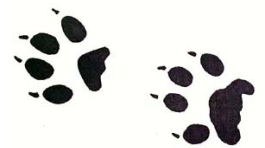


# The Whitt Wolf Call



Volume 10

Whitt Elementary PTA

May 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>May 12th</b>	Talent Show Auditions 3pm
<b>May 19th</b>	Chick-fil-a Family Fun Night 5-7:30 pm
<b>May 20th</b>	Rachel's Challenge Chain Reaction 8:30am
<b>May 24th</b>	Daytime Talent Show Performance
<b>May 26th</b>	Evening Talent Show Performance
<b>May 27th</b>	Field Day
<b>May 31st</b>	Splash Day

## Talent Show

Don't miss "Whitt's Got Talent!"

This is Whitt's first EVER Talent Show. We will have two performances - a daytime performance on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and an evening performance on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information coming home. Come out and see how much talent we have here at Whitt!

## KC Club

Wednesday, May 4th, will be the last KC Club meeting for the year. We will be having a fun time to celebrate all the kindness the club has generated this year.

Look for information in when school starts about joining the KC Club for the 2011-2012 year.

## From the President:

Can you believe this year is almost complete? It has been a fantastic year. We have accomplished much this year. Accelerated Reader was purchased for the students to use. It is now in use and should be utilized even more next year.

The playground now has trees to help shade the area and keep it cooler, science equipment and additional pe equipment has been ordered and will be in place by the beginning of next year. The PTA was able to purchase a set of balls and jump ropes for each classroom to use during recess. Look for more exciting things next year.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. They have all worked so hard this year in various ways including classroom help, library, stage décor for programs.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the PTA president this year. I have enjoyed working with the board, parents, teachers and staff. We have the best elementary school in Wylie. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Whitt community this past year.

Have a wonderful summer!

Kari Hunt  
Whitt PTA President

## REMINDERS FROM THE TREASURER

- Copies of the PTA Reimbursement Request Form are in the PTA Room or on the PTA website.
- PLEASE INCLUDE A PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS.
- Return your form with the accompanying receipt(s) to the PTA box in the front office.
- Your reimbursement request can be picked up in the box labeled checks on the front table in the PTA room unless you provide other instructions.
- The PTA cannot reimburse you for sales tax.
- Copies of the Sales Tax Exemption Form are in the PTA room or the PTA website.
- ALL CHECK REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MAY 31ST TO BE REIMBURSED BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.
- ALL CHECKS MUST BE PICKED UP BY END OF SCHOOL THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND.

Any questions? Contact Theresa Evetts at [theresa.evetts@verizon.net](mailto:theresa.evetts@verizon.net) or 214-906-9147.

## Splash Day!!

Splash Day is almost here! Parents, we need many volunteers to make this a great day for our kids. Please consider volunteering your time- during your child's playtime, or even all day! See schedule below:

1st Grade: 7:45 – 9:10      3rd Grade: 8:55 – 10:10  
4th Grade: 9:55 – 11:10      Kindergarten: 11:35 – 1:00  
2nd Grade: 12:45 – 2:15

*Amy Pinner, Room Rep Chair  
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## 4th Grade

The 4th graders will take a field trip to Draper Intermediate School on May 24th for a school tour and 5th grade orientation.

## Get Your Rangers Coupon Book

We are selling Texas Rangers coupon books for only \$39.99 each -- these include 2 sets of 2 free home game tickets (so 4 FREE games) as well as 6 coupons for buy-one-get-one free tickets! It's an exceptional value to go watch our American League Champions AND support our school at the same time. Please turn in your orders soon - the deadline is FRIDAY, MAY 20th. We accept cash or checks made payable to "Whitt PTA." Please send the money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, teacher/grade and how many you want to order included. We will fill orders within 2-3 days of receipt.

Thank you!!!

## Rachel's Challenge

We will have our Chain Reaction Event on Friday, May 20 at 8:30. We will take our Chain of Kindness and see if it reaches the fire station on Ranch Road. That was our goal—to reach the fire station! Parents are invited to join us.

## Nursing Needle – by Nurse Brandon

When the weather is warm, we want to be outside. The sun does good things like make the flowers and plants grow. It even gives us Vitamin D to help us absorb Calcium for strong bones. But it also sends down ultraviolet rays. When skin is exposed to these UV rays, it can turn into a sunburn. Sunburns hurt and can even cause blistering. Frequent damage to the skin can lead to wrinkles and skin cancer as we get older. To prevent a sunburn, wear sunscreen and reapply frequently. Take frequent sun breaks and rest in the shade or go indoors. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated. Avoid exercising on a hot day and don't forget to protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses.

Outdoor activities can be fun, but have some danger involved. Safety precautions must be met to make sure the activities don't turn into a doctor's or hospital visit. Protective gear must be used and rules must be established and discussed so our children remain safe.

Bicycle safety is essential. **Always wear a helmet.** You cannot predict if or when an injury will occur. It's important to wear a helmet on every ride. Establish this rule early and reinforce this message by having all family members wear their helmets. The helmet provides protection to the head and brain in case you fall down. It should fit properly, not too small and not too big. It should be worn level on the head and cover the forehead. The straps should always be fastened and fit snugly enough that you can't pull or twist the helmet around your head. The bike itself should also be the right size. To find the right size, you should stand straddling the top bar of the bike so that both feet are flat on the ground. Wear bright clothes and ensure that reflectors are on the bike so that motorists can see you from any distance. Never wear sandals, flip flops or go barefoot as your feet will not grip the pedal and may slip off into the spokes. Do not wear headphones because music can distract you from noises around you such as honking car horns. Talk to your children on where they are allowed to ride. Stay on sidewalk or bike lanes unless told otherwise. Keep an eye out for cars and trucks, especially those pulling out of their driveways. In all cases, walk your bike across the street and follow all traffic signals. The rules of the road are established to protect the bicycle rider. Parents should teach the importance of why these rules exist. Bikes are vehicles, not toys. We love and value our children and their intelligence and it is our job to protect them. Not wearing a helmet can permanently hurt their brains or even lead to death by head injury. **Helmets can save lives.**

Skateboards, scooters, and inline skates have also become popular outdoor activities. These activities also have their own risks. In a study in April 2005, 1 in 7 kids seen in the ER were there with fractures of the wrist, elbow and lower legs, due to skateboarding, inline skates and using scooters. Protective equipment for these activities should require a helmet, elbow and knee pads. The rules are the same as for riding a bike. Discussions about the risks of injury and the peer pressure influences to avoid protective equipment as it may be "uncool" should occur. Reminding kids that great sports heroes, like Tony Hawk, wear protective equipment and he is "cool" may break that stigma.

To read the rest of this article and other great info from Nurse Brandon, go to our website at [www.whittpta.net](http://www.whittpta.net) and check out the newsletters and articles section.