

whitakercircleofcommitment.org

GET INVOLVED!

Share your time, talent and donations!

Whitaker's 6th Annual **FIRST RESPONDERS SNACK DRIVE** is happening September 8-10. Bring individually wrapped, store bought, snack items to the school lobby. Snack boxes will be given to our community's First Responders on 9/11. **Wear Red, White and Blue to school on 9/11.**



The **BACKPACK PROGRAM** provides supplemental food for students on weekends and school breaks. They work primarily off community donations - help by signing-up to donate to our Food Pantry, or via our Amazon wishlist.

FILL THE NEST is the Whitaker Circle's Giving Campaign, and our one major fundraiser of the year. Look for our **Giving Campaign letter** on September 18 for more details about this week long giving extravaganza. This year, more than ever, we need your help to ensure that all of our Whitaker students and staff can soar!



GIVING CAMPAIGN COIN DRIVE - September 19-26

Send coins with your student. This really works - we raise a lot of money in coins! This year, prizes will be by "NEST" - stay tuned for details!

PROGRESS REPORT

Hear about what the Circle is doing

- **CURB APPEAL** Students, staff and parents pitched in for a back-to-school grounds clean up - trimming tree limbs, weeding beds, picking up trash, and planting fresh flowers. It's amazing what we can do when we work together! Stay tuned for future community grounds work days.
- **TERRIFIC TUESDAY'S** celebrate and appreciate our staff with a delicious lunch on us each month! Check out LOME for duty-free lunch sign-up, so our teachers can fully enjoy this event!
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SOARING SPOTLIGHT

Meet STUART BARNHART 2025-26 Circle Treasurer

Tell us about the Fall Giving Campaign.

This year we are focused on maintaining and improving what makes Whitaker so great despite district budget cuts. The Giving Campaign and Coin Drive are some of the Circle's primary means to fund the instructional materials, classroom and teacher support that we provide.

What are the campaign's goals? We are planning to spend more this year on things the district once provided, so we are aiming to beat prior years' numbers!

How can we help? We invite you to share your time and provide financial support at whatever level makes sense for your family.



CIRCLE THE DATE

SEP
8-10

First Responders Snack Drive

> Wear Red, White and Blue to school on 09/11

9/9

Terrific Tuesday

9/18

Nest Reveal Day!

> Students find out to which of the 5 nests they belong

9/18

Spirit Night at TJ's Deli

> 5:00pm, 5017 Country Club Rd, WS 27104

9/18

Skate Night

> 6:30-9:00pm, Skate Haven 120 Hood Dr WS 27104

SEP
19-26

Fill the Nest Giving Campaign & Coin Drive

9/24

Wear Your Nest Colors Day!

9/25

Curriculum Night

10/1

October Bike Bus

> 7:15am (departs Buies), 2:30pm (departs WES)

10/3

Grandpals & Special Person Day

10/17

Fall Fest



CIRCLE EVENT whitakercircleofcommitment.org/events

WHITAKER WISE

Access Whitaker resources

ONE TREE, FIVE NESTS You may have heard your student mention this phrase. Nest reveal day is September 18! Nests will compete in friendly challenges and activities throughout the year to build community and a sense of belonging among Whitaker students, teachers and staff.

Beginning the week of September 8, we're welcoming back **LUNCH VISITORS!** Notify your student's teacher ahead of time and sign in at the office. This year all lunch visits will be in the lobby.

WHITAKER WEAR WEDNESDAY Show your school pride by wearing Whitaker green every Wednesday. GO Eagles!

ISN'T THAT PEACHY This year we'll be using Peachjar to distribute our newsletter and flyers. You do not need to sign up, but if you haven't received anything, be sure the school has your updated email address(es).

PLATINUM PARTNER SHOUT-OUT!

A big round of applause for the **Winston-Salem Symphony**, our new printing sponsor, generously providing printed newsletters all year and helping offset district budget cuts!

