

Whittier School

Parent Bulletin

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Happy Retirement to Mrs. Mystrow!

HAPPY Retirement.

As most of our school community knows, Mrs. Mystrow is retiring. Her last day at Whittier School will be Friday, February 28th. We wish her all the best in her next chapter and thank her for her service to the students, parents and staff at Whittier School. She will be missed!

Mrs. Nicole Waechter, currently our 2nd grade teacher, will be moving into the role of School Leader. Mrs. Waechter's email is waechtnj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us and her cell number is (414) 550-2209. We wish her well in her new role! (please see attached letter from Mrs. Waechter).

Fall Enrollment Survey – Important – Please Return

To help us better prepare for the 2025-26 school year, we ask that all parents take a moment to fill out and return the attached Fall Enrollment Survey. Please return to your child's teacher by February 14, 2025.

MPS 2025-26 Enrollment Information

ENROLL NOW

The MPS Enrollment period for Fall 2025 is opening soon!!

This sign-up period is the time when new students can request seats in MPS and current students can register for a different school (if seats are available). All enrollment needs to be done on-line at: www.mpsmke.com/enrollmps.

- Grades K3, K4 & K5 New Student Enrollment: February 1st to March 17th, 2025. (Parents of students currently in K4 & K5 DO NOT need to re-apply if staying at Whittier)
- Grades 1 thru 11 Enrollment: February 1st to August 1, 2025.

Please spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors, that Whittier has openings in all grades for Fall 2025!! See attached flyer for more enrollment details!!



Upcoming Events



February

Saturday, February 1

Kindergarten Enrollment Fair at South Div. H.S.
from 9:00 to 12:00

Tuesday, February 4

Grade 4 to Discovery World 10:15 to 1:30

Thursday, February 6

Grade 3 Parent/Student Out to Lunch 10:55 AM

Friday, February 7

2nd Semester Drawing Club Begins in Libr. 2:20-3:20

Monday, February 10

INTERIM 2 PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME

Monday, February 17

NO SCHOOL – Mid-Semester Break

Tuesday, February 18

NO SCHOOL – Record Day

Thursday, February 20

Meet & Greet Open House 5:00-6:00 for
interested New Parents for Fall

Friday, February 21

Drawing Club 2:20 to 3:20 in Library

Monday, February 24

School Governing Board Mtg. 2:30 in Library

Wed., February 26

Grade 2 to Survive Alive House 11:00 to 1:30

Friday, February 28

Mrs. Mystrow's Last Day

Drawing Club 2:20 to 3:20 in Library

*HAPPY.
Valentine's
Day*



March

Wednesday, March 5

Admiral's Game – K5 thru 5th Grade 9:30-1:30

Thursday, March 6

Grade 4 Parent/Student Out to Lunch 10:55

Friday, March 7

SPRING PICTURE
Drawing Club 2:20 to 3:20 in Library

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring Ahead One Hour

Tuesday, March 11

K5 to Oakridge Farm 9:45 to 1:00 PM

Friday, March 14

K4 & K5 to Milwaukee Pub. Museum 9:00 to 1:30
Drawing Club 2:20 to 3:20 in Library

Tuesday, March 18

Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30-8:00-In Person

Wednesday, March 19

Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30 to 4:30-Virtual

Friday, March 21 thru March 28

NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

Monday, March 31

SCHOOL RESUMES





dear FAMILIES

Dear Whittier Families,

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I write to introduce myself as the incoming, new teacher leader of Whittier Elementary School. As many of you know, Mrs. Mystrow will be retiring at the end of February, and I am honored to step into this role and continue to support the amazing community that makes Whittier so special.

For those who may not know me, I have had the privilege of teaching here at Whittier for the past seven years as the second grade teacher. Over the past 21 years, I've had the opportunity to teach students in grades 1 through 8 throughout the district, which has given me a broad perspective on the needs and strengths of students at all ages. My connection to our school community, combined with my years of experience, allows me to approach this new role with both familiarity and a fresh outlook.

I am incredibly lucky to work alongside such a dedicated and talented staff that drives our school's success. My focus as the school leader will be to continue fostering a nurturing, supportive environment where every child can thrive, while ensuring that we maintain the high standards of excellence that Whittier is known for.

As I transition into this role, I look forward to working closely with all of you—our wonderful families—to maintain open lines of communication and make sure that every student's needs are met. Your partnership is essential to the success of our school community, and I'm excited to collaborate with you in this new capacity.

Thank you for your continued support and for welcoming me into this new role. I look forward to getting to know each of you better as we continue our work together to ensure that Whittier remains a place of learning, growth, and happiness for all our students.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nikki Waechter
Incoming Teacher Leader, Whittier Elementary School

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FALL 2025 ENROLLMENT SURVEY

Each year we ask parents to take a few minutes to fill out the survey below. This information enables us to plan for our staffing needs for the next school year. Thanks for your cooperation.

_____ Yes, my child ***will be*** returning to Whittier School for the 2025-2026 school year.

_____ My child ***will not*** be returning to Whittier.
I plan for my child to attend another MPS school during the 2025-2026 school year. I know I will need to complete an on-line application during the MPS Fall Enrollment which begins/began on February 1, 2025.

Name of school you are applying for:

_____ I plan for my child to **attend a parochial/private school.**
Name of the school is: _____

_____ I plan to apply to another school district for the 2025-2026 school year.
Name of District: _____

Child's Name _____ Room _____

Parent's Signature _____

**RETURN TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
BUT NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 14, 2025.**

MPS 2025-2026

FALL Enrollment Information

1-29-25

K3, K4 & K5 Fall Enrollment Information

Kindergarten Enrollment for Fall 2025 will kick off with an Enrollment Fair on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at South Division High School. Families can learn about schools and programs and will have the chance to talk with school staff. A second Enrollment Fair will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at North Division High School.

Each year, MPS opens Kindergarten Enrollment in early February. Kindergarten Enrollment remains open for several weeks. Children who are enrolled during this period have a better chance of being placed in their first-choice school.

Kindergarten Enrollment Window for Fall 2025: February 1, 2025, to March 17, 2025.

To apply for kindergarten, please complete the following steps:

1. Visit the MPS Online Registration webpage.
2. Choose a language (English or Spanish)
3. Select "Start New Applications".
4. Complete the initial registration form at the end of the webpage. For "Registration Type", select "25-26" Kindergarten".

FYI - Students already enrolled and currently attending the Whittier K4 program do not need to re-apply for K5 at Whittier.

After the Kindergarten Enrollment window deadline:

Enrollment will remain closed for about four weeks while school assignments are being made. Kindergarten enrollment will reopen April 7 to August 29, 2025. If you miss the kindergarten enrollment window, you will be able to enroll your child, but some schools may be filled. During this time, seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For questions about enrollment or the Enrollment Fair, call 414-475-8159 or visit: www.mpsmke.com/enrolltoday

Grades 1 - 11 Fall Enrollment Information

Fall registration for students entering grades 1 thru 11 for the 2025 – 2026 school year may apply on-line beginning February 1st, 2025, thru August 1, 2025.

Below are some reasons parents may need to complete an on-line application for their 1st thru 11th grade students for the 2025–26 school year:

- Students who are new to MPS
- Students who do not have a 2025-2026 school assignment
- Students who received a district assignment and would like apply for a different school assignment
- Students requesting another school, only if seats are available
- Students who have moved and want to apply for their attendance area school

Over for Kindergarten Enrollment Fair Information → → →



MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CITYWIDE KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FAIRS



SATURDAY, FEB. 1, 2025

9AM – NOON at SOUTH DIVISION HIGH SCHOOL
1515 W. LAPHAM BLVD., MKE 53204

SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 2025

9AM – NOON at NORTH DIVISION HIGH SCHOOL
1011 W. CENTER ST., MKE 53206

Do you have a child turning 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 2025?
Attend our Kindergarten Enrollment Fair!

- Find schools and programs that are best for your child
- Learn about transportation and before/after-school care
- Meet school leaders and teachers
- Enjoy children's activities, story time, face painting, and more
- Get immunizations for your children
- Learn about MPS family resources, careers, and more

For more information, call (414) 475-8159.
Interpreters will be available.



CITY OF MILWAUKEE
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- K3, K4, K5
- Montessori
- International Baccalaureate
- Arts and Music
- Special Education
- Bilingual
- Beginner English
- Language Immersion

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February 2025 Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>-3- WG MINI CON QUESO QUESADILLAS SALSA CUP OR EGG & CHEESE OMELET WG LARGE BLUEBERRY MUFFIN</p> <p>AND SEASONED SIDEWINDER FRIES VEGETABLE JUICE KETCHUP MIX BERRY CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-4- POPCORN CHICKEN BITES OVER MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY OR VEGETARIAN NUGGETS OVER MASHED POTATOES & BUTTER</p> <p>AND TENDER SWEET CORN WG PAN ROLL BUTTER PEAR SLICES CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-5- +SHREDDED BBQ TURKEY OR PRIME VEGGIE GRILLER BURGER SHREDDED LETTUCE & SLICE TOMATO MEDLEY GARNISH</p> <p>BOTH ON WG HAMBURGER BUN</p> <p>AND VEGETARIAN BAKED BEANS FRESH BABY CARROTS FRESH APPLE SLICES CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-6- SWEET THAI CHICKEN MEATBALLS OVER BROWN RICE WG MINI WG BREADSTICK & BUTTER OR WG PIZZA DIPPERS MARINARA SAUCE</p> <p>AND STEAMED BROCCOLI FRESH RED PEPPER STRIPS MANDARIN ORANGE CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-7- BEEF CHILI WITH OR VEGETARIAN BEAN CHILI</p> <p>AND CORN BREAD LOAF GARDEN SALA CUCUMBER SLICES FRENCH OR RANCH DRESSING PEACH SLICES CHOICE OF MILK</p>
<p>-10- WG BREADED CHICKEN PATTY ON WG HAMBURGER BUN OR PRIME VEGGIE GRILLER BURGER ON WG HAMBURGER BUN KETCHUP</p> <p>AND STEAMED BROCCOLI SHREDDED LETTUCE & SLICED TOMATO MEDLEY ROMAINE GARDEN SALAD WITH GRAPE TOMATOES RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING MAYONNAISE / BBQ SAUCE MIX BERRY CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-11- WALKING TACO WITH CHOICE OF: +TURKEY TACO MEAT OR PLANT BASED MEAT ALTERNATE</p> <p>AND RANCHERO BEANS FRITO BAG SHREDDED LETTUCE SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE SALSA / SOUR CREAM APPLESAUCE CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-12- CHICKEN TENDERS OR WG VEGETARIAN NUGGETS</p> <p>AND WG WAFFLES ROMAINE LETTUCE SALAD with SHREDDED CARROTS FRESH CUCUMBER SLICES BBQ SAUCE / RANCH DRESSING SYRUP MIXED FRUIT CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-13- ALL BEEF BURGER OR PRIME GRILLER VEGGIE BURGER</p> <p>AND SEASONED POTATO WEDGES WG HAMBURGER BUN FRESH BABY CARROTS SHREDDED LETTUCE & TOMATO SLICE MEDLEY GARNISH KETCHUP / MUSTARD PEACH SLICES CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-14- WG GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH OR MINI CHICKEN CORN DOGS AND MIXED VEGETABLES FRESH CELERY STICKS RANCH DRESSING KETCHUP / MUSTARD PEAR SLICES CHOICE OF MILK</p> <p><i>Happy Valentine's Day</i></p>
<p>-17- NO SCHOOL Mid-Semester Break</p> <p><i>Happy</i> PRESIDENT'S DAY</p>	<p>-18- NO SCHOOL Record Day</p> <p>WOO HOO!</p>	<p>-19- CREAMY WG MACARONI & CHEESE OR WG GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH</p> <p>AND ROMAINE GARDEN SALAD CUCUMBER SLICES RANCH DRESSING BLUE RASPBERRY FROZEN SIDEKICK CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-20- LOADED GOLDEN POTATO TOTS POTATO TOTS WITH EITHER:</p> <p>+TURKEY TACO MEAT OR PLANT BASED MEAT ALTERNATIVE SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE AND STEAMED GREEN BEANS SALSA CUP FRESH BABY CARROTS WG PAN ROLL BUTTER PINEAPPLE CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-21- 'NEW' BREADED CHICKEN OR VEGETARIAN NUGGETS</p> <p>AND SWEET POTATO FRIES FRESH CELERY STICKS RANCH DRESSING CORN LOAF KETCHUP PEAR SLICES CHOICE OF MILK</p>

NUTRI-NOTE: *=Pork +=Turkey. All meals include 1/2 pint of milk. Students may choose Skim or 1% White Milk at Breakfast, and Skim, 1% White Milk or Fat Free Chocolate Milk at Lunch. All Menus and Special Dietary Needs forms are available in 7 different languages, they can be found on the MPS Department of Nutrition Services webpage at: mpsmke.com/nutrition Menu subject to change. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."



February 2025 Lunch Menu



<p>-24- BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH: WG PANCAKES WITH EITHER - CHICKEN SAUSAGE PATTIES OR COLBY CHEESE OMELET AND ROASTED DELI POTATOES FRESH RED PEPPERS RANCH DRESSING SYRUP / KETCHUP PEAR CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-25- TERIYAKI CHICKEN OR VEGETARIAN NUGGETS AND WG BROWN RICE WG BREAD STICK STEAMED BROCCOLI FRESH BABY CARROTS PINEAPPLE CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-26- ALL BEEF HOT DOG ON WG HOT DOG BUN OR WG GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH AND STEAMED CARROTS ROMAINE LETTUCE SALAD WITH SHREDDED CARROTS RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING PKT KETCHUP / MUSTARD FRESH ORANGE CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>-27- +WG TURKEY PEPPERONI PIZZA OR WG CHEESE PIZZA GARDEN SALAD WITH GRAPE TOMATOES RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING PEAR CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p> 	<p>-28- GRILLED CHICKEN PATTY WG HAMBURGER BUN SHREDDED LETTUCE & TOMATO SLICE MEDLEY GARNISH OR PRIME GRILLER VEGGIE BURGER WG HAMBURGER BUN SHREDDED LETTUCE & TOMATO SLICE MEDLEY GARNISH AND TEXAS RANCHERO BEANS FRESH BABY CARROTS BBQ SAUCE RANCH / MAYONNAISE FRESH APPLE 'LOCAL' ICE CREAM CUP CHOICE OF MILK</p>
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