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GET INVOLVED!

Share your time, talent and donations!



WHITAKER'S BOOK FAIR IS COMING Feb 23-26, and we need YOU to help make it amazing! Our students love this event — the excitement, the books, and the chance to pick their favorites. We need volunteers to help make it a success — no experience is required. Join the fun and see the smiles for yourself!

BOOKS & BBQ FOR WHITAKER! Visit Little Richard's during Book Fair Week and support Whitaker with a delicious way to give back.

The Book Fair will be open late on **Tuesday, Feb. 24 (4-5:30 p.m.)**, so you can shop for books and then head to Little Richard's for Spirit Night.

All week (**Feb. 23-Mar. 1**), kids receive a **free dessert** with a meal when you show proof of a Book Fair purchase (receipt or books).

Skip cooking, enjoy great food, and double your support for Whitaker!

PROGRESS REPORT

Hear about what the Circle is doing

- Whitaker has the **BEST SUPPORT STAFF!** To show our appreciation, the Circle gave a holiday gift to each of our support team members—including, custodians, specials teachers, and counselors.
- **SPIRIT NIGHTS** are a great opportunity to skip cooking dinner and connect with our Whitaker community, all while supporting our school! Thanks to your participation in these community-building events and to our restaurant partners that donate a portion of their proceeds, we can help support teachers and students. Last year the Circle brought in **\$2,726** so be on the lookout for future Spirit Nights and plan to be there so we can raise even more this year!
- **PLANNING IS ALREADY BEGINNING!** If you would like to be more involved in the Circle next school year, please email us at whitakercircle@gmail.com

WHITAKER WISE

Access Whitaker resources



SCHOOL TOURS AT WES are underway! Know someone who'd love to check out our community? Share the [SignUpGenius](#) on our School homepage with anyone who may be interested.

THE COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN IS ON! Families are invited to visit Whitaker in person throughout the day on Thursday, February 19! Get help with enrollment support and meet our amazing staff.



Thank you to everyone who submitted artwork for the **WES YEARBOOK CONTEST**—we were blown away by the creativity! Stay tuned for updates on how the artwork will be featured. Want to get a head start? Pre-purchase your yearbook using the order [link here](#).

CIRCLE THE DATE

2/4

February Bike Bus

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

2/10

Terrific Tuesday & Duty Free lunch



2/19

Countdown to Kindergarten

> All day, Whitaker Elementary School

FEB 23-26

Scholastic Book Fair

> Times vary, see flyer - WES media center

2/24

Book Fair - open late

> 4-5:30pm, WES media center

2/24

Spirit Night - Little Richards



> 109 S Stratford Rd, NC 27104

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March Bike Bus

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

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Last day of 3rd Quarter



CIRCLE EVENT whitakercircleofcommitment.org/events

SOARING SPOTLIGHT

Meet **CHEZLEY ROYSTER** New WES Media Coordinator

Welcome to Whitaker, we're glad you're here! Where were you before joining us? I have worked in the district since 2000 as an ELA Teacher at Wiley MS, and EC Instructional Coach for all the middle and high schools.



What does the Media Center mean to you? I hope that every kid has a good experience with libraries so they learn they always have a place to go with free access to information. Libraries are the most important institution in our society, and it's vital that students learn how to use databases to find information.

Anything you'd like our WES community to know about you? I'm not a "shushy" librarian, and I believe that the library should be alive with the burn of curiosity and exploration!

VOLUNTEER VOICE OF THE MONTH:

"Working with my 1st grade reading group has been so fun, and I'm proud to be at a school that has been able to fill in the gaps for our teachers this year. It's also a joy to be a part of my children's school and get to know everyone who works there!"

Margaret Bohon ~ 1st & 2nd grade parent, front desk and weekly classroom volunteer

PLATINUM BUSINESS PARTNER SHOUT-OUTS!

Run by our own Business Partners leader Jane Duncan, **JBD Insight** brings fractional marketing leadership and insight to organizations who need it. Thanks Jane for supporting us all, and to Jane's office at **Front Street Capital** for printing this month's newsletter! frontstreetcapital.com

If you're near Whitaker, or anywhere in Winston, you're surely seeing **ICON Custom Builders** signs in yards of amazing homes. Thanks ICON for your support and for building (and renovating) beautiful neighborhoods! iconcustombuilders.com

It's the season where all of our ears, noses, and throats need extra care -- and Piedmont Ear, Nose, & Throat Associates is the place to go! Thanks **PENTA** for all your care, expertise, and support! piedmontent.com

Scholastic BOOK FAIR

FEB 23RD-26TH WES MEDIA CENTER



Students will shop during their specials times. Parents can shop before (7:30am) or after school (until 3:00pm).

Extended after school hours on Tue Feb 24th: 4-5:30pm.

Book Fair **eWallet**: the easy way to pay

Go cash-free with **eWallet**, the digital payment option that lets kids shop the Book Fair independently.

Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/whitakerelementaryschool2

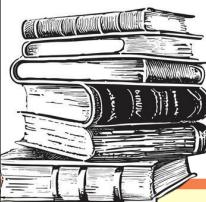


WE NEED YOU TO HELP MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

Sign up to volunteer for one of our students favorite Whitaker weeks! No experience necessary.

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BOOKS & BBQ



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FEB 24TH MAKE A NIGHT OF IT!

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Spirit Night

CIRCLE EVENT



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SPIRIT NIGHT

TUE FEB 24TH

109 S STRATFORD RD,
WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27104

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)



It's not too late
to purchase the
WHITAKER ELEMENTARY
yearbook!

Create custom
pages by: Apr 24

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN



SAVE THE DATE

FEB. 19, 2026 • ENROLLMENT DAY

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