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GET INVOLVED!

Share your time, talent and donations!

CIRCLE COMMITTEES ARE FORMING NOW for the '25-'26 school year. Come check out ways you can get involved in your school community! <https://tinyurl.com/2526committeesignup>

CALLING ALL WALKERS (Eagle adults who love a peaceful stroll): **we need YOU to proctor EOGs!** Get your steps in **May 13 and/or 14 from 8-11 am**. Requirements: brief training (5-10 min), willingness to monitor the classroom with teacher, and no cell phone or smart watch. Email Beth Welsh emwelsh@wsfcs.k12.nc.us to sign up.

PROGRESS REPORT

Hear about what the Circle is doing

- **WE LOVE SOME GOOD INSPO** around here. Check out the new vinyl inspirational quotes scattered around the school (hint hint: check the stairwells and grade-level hallways), including one from Wilmington's own #23. Might just make your day.
- **WE ALSO LOVE SOME GOOD COMMS:** Whitaker Circle purchased 25 new walkie talkies this spring so that all staff have their own two-way communication device. Huge improvement. Over.
- **MORE GOOD VIBES?** Well, that is the Whitaker way. Our **new Winston-Salem skyline mural** is lifting spirits in the 4th & 5th grade hallway.

SOARING SPOTLIGHT

Meet **ROBIN CHILDRESS**

A word with Robin Childress, Whitaker's lead resource teacher who retires this summer.

How long have you been teaching?

You ready? 43 years. The last 7 have been in elementary and the last 5 have been here at Whitaker. I ended up where I belonged.

With many different learning styles in your classroom, what's your secret to connect with each student?

First I establish a bond of trust, then focus on positive accomplishments and build from there.

Favorite teaching memory?

When I see light bulbs come on.

Any parting words for our Eagles?

Remember what you learn is yours forever! Knowledge is power. Use that power to grow and become the person you want to be.



CIRCLE THE DATE

5/2

Kindergarten Screening

MAY
5 - 11

Bookmarks Book Fair

> Bookmarks Book Store, 634 W 4th St

5/7

Bike Bus

5/16

Kona Ice Truck

> 2:15pm, Front Playground



5/17

Eagle Mile

> 8:30am, Front of School



5/23

5th Grade Graduation

5/23

May End of Year Staff Lunch



5/23

Sunset Slush

> 2:15pm, Front Playground



5/23

Last day of school!

WHITAKER WISE

Access Whitaker resources

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** and done! Your child's supplies will be ready and waiting at Whitaker at back to school. <http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/78848>

NEW WHITAKER NEWS. Follow Whitaker's new Instagram account [@WhitakerEagles](https://www.instagram.com/WhitakerEagles) to get regular updates from inside the school! And don't miss the latest from the Circle ([@WhitakerCircle](https://www.instagram.com/WhitakerCircle) on Instagram) and from the Principal's Desk ([@WhitakerWSFCS](https://www.instagram.com/WhitakerWSFCS) on X).

Our Eagles sure **GET A KICK OUT OF TKD.**

TRU Tae Kwon Do returned to P.E. this month! They had a ball learning about respect and focus from Martial Arts masters.

THANK YOU BUSINESS PARTNERS!

Our 2024-25 Business Partners have made great things possible for Whitaker this year, and we're so grateful! Interested in becoming a Business Partner next year? Email janebduncan3@gmail.com for more information!

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KONA ICE TRUCK

FRIDAY MAY 16TH, 2025

2:15PM

◀ Whitaker Front Playground ▶

Kona Ice will be staying after school (they're bringing two trucks!)
to serve to students for **\$4-7 a cup**.
(Imprints families can send money with their children.)



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EAGLE MILE

SATURDAY MAY 17TH, 2025

RACES START 8:30AM

◀ Whitaker Elementary School ▶

Join us for Whitaker's annual Eagle Mile race!

Crazy Running will lead a **warm up at 8:15**, then **races begin at 8:30**.
The race will begin and end at Whitaker, looping around the neighborhood.
Anyone may run in the 1-mile race.

A coffee truck will be selling beverages and there will be
complimentary snacks and water for the racers.

**ENTRY IS FREE! Register now
for this fun tradition:**



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*Committees are Forming now For the
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SIGN-UP HERE



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SUNSET SLUSH

FRIDAY MAY 23RD, 2025

2:15PM

◀ Whitaker Front Playground ▶

Sunset Slush will be staying after school (they're bringing two trucks!)
to serve to students for **\$5 a cup**.
(Imprints families can send money with their children.)

