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The Whitaker Wave



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Important Dates:

October 2017

- 4—GRIP PSP MTG
@ 8:15 in the Cafeteria
- 9—Staff Development Day
(No School)
- 10—HSO Meeting @ 2:45
- 16—Principal Appreciation Day
- 19—Great American Shakeout
- 24—SSC Meeting @ 2:45
- 25—3rd Grade Science Field Trip to BPHS
- 27—\$1 Dress Day
-Trunk-or-Treat @4:00
- 31—Minimum Day @ 12:20
-Kinder Costume Parade
-Boo Buddy Pictures
- 10/23-10/27—Red Ribbon Week

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:

Thank you parents for attending Parent Conferences. They were very successful with over 90% participation in almost every classroom. If you were not able to make it to your child's conference, you can schedule a meeting with your child's teacher. It is very important to have a clear understanding on their progress, and to know what you can do to help them at home.

Thank you to families who participated in the fall fundraiser. The fundraiser profits go toward field trips for students. The Great California Shakeout, which is a statewide drill for earthquakes, will be on October 19th. It is very important to be prepared for earthquakes, especially in California.

Exciting Fall activities are coming up at the end of the month, as well as Red Ribbon Week. During Red Ribbon Week, it is important to have conversations with your children about avoiding harmful substances and making good choices. Always remember to celebrate their success, discuss and together work on areas for improvement. Communication is the key!

Student Council 2017-2018

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Student Council members.
President: Derek Gonzalez
Vice President: April Madriles
Treasurer: Adriano Alcalde & Sinai Gasperin
Secretary: Maleah Naeve
Facilitators: Mrs. Hernandez & Mr. Francisco

Dollar Dress Day-Friday, October 21st

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 unless otherwise stated.

Volunteer Opportunities

- GRIP PSP Meeting (10/4 @ 8:15)
- HSO Meeting (10/10 @ 2:45)
- SSC Meeting (10/24 @ 2:45)
- Trunk or Treat (10/27 @ 5:00)
- *Candy donations are very much needed
- Red Ribbon Week (10/23-10/27)

Please call or visit the front office if you are available/interested in volunteering.

Box Tops for Education

Remember box tops help to earn money for our school and students. A box top contest will begin soon.



HSO News

HSO Meeting

Thank you to 7/11 for the generous donation of seven hundred and eleven dollars.
Our next HSO Meeting is Tuesday, October 10th. During this meeting we will be discussing school events taking place this month.
-Red Ribbon Week
-Fall Festival

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 shoppingpartner-ship.com/buenapark and review the Brain Power Flyer that goes home monthly.

Wear your Whitaker spirit shirt/sweaters!