

Whitman Elementary School

Winter/Spring, 2005

Contacting Teachers:

Teachers can be reached by voicemail during the school day by calling the main office at 227-1103. You can also email a staff member by typing the first letter of the teacher's first name followed by the last name@wtps.org (Use all lower cases and no spaces)



Quickmind

Quickmind is an exciting new program that the school district has purchased for all students to use at home and at school. Every student has a log in and password for home use. If you experience any difficulties, check your virus software to be sure that the program is permitted. If you have any other problems, Please contact Mrs. McEntee (lmcentee@wtps.org)

Whitman School is Named a Governor's School of Excellence

Whitman Elementary School has been selected as a recipient of a 2004-2005 Governor's School of Excellence Award. This recognition was given to 22 schools throughout the state and carries a \$25,000 financial award to the school. The criteria that we responded to included:

- Outstanding growth in literacy as evident in state test scores.
- Meaningful and documented improvement for parental involvement
- Creative, increased documented involvement with partnerships and/or the community.
- Increased use of technology that is integrated into the curriculum as a tool of learning.
- Demonstrated success in improving learning for special needs and/or specialized population.

This is truly a school and community recognition. Everyone associated with our school, students, teachers, staff members, parents and community members should be proud of their efforts.

Our school was recognized by the State of NJ Governor's Office, the NJ State Board of Education, State Assembly and the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Thank you for your continued support!

Emergency School Closings

- Closing # 803
- Web Site: www.wtps.org
- Make a Plan with your child
- Home and School volunteers will call.

Standardized Tests:

Grade 2:

Test of Cognitive Skills
January 25, 26, 27

Grades 2 & 5:

Terra Nova
April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Grade 3:

NJ ASK
March 14, 15, 16
Literacy and Math

Grade 4:

NJ ASK
March 14, 15, 16,
17, 18
Literacy, Math, Science



Dates to Remember:

Marking Period 2 Dates:

Jan. 10, Progress Reports
Feb. 4, MP ends
Feb. 14, Report Cards Distributed

Marking Period 3 Dates:

March 14, Progress Reports
April 15, MP ends
April 25, Report Cards Distributed

Marking Period 4 Dates:

May 16, Progress Reports
June 15, MP ends
June 15, Report Cards Distributed

School Closings:

February 18 and 21- **School Closed - President's Day Holiday**

March 24 - 28 - **School Closed Spring Break**

Upcoming Events:

Jump Rope for Heart: March 3rd

Book Fair: Week of March 7th

Bedtime Story Hour: March 8th

Choral and Handbell Music Concert:
April 19th

Orchestral Music Concert: March 7th

District Art Show: April 7th

Band Music Concert: April 6th

5th Grade Wax Museum: April 13th

DARE Graduation: May 11th

Tech Meet: May 20th

Whitman Art Show: May 25th