

Kenner's Korner- Based on the Kenner's Korner's I have been sending to you each week, I have been able to keep you abreast of some of our accomplishments. Whitney Young continues to thrive! It is still an exciting place to work after twenty-two (22) years. There still is so much work to be done to insure the success of all of our students. I am joyful when I see our students excelling and being happy at what they have been able to achieve. I have also seen the down side when students come to my office distraught about an incident or their inability to progress academically the way they would like to. I believe strongly children need to be encouraged and given a hug periodically to let them know they are valued and loved. They also need to know their opinions are important and respected regardless of whether they are different from yours. This time of year can be difficult for many families, in part because our economy has not fostered the kind of growth we experienced in prior decades. Thus, we have more students than ever who will go without some bare essentials this holiday season.

What can you do? Many years ago, we as a school staff decided to discontinue our gift giving and give a monetary amount for those less fortunate than we are. We are all thankful we have jobs and are able to put food on our tables and shelter over our heads. We sometimes take for granted these luxuries of life. We have a campaign each December to collect as much money as we can to give to our students and their families. Faculty members identify students in need and submit their names. The amount of money collected is divided amongst the families and we are able to go shopping for specific items. Groceries, clothing, electronic items, Christmas trees, etc. have been purchased in years past to bring a smile to the students' faces and their families. If you are able to contribute any amount, please contact Ms. Valerie Spann at (773) 534-7500 or have your child drop the donation off in the Main Office.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. For those of you who do not celebrate during this time, I wish you continued peace and happiness. For all, remember (I tell the students this all of the time) we have much to be thankful for. Whitney Young is a great place to be affiliated with! Be proud of OUR school and be proud to be a DOLPHIN! *Joyce D. Kenner, Ed.D.*

Weekly Calendar 2011

December 5th - December 10th

Year 37, Week 14

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Monday, December 5, 2011

Fall Play Tech- Theater, 4:00-9:00 p.m.
 FOWY- Blue House, 6:00 p.m.
Freshman/Sophomore Boys Basketball- at Homewood Flossmoor, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Regular Bell Schedule

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Fall Play Tech- Theater. 4:00-9:00 p.m.
 AP Parents Meeting- Library- 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Girls Basketball- at North Lawndale, 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Regular Bell Schedule

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Juniors to the Theater- Division
 Fall Play Tech- Theater. 4:00-9:00 p.m.
 Soccer Banquet- Blue House- 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Boys Swimming- vs. NSCP, 4:30 p.m.

Long Division Bell Schedule

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Grinnell President Visit- 1:00-3:00 p.m., TBA
 Ping Pong vs. Northside, Blue House, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
 PTSO- Library, 6:00 p.m.
 Fall Play- Theater, 7:00 p.m.
Girls Basketball- at Michelle Clark, 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Regular Bell Schedule

Friday, December 9, 2011

Fall Play- Theater, 7:00 p.m.
 Specialized Services Holiday Party- TBA, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Girls Basketball- home vs. Proviso East, 8:00 p.m.
Debate Team- Public Trust Debates, TBA

Regular Bell Schedule

Saturday, December 10, 2011

ACT Testing- Academic Building
 Saturday School- Room 136, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
 Fall Play- Theater, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Debate Team- Public Trust Debates, TBA



December 2011 Dates to Remember

December 14- Science Day
 December 17- Saturday School
 December 20- Combined Holiday Concert- 7:00 p.m.
 December 21- LSC Meeting, Library, 5:00 p.m.
 December 22- Staff Party, Mahoney's 4:00 p.m.
 December 23- Outrageous Holiday Sweater Day
December 23- Staff Holiday Luncheon (Lunch Periods)
 December 23- Early Dismissal Schedule
 December 24, 2011-January 8, 2012- Winter Break