and other Buena Park Schools are beginning a fifth and sixth grade Choir that will perform February 15. Special thanks to Mrs. Bivens, who will be working with our students as their choir instructor. Its official, our Whitaker School Theme for this year is "Reach for the STARS." We will "Reach for the STARS" in our work, behavior, attendance and all we do.

We have much to be thankful for. We are especially thankful for our wonderful Whitaker students and families. I hope everyone has a memorable and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Student Council

Thank you to all students and parents that purchased BOO grams during October.

Student store will be open every Friday during recess outside of Mrs. Hernandez's classroom, room 28.

Dollar Dress Day-Friday, November 17th

Pay a dollar to get out of wearing uniform. The money raised will go towards student activities. Dollar dress day will always be the last Friday of the month.

Volunteer Opportunities

- HSO Meeting (11/07 @ 2:45 Room 35)
- Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast (See Kinder teachers)
- Grip Greeters (Before and after school all year)
- ELAC/PSP Meeting (11/29 in the Cafeteria) Please call (714-521-9770) or visit the front office if you are available/interested in volunteering.

Box Tops for Education

Box tops contest is now in action. Send box tops with your students to give to their teachers.



HSO News

HSO Meeting

The next HSO Meeting will be Tuesday, November 7th at 2:45 in Rm 35.

Special thank-you to:

Our HSO moms that came out during Red Ribbon Week to set up. To all of the staff and parent volunteers on Trunk-or-Treat, it was a great turn out! Thank you to all students who participated in the recent Snack Fundraiser. Money earned will go to help pay for field trips, assemblies, special events, etc.

Top 3 sellers: Isaiah Strong, Conner Panichkul, and Kayleen Morales. They each sold more than \$300!

Brain Power News: Buena Park Mall

Save your receipts when you shop at Buena Park Mall. Please turn them in to Ms. Maria at the front office. Visit shoppingpartnership.com/buenapark and review the Brain Power Flyer that goes home monthly.

Wear your Whitaker spirit shirt/sweaters!