



EAGLE UPDATES

MAY 2024

WHITAKER
CIRCLE

Whitaker
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SOARING SPOTLIGHT

Meet LORI PENNY

Lori Penny is a native of Maryland and Whitaker's English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher. She studied at Morgan State University (B.S. elementary education) and College of Notre Dame (M.A. Teaching ESL)

ESL teachers instruct children from all over the world! Where in the world do you enjoy traveling?

I've lived and/or traveled to Mexico, Canada, Germany, France, Monaco, Korea, Japan, Philippines, Thailand, Cuba, China, and Taiwan.

How many cultures are represented in our ESL classes this year?

5! Arabic, Chinese, Mexican, Salvadorean and German.

What do you enjoy most about springtime in W-S?

I enjoy the bees buzzing around my blossoming blueberry bushes in my garden.



DATES

5 /6-5/10	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
5/10	WES KINDERGARTEN SCREENING
5/16	WES SPRING MUSICAL (2ND GRADE)
5/18	EAGLE MILE 8:30AM
5/27	NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
6/4	PE PERFORMANCE
6/5	WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY (HOSTED BY CIRCLE)
6/6	WATER FIELD DAY
6/7	5TH GRADE PROMOTION
6/7	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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

WHITAKER WISE

LAST DAY TO ORDER — Yearbooks sales close for good on May 10th! And when they're gone, they're gone y'all. To order, go to www.treering.com/validate and enter our **school passcode:** 1014992799162576

SPRING CLEANING out all your old **Whitaker Wear**? Pass it on to another Eagle! DONATE gently used Whitaker Wear in the new Donation Bin in the front office and then SHOP our **online store** at <https://whitakereswear.myshopify.com>. All purchases come home in backpacks!

BOOKBAGS FEELING A BIT LIGHT? Check **Lost and Found** for misplaced treasures—jackets, water bottles, and so very much more! All items will be donated at the close of the school year.

FOR ALL THE TO DO LIST CRUSHERS — Order **1st Day School Supplies** here <http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=78848> and done! Your child's supplies will be ready and waiting at Whitaker at back to school. Deadline for school supply orders is July 1st!

GET INVOLVED!

LOME IS WHERE IT'S AT for end of year **volunteer opportunities** and committee sign ups for the '24-'25 school year. Come check out ways you can get involved in your school community! <https://grow.withlome.com/login>

WHAT'S NEW?

- > **SO FRESH & SO CLEAN.** Have you seen our new **dog waste disposal stations** on the back and K-1 lawn? We love keeping our grounds beautiful places to learn and play.
- > Well **COLOR ME EXCITED TO COME TO SCHOOL!** Use your Eagle Eyes to spy the bright and beautiful new additions to the **lobby mural**. See if you can spot what's new about the lobby's **glass casings** too!

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EAGLE MILE

SAT MAY 18, 2024
WHITAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
RACES START 8:30 AM
Be at Whitaker between 8:00-8:15 if you plan to run!

Join us for Whitaker's annual Eagle Mile road race!

This year, entry is **FREE**, anyone may run in the 1-mile race after completing a brief waiver. Crazy Running will lead a warm up for runners at 8:15, then the races will begin at 8:30.

The top 3 times for each grade will be awarded a medal.

The 1 mile race will begin and end in front of Whitaker, and it will loop around the neighborhood. A coffee truck will be on site for people wishing to purchase beverages, and there will be chalk and bubbles in the parking lot for kids to play with. Join us for this fun tradition!



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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>

