EAGLE UPDATES

WHITAKER CIRCLE

Whitaker ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Supporting Whitaker Elementary School to enhance the student experience while improving academic outcomes.

SOARING SPOTLIGHT

Meet GERARD JONES

Gerard Jones, Whitaker's cafeteria supervisor and native of St. Kitts & Nevis, has kept Whitaker's kitchen rolling for the past 6 years (even through the shortages and boxed meals of pandemic days).

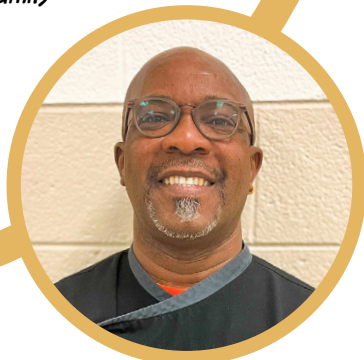**What's your favorite meal on the school menu right now?**
Chicken Alfredo (I love making pasta); before that, baked spaghetti

What prompted the recent shift from disposable to plastic lunch trays?
Savings on landfill space and food costs

What are you cooking for your family this Thanksgiving?
I am most excited about my butternut squash ginger soup, always delicious. Also on the menu: turkey, cranberries, crab cakes, Nivesian goat water (a broth-based Caribbean delicacy) and Puerto Rican flan.

DATES

11/8	**WHITAKER MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY**
11/10	**NO SCHOOL – VETERANS DAY**
11/13 – 11/17	**WHITAKER TRAILBLAZERS FOOD DRIVE**
11/14	**SKATE NIGHT** 6:30PM, SKATEHAVEN
11/15	**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY** (HOSTED BY 4TH GRADE)
11/22 – 11/24	**NO SCHOOL** THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
11/28	**SPIRIT NIGHT** 2:30PM - 8:30PM, OLIVE TREE
11/30	**WHITAKER DENTAL SCREENING**
12/08	**WHITAKER HOLIDAY SHOWCASE**

WHITAKER WISE

It's like a **PEP RALLY IN YOUR INBOX.** To subscribe to the **digital copy of this newsletter**, send your email address to whitakercircle@gmail.com

A PARTING NOTE for dismissal all **students leaving early from school** must be picked up before 2:00 pm. Otherwise, your child will be dismissed at 2:25 pm with the rest of the school.

A TESTING PRIMER
BOGs: Online reading test for 3rd graders, given at the beginning of year; a benchmark for future growth.

iReady: Online reading and math program that includes 3 assessments per year and self-paced, individual sessions (district required).

Dibels mClass: Online literacy assessment for K - 3rd graders given twice per year (state required).

GET INVOLVED!

It's never too late to contribute towards the **CIRCLE'S FALL GIVING CAMPAIGN!** We welcome donations (individual or company matches) at any point during the year. https://whitakercircleofcommitment.org/fundraising/

Help provide nutritious meals to fellow students over weekends and holiday breaks. Sign up to help with **WHITAKER'S BACKPACK PROGRAM** and other volunteer opportunities on LOME! https://grow.withlome.com/-/whitaker-circle-of-commitment

WHAT'S NEW?

- ➢ **SHOP WHITAKER WEAR ONLINE** https://WhitakerESWear.myshopify.com. All purchases will come home from school in your child's backpack! NEW Inventory including hoodies, t-shirts, and magnets!

- ➢ **WHAT'S NEW AT THE PLAYGROUND?** A few things actually: 2 new basketball goals, a basketball key around the back basketball goal and 2 new soccer goals. And there is more to come…

- ➢ **LOVE THE TUNES!** We are loving the new speaker at drop off and pickup for tunes and calling names!

- ➢ **WHITAKER IS THANKFUL** for our 2023-2024 Business Partners! Check out all of our amazing Platinum, Gold, and Silver Business Partners on our website and attached flyer.

WHITAKER CIRCLE

ROLLER SKATING NIGHT

TUE NOV 14, 2023
6:30PM – 9:00PM
SKATE HAVEN
120 HOOD DR, WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27104

❮ $8 per Skater ❯

Join your Whitaker friends for a night of roller skating at Skate Haven from 6:30-9 pm.

Pay $8 at the door for roller skating and skate rental; a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to Whitaker.

See you there!

WHITAKER CIRCLE

SPIRIT NIGHT
at

THE OLIVE TREE
580 S STRATFORD RD #1807, WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27103

TUE NOV 28, 2023
2:30PM – 8:30PM

Join your Whitaker Elementary friends at The Olive Tree for dinner! A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to Whitaker.

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Fall Fest 2023

THANK *you!*

Thank you for the hard work selling raffle tickets and to the **800+ people** that attended Fall Fest 2023.

Together, we raised over $16,000!

We also appreciate the support of our many volunteers and all of their hard work!

Congrats to all the raffle prize winners!

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VOLUNTEER WITH US

CHECK OUT OUR WHITAKER CIRCLE OF COMMITMENT COMMUNITY PAGE TO SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

https://grow.withlome.com/-/whitaker-circle-of-commitment

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