

The Whitaker Wave



September 2017

Volume 2

Important Dates:

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- 4—Labor Day
(No school)
- 5—HSO Meeting
@2:45 Rm 12
- 13—Picture Day
- 15—School Site
Council Elections
- 22—\$1 Dress Day
- 28-29—Parent
Teacher Conferences
(No School)

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:

Whitaker is off to a great start for 2017-18. Our first HSO meeting was September 5th. I enjoyed meeting the HSO parents and discussing events for the year. We are looking forward to some new events such as the Father Daughter Dance. To provide these meaningful events, volunteers are needed so I encourage you to volunteer for this or other events. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.



Our upper grades Instrumental Music Program has started with excellent participation. We are looking forward to seeing our students progress and perform their newly acquired skills. The library and computer have opened for students with our new librarian, Amy Diaz. We are looking forward to promoting reading and technology all year long.

Back to School Night was very successful. During Back to School Night, we provided an IPAD Presentation to 4th Grade parents on guidelines for safety and caring for your IPAD. These will be very important learning tools for our students. Following the IPAD presentation Sixth grade parents attended a Science Camp Presentation with pictures of prior years' Science Camp experience. As always, parent were provided with important classroom information for a successful school year.

National School Lunch Program

Applications for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program are available online at www.bpsd.k12.ca.us under Child Nutrition. Please follow the online application instructions. Paper applications are available at district office. Please send your children with lunch money until you receive an approval letter. Approval letters will be mailed home. Lunch is \$2.00. Whitaker does not loan money to students.

BPSD Facebook and Twitter

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates and news. Our Facebook page is Buena-ParkSchoolDistrict and Twitter @bpsdnews . Also follow our new web page at www.whitaker.bpsd.k12.ca.us.  

Box Tops for Education

Remember to bring in your box tops to help earn money for our school. A contest will be coming up soon!



HSO News

HSO Meeting

September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 2:45pm in room 12. Please attend the meeting to meet your new co-presidents: Desiree Sandoval and Arlena Morales. We will be discussing HSO membership drive and our first fundraiser of the year.

Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped during Back to School night. We appreciate your help.

Brain Power News: Buena Park Mall

Earn extra points this month for donating food to Giving Children HOPE and donating blood to Red Cross. Keep shopping at the Buena Park Downtown and bring in your receipts. For more information, visit shoppingpartnership.com/buenapark

Wear your Whitaker T-Shirt every day to show school spirit!