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GET INVOLVED!

Share your time, talent and donations!







IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME to be a duty-free lunch volunteer! The next Terrific Tuesday staff hospitality lunch is on Dec. 9. Help give our teachers a break so they can enjoy it. Check LOME for grade level lunch times.



SUPPORT WHITAKER WHILE YOU SHOP for all those special holiday gatherings. Learn how to link your grocery rewards cards (Harris Teeter, Publix & Lowes Foods) to give a small percentage of your grocery bill to Whitaker.

“Volunteering has become one of my favorite parts of the week. I get to interact with the administration and teachers as they move through their day and see up close how hard they work for our children. It makes me feel more connected to the Whitaker community.”
~ Susan Colon, 4th Grade parent and front desk volunteer

The **COUNTDOWN TO WINTER BREAK** is back! Join in the fun during our school's festive December spirit days.

MON 12/15	TUE 12/16	WED 12/17	THU 12/18	FRI 12/19
Holiday sock (and other accessories)	Holiday sweater	Holiday headgear	Candy Cane (red/white)	Holiday pajamas
				

SOARING SPOTLIGHT

Meet KATIE CROSS 2025-26 Circle Volunteer Coordinator

How is the demand different for volunteers this year?

First of all, a HUGE THANK YOU to those who have already stepped in to help our teachers and staff! With the budget and staff cuts, Whitaker needs volunteers now more than ever.

What do volunteers do?

Whether it is sitting with a child to work on math facts, leading a small reading group, taking over lunch duty for a teacher, assisting the media center, or even making copies, there are so many ways to help out! LOME on the Circle Website is updated regularly with a variety of opportunities and time commitments.

So many options! What's the best way to choose?

It can be overwhelming, but we suggest finding one thing that fits with your schedule and signing up! Not sure where to start? Contact me, and I'll help. whitakerlome@gmail.com



CIRCLE THE DATE

12/3

December Bike Bus

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

12/4

Winter Musical (2nd Grade)

> 6:30pm

12/4

Spirit Night - La Carreta

> 1989 Peace Haven Road North, NC 27106

DEC 8-12

Nest Winter Food Drive

> See flyer for details

12/9

Terrific Tuesday

12/13

Chorus Christmas Fest performance

> arrive 9:45am, 457 S Church St, Old Salem

12/19

End of Q2

DEC 20 - JAN 4

No school - Winter break



CIRCLE EVENT whitakercircleofcommitment.org/events

PROGRESS REPORT

Hear about what the Circle is doing

- Staffed entirely by **VOLUNTEERS**, the **WHITAKER RECEPTIONISTS** deserve a round of applause for their smiling faces, friendly voices, and calming, patient presence in one of the busiest spots in the school. Thank you to our amazing volunteers!
- **WINDOW CLINGS** have been installed in all classrooms with ground-level windows, enhancing school safety and aesthetics. The clings are mirrored and opaque on the outside but still allow in natural light to create a light-filtering effect.

WHITAKER WISE

Access Whitaker resources

THANK YOU, MR. BROOKSHIRE! Mr. Brookshire has officially retired from WSFCS, and we are so grateful for his dedication and commitment to Whitaker these past 3 years. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Ian Olsen as our new principal. The Circle will offer a meet and greet for parents to get to know Dr. Olsen in the new year - stay tuned for more details.

FEED THE NEST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON Our student Nest leaders have organized a food drive. They'll collect items from Dec. 8-12. See what your child's nest is assigned to bring on the attached flyer.

LOOKING FOR A GIFT FOR YOUR WHITAKER EAGLE? Check out our newly stocked Whitaker wear for hoodies/sweatshirts and nest colored t-shirts! whitakereswear.myshopify.com

PLATINUM BUSINESS PARTNER SHOUT-OUTS!

A powerful thanks to **Wagner Appliance** for helping keep break rooms and appliances running smoothly! Wagner is an outstanding resource for your appliance purchase and repair needs! wagnerappliance.com

Information security needs are real. **Archive Information Management** has been providing secure document storage, imaging and shredding in the Triad for decades. Thanks for your support, AIM! archiveim.com

You can't beat Whitaker family dining from the team at **TJ's Deli** and **Pizza Greco**. Thanks for your generous support of staff lunches and all of us at Whitaker! tjdeligrill.com pizzagreco.com

GOLD PARTNER OF THE MONTH

Goes to **Louie & Honey's Kitchen** for their delicious holiday treats! louieandhoneyskitchen.com

WHITAKER
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FIRST THURSDAY

**SPIRIT
NIGHT**



THUR DEC 4th

**LA CARRETA
1989 N PEACE HAVEN ROAD**

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT FOR DINNER

Tell them you are with Whitaker and a portion of proceeds go to the Circle.



CIRCLE EVENT

(Third-party app orders do not apply)

FEED THE NEST



TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Donations will be collected **Dec. 8th-12th**
- Each nest will be responsible for certain items



**DROP OFF LOCATION:
FRONT LOBBY**

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every day, families in our community go to bed hungry. Your donation helps us provide fresh meals to those who need it most.

FOOD ITEMS BY NEST:

- **Amistad-** oatmeal, grits, cereal, protein bars/granola bars
- **Chazaq-** fruit cups, juice boxes, pudding
- **Quantum-** mac and cheese, ramen noodles, canned pasta
- **Umoja-** canned fruit & vegetables, chili or soup
- **Wafi -** crackers, goldfish, popcorn, or other snack items (no nuts)

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