

Spring 2007

# Whitman Express

## President Letter

Hello Everyone,

We are officially nearing the end of this school year. Once again parents, students, and staff have worked together for a successful year. I personally want to thank all the parents and staff who have been involved for our kids. Many people do many things to make it all happen, and I thank you all for your generosity! From those who have baked, and supervised, to those who have chaired our many activities both for the school, clubs, and PTA functions. Each person makes a difference. Everything you do benefits our kids and keeps a positive focus on school.

Even though the end is near, there is still much going on to enjoy. There are all different kinds of clubs, and activities to be a part of or watch.



Learn about and stay informed in the School funding in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Alliance for

Excellent Schools (WAES) is a statewide network of educators, school board members, parents, community leaders, and researchers. They have been working hard to make change in a direction that helps all Wisconsin schools. We can help by doing our part to keep informed and contact our legislators.

Our last PTA meeting was held on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Officers for next year were elected at this meeting. Next school year's officers will be **Laura Startz** (President), **Christie Toye** (VP of Volunteers), **Sue Banghart** (VP of Membership), **Liz White** (Historian) and **Judy Hart** (Treasurer). Many thanks to **Joan Synder** (VP of Membership), and

**Angel Rice** (Historian), **Laura Startz** (Secretary) for serving these last two years. Keeping involved behind the scenes, keeps you "away" as your child may desire, but allows you to be involved and "around". The best plan for both parent and child.

Remember our magazine sale in the fall, as you visit with relatives and neighbors this summer. This is our only fundraiser for the year, and the bigger it is, the more we can do for the school.

I want to leave you with a quote from Cicely Tyson **Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew.** Never wait for inspiration, go find it. Challenge yourself and grow. Have a great month!

Charisse Sarvela  
Whitman PTA President  
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## PTA Officers 2006-07:

**President:** Charisse Sarvela -  
**VP Volunteers:** Joan Snyder  
**VP Membership:** Sue Banghart  
**Secretary:** Laura Startz  
**Treasurer:** Judy Hart  
**Historian:** Angel Rice

## Newsletter Editors:

Donna Reed  
Laura Startz  
Deadline: June 30, 2007

## Whitman PTA Update

**Discovery Day:** On Friday, March 16 the Whitman PTA hosted their annual Discovery Day for the Whitman students. Different speakers were asked to come in and present a little bit about their occupation or his or her interest.

It could not have taken place without all of the parent volunteers who assisted in the classroom, brought in food donations, or helped with the hospitality. Special thanks to **Jill Romens** and **Lisa Condon** for hosting the AM Hospitality, **Laurie Meyer & Laura Startz** for hosting the luncheon, **Mr. Adamczyk**, Whitman custodian, and a HUGE thanks to **Anne Foglia**

in the Whitman office who coordinated all of the speakers and student's schedule, and **Mr. Keranen** and **Mrs. Greenman** for their support of this event. It was a great day and we look forward to hosting it again next year.

**Whitman Activity Center Update:** Before the end of the school year the Whitman PTA will take over the responsibility of overseeing the concessions available at the WAC activities. This newly formed committee will be meeting before the first WAC event



this fall to determine the offerings. It is the hope of the PTA that there will be a variety of healthy items available along with the normal concessions.

**Volunteers Needed!** While many of us are starting to 'wind down' for the school year the PTA is just getting started! Now is the time that we need to set up our committees and ensure each one has a chairperson. Please take a minute to look over the page 8 of this newsletter, fill it out and return to the school's office. **Thank you!**

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## No Child Left Behind Act" and the PTA

Many parents have heard of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act— but did you know that the National PTA was/is instrumental in the writing of the **Parental Involvement** segment of this act?



zation and the national PTA has issued four principals regarding parent involvement that affects you and all of your members.

Attached is a document to be sent through your OMDR system, printed in your newsletters, send home in weekly folders, or posted to your

website, etc. This document outlines the four principals and gives suggestions of what parents can do to support this effort.

For more information check out Wauwatosa PTA Council website at: [www.orgsites.com/wi/wauwatosa](http://www.orgsites.com/wi/wauwatosa)

The NCLB is coming up for reauthori-

### ATTENTION -- ALL 8th GRADE PARENTS REGARDING INCOMING WEST FRESHMAN NEXT FALL

Here's a great opportunity to become part of the West Community -- volunteer to help out at the Freshman Dance!

The PTA sponsors a dance in the fall to give Freshman the opportunity to meet and mingle. The dance is for FRESHMEN ONLY. It's a fun event that the kids really enjoy as they get to know their new school. And, of course, we're looking for a few volunteers to help work the door and chaperone

The date of next fall's Freshman Dance is Saturday, September 15th from 8 to 11 PM.

Please call or email and confirm your desire to come join us—thank you!

West PTA Co-Presidents: Andrea Gaines 414-443-1271 [againes829@yahoo.com](mailto:againes829@yahoo.com)

Donna Reed 414-438-0586 [domareed@totalpoolcarewi.com](mailto:domareed@totalpoolcarewi.com)



## From the Desks of the Principal & Associate Principal

It is hard to believe that fourth quarter is upon us and the school year is coming to a close. There continue to be a lot of positive and motivating things happening at Whitman.

The students in the Drama Club have been rehearsing for their performances of "HONK!", which will take place at 7:00 PM on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in the Tosa West Auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door. The track season is in full swing. Students will be challenging their athleticism in several meets, with Whitman 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades hosting Longfellow at West on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. New this year is a meet for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at West. Several clubs continue to provide opportunities for students to be active members in the Whitman school community. Please ask your child what activities they are currently involved in and check the Whitman web page for additional information and come to the events to support all of the students' efforts!

We are pleased to offer the technology –based reading program, Achieve 3000, to our students. This individualized reading and writing program offers numerous non-fiction articles at all reading levels and matches content and vocabulary to the student's abilities. Staff, students and parents will be able to monitor improvements in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing proficiency. The goal of this program is to increase all outcome-levels in these areas. Teachers will receive training and begin implementing the program in the near future. More information will follow. Along the line of academic offerings, information regarding our greatly expanded summer school course offerings has been mailed. Register online at: [www.tosarec.com](http://www.tosarec.com).



June 15<sup>th</sup> in the "DEN" (gymnasium): 6<sup>th</sup> grade-8:15 to 9:00 AM, 7<sup>th</sup> grade- 9:15 to 10:00 AM, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Noon to 1:00 PM. Everyone is invited to

share in recognizing our students' achievements. We are very proud of them!

In closing, the staff at Whitman would like to thank you for your continued support in your child's education at Whitman. With the arrival of sunny days and warmer weather it is important to reinforce to your child/ren the importance of completing homework, participating in class, and striving their hardest to reach their potential in the upcoming weeks. Together, we can make this a memorable learning experience for all!

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey J. Keranen & April Greenman*

Please mark your calendar for the end-of-the school year recognition ceremonies which will take place on

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## 8th Grade Promotion Draws Near!

Plans are well underway for this years' 8th grade promotion celebration! Student reps have been chosen from each home room and parents have also met and formed committees to address all the different jobs that will need to be done. Thanks to all who have already contributed in these important ways. Additional parent help will be needed to make this day special



for our 8th graders. Ways for you to become involved in the promotion celebration on the last day of school include: (contact the person listed to help in each area)

- Donate gift cards or small prizes to be given away to 8th graders (Donna Pfaff)
- Bake or provide desserts or snacks (Lori Sauter, Julie Stolar)

- Help with set up or clean up (Karen Gaskin)
- Help with decorations (Denice Berstein, Michelle Hoffman)

To help in any other way, or if you have general comments or questions, contact chairperson Diane Roznowski at 258-8893, or at [roz-mom1@aol.com](mailto:roz-mom1@aol.com). Thanks in advance for you help!



## 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

**Congratulations to our high-achieving students!**

### 6th Grade

\*Alaina Abplanalp  
 Annelise Albers  
 Brett Albers  
 Katherine Anderson  
 Kalie Arvoy  
 Jamison Belknapp  
 \*Erin Billstrom  
 Erin Bolte  
 Alison Brunner  
 Kiana Budzinski  
 \*Brian Carlson  
 Na Yun Cho  
 Samuel Clough  
 Ashley Colebourne  
 Cassidy Deida  
 Garrett Dix  
 Jonathan Doolen  
 Myron Edwards  
 Ford Feller  
 Joshua Fobair  
 Mikkel Framnes  
 Daniel Frens  
 Kevin Frens  
 Peter Ganser  
 Gabrielle Gardner  
 Hardip Gill  
 Matthew Gillis  
 Brittany Gonzales  
 Emily Goodwillie  
 \*Casey Grabow  
 Matthew Grams  
 \*Paul Gray  
 Andrea Hafemeister  
 Samuel Hanrahan  
 Andrew Hanson  
 William Hart  
 Niesha Heard  
 Mariah Heller  
 Aleksander Henson  
 \*Mark Hewett  
 Kylie Hogrefe  
 Amanda Holmer  
 Erkin Ikizek  
 Marianna Januario  
 Austin Jones  
 Bria Jones

Dana Kautzer  
 \*Kelsey Kennedy  
 \*Lucia Kissinger  
 Kimberly Klammer  
 Jared Krause  
 Julia Krummel  
 Elizabeth Kuna-Hildebrandt  
 Calvin Lei  
 Jordan Llanas  
 Kaily Mc Auliffe  
 Alex Meehan  
 Jacob Meehan  
 \*Christina Meyer  
 \*Michael Morgan  
 Maxwell Nelson  
 Madeline Noorlander  
 \*Benjamin O'Brien-Hokanson  
 Margaret Overholt  
 Jessica Pike  
 Ellen Restyanszki  
 Erin Ritenour  
 Leah Rogers  
 Caylin Rosene  
 \*Samantha Schaaf  
 Mariella Schmidt  
 \*Sabelle Seabrook  
 Colleen Seefeldt  
 Susan Shively  
 Lee Silverstein  
 Kayla Simpraphone  
 Anna Stadler  
 Matthew Stolz  
 Laurel Stutz  
 Alexander Sukupcak  
 Daniel Syburg  
 Jennifer Syburg  
 John Syburg  
 Andrew Thompson  
 \*Mia Tripi  
 Emily Tym  
 Cheechia Vang  
 \*Kou Vang  
 Jordan Voit  
 Austin Walker  
 Maddison Warde  
 Victoria Waslicki  
 Shiloh Wheeler  
 Chueng Wongtam  
 Joel Zembles

### 7th Grade

\*Katherine Adams  
 Wajahat Ali  
 Stephen Alvarado  
 Parker Banghart  
 Evan Barkow

Eden Bekele  
 Sara Bernaski  
 Jacob Bubolz  
 Matthew Buckwalter  
 Mitchell Bultman  
 Philip Carlin  
 Alexander Chu  
 Jennifer Compton  
 Christopher Cook  
 Katie Crees  
 Nicole Cucinello  
 Jessica Dickson  
 Star Donaldson  
 Daniel Engel  
 Matthew Engel  
 Ashley Fabian  
 \*Megan Falk  
 Isabelle Fangmann  
 Matthew Fete  
 Alexandra Finken  
 Jennifer Fischer  
 Richard Frenn  
 \*Ethan Fricker  
 Carra Gaines  
 Sarah Galaszewski  
 Claudia Gebhardt  
 Matthew Gorski  
 Tyler Gross  
 \*Alexis Hafemeister  
 William Harrington  
 Brittany Heller  
 Connor Henke  
 John Her  
 Lauren Itzin  
 Lauren Jaworowicz  
 Calvin Jay  
 Danielle Jelinek  
 \*Dayton Jones  
 \*John Kay  
 Taylor Keaton  
 Hannah Kirby  
 \*Ellyn Kirtley  
 Anne Koepp  
 Hannah Krueger  
 \*Jenna Lahmann  
 Nicholas Lepak  
 \*Alexandra Lindstrom  
 Haily Lisheron  
 Rachel Longo  
 Elle Mac Gillis  
 Samantha Mc Naughton  
 Mary Migdal-Grunow  
 Anamika Mishra  
 \*Leah Mott  
 Natalie Mullins  
 Anastasia Nicholas

Ariana Nicholas  
 Kasey Plonka  
 Emmeline Prattke  
 Madeline Profio  
 Kelsey Quakenbush  
 Anthony Ranz  
 Savannah Rice  
 Max Romens  
 Rachel Ross  
 Luke Salamone  
 Ellen Sauter  
 Nicole Savignac  
 Samantha Saxe  
 Hope Schmidt  
 Daniel Schneck  
 Thomas Schulz  
 Lydia Smrz  
 Alexandra Sobczak  
 Paige Soles  
 \*Kiayra Spights  
 Andrew Steinke  
 Mitchell Stingl  
 Joshua Stoeckmann  
 Alexandra Stott  
 \*Breanna Subotich  
 Jazmine Thomas  
 Jonathan Tripi  
 Stephen Trojan  
 \*Alexandra Utech  
 Stuart Vander Velde  
 Valerie Vogel  
 Tyler Volcensek  
 Erin Walczak  
 Steven Watson  
 Lisa White  
 Alexander Wirth  
 Drew Zanskas  
 Matthew Zanton  
 Leyna Zeimet  
 Madalina Zimmerman

### 8th Grade

Nicholas Abild  
 Nicholas Anderson  
 Hannah Barbeau  
 Katherine Berggruen  
 \*Jennifer Ciriacks  
 Caroline Collier  
 Katie Cszmadia  
 Ryan Cvecko  
 Allison Davis  
 Joseph Domina  
 Brian Eschenbacher  
 Jennifer Fehrmann  
 \*Quinn Feller  
 Samuel Ferry  
 Elizabeth Fried

Isaac Gaskin  
 Patricia Gates  
 Ericka Gonzalez  
 Jonathan Gray  
 Ashley Grice  
 Luke Handeland  
 Kelsey Henke  
 Mackenzie Hoffman  
 Emily Hoffmann  
 Sylvania Jacobs  
 Andrew Jakubicz  
 Darien Jefferson  
 Dylan Jenkins  
 Emma Jushka  
 Shelby Kaishian  
 Alexander Kartz  
 \*Austin Kautzer  
 James Kay  
 \*Herschel Kissinger  
 Kristian Kordus  
 James Kralj  
 Hayley Kresnak  
 Joshua Kunderinger  
 Emily Kwak  
 Mitchell Lahmann  
 Rachel Long  
 John Maria  
 Andrew Martin  
 Kaustav Medda  
 Ahmadou Mfinanga  
 Callahan Miller  
 Adam Mraz  
 Jessica Nelson  
 Angela O'Brien  
 Cristiana Pellicori  
 Alec Redlich  
 \*Julia Robles  
 Emily Roznowski  
 Mariah Ruesch  
 \*Sahar Safavi  
 Alison Sauter  
 Benjamin Schwab  
 Laura Shively  
 Morgan Sieglaff  
 Zachary Soderberg  
 Michael Stagl  
 Jeremiah Starke  
 Jennifer Sunder  
 Gao Seng Thao  
 Leeteng Thao  
 Veronica Thornton  
 Allison Turkowitch  
 TiTi Vatsana  
 Ryan Welsh  
 Mallory Wilson  
 Emily Wolfgram

\*4.0 GPA

## Honor Roll Honorable Mention (3.000 – 3.332 GPA)

### 6th Grade

Anthony Benz  
Sullivan Boyd  
Caitlyn Cavanaugh  
Lindsay Danek  
Craig Egle  
Amanda Finn  
Matthew Harter  
Jenna Houillon  
Brandi Jones  
Dakota Kolatski  
Andrea Kopacz  
Cody Lueck  
Bryce Miller  
Melissa Moy  
Melanie Mussa

Joshua Ndon  
Caleigh Peed  
Gina Richter  
Bradley Scherr  
Jazmen Starks  
Calvin Stokes  
Chingying Thao  
Marshall Thornton  
Madalynn Wilson  
Benjamin Zachman  
Alexandru Zimmerman

### 7th Grade

Andrew Albee  
Rebecca Beitscher  
Evan Carlin  
Brian Condon

Cody Coppersmith  
Ryan Dess  
Miracle Douglas  
Gabiella Emanuele  
Erik Garncarz  
Audrey Grice  
Kayla Harris  
Rebecca Henningsen  
Christian Hilmes  
Yoana Kanastab  
Samuel Kromm  
Reagan Matheson  
Angelique Mitchell  
Sydney Rearick  
Casey Samuelson  
Jacob Sarvela

Jordin Schnell  
Kazoua Thao  
Michael Walker  
**8th Grade**  
Jason Bernstein  
Elizabeth Bradley  
Paul Brown  
Tess Common  
Olyvia Couillard  
Abigail Drake  
Chelsea Gleason  
Kaitlyn Gutter  
Nathan Haas  
Kyle Hanus  
Travis Heyer  
Scott Kamholtz

Matthew Kautzman-Schaeffer  
Michael Kayser  
Nicholas Kundinger  
Zachary Kundinger  
Rachel Nolte  
Christopher Norstrom  
Emily Nowakowski  
Harrison Ostrenga  
Annie Overholt  
Joseph Reynolds  
Bryan Ross  
Payton Schnell  
Sangay Sirleaf  
Sydney Starrett  
Jordan Wagner

## Summer PTA Scholarship Winners

by Ann Davis, Coordinator

This year the Whitman PTA has awarded a record number of summer camp scholarships. The 12 winners are **Joe White, Eilyn Kirtley, Mandy Holmer, Paul Gray, Laquan Conner,**

**Parker Banghart, Marley Danek, Lisa White, Leah Mott, Sara Bernaski, Erin Pfaff** and **Savanna Rice.** These students will be attending band and

orchestra camps, law and architecture classes, art camp, diabetes camp, and an animation workshop. *Congratulations to the winners!*



## Wauwatosa PTA Council Scholarship Winners

The following Seniors will each receive a \$500 Scholarships from the Wauwatosa PTA Council to be used for their continuing education. Every year each school in the district donates to this fund. *Great job students!*

East High School  
*Honors* **Vanessa Wegner, Amy Rankin, Kelsey Prestby, Colleen Koeble Achievement Megan Casey, Kaity Thompson.**

West High School  
*Honors* **Madelene Weingarten, Ben Schrank, Shazia Ali, Meghan Obligato Achievement Daniel O'Brien, Nicole Chu Technical Andy Matitz, Jon Neuberger**

## NEWS FROM THE WHITMAN LIBRARY

By Jane Storts

The entire Whitman sixth grade class will be having a visit with author Angie Sage. Ms. Sage has written Magyk, Flyte, and Physik which are stories about a magical boy named Septimus Heap and a princess named Jenna. Ms. Sage is coming all the way from England as she tours to promote her latest book in this tril-



ogy. She will be giving a book talk and then she will take time to answer questions for the students. If students purchase a copy of any of her books they will be able to have them signed that day. As a surprise for the students, the PTA is providing 10 books for door prizes. Thank you Whitman PTA!

The visit will be on Tues., April 24<sup>th</sup>. The students have been reading and listening to the first book in her trilogy. Just this week Ms. Sage sent all the kids an illustrated map of the setting of her book and bookmarks. This special occasion has been provided for us by the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop of Brookfield.

# Forensics: the art or study of argumentative speech or formal debate

By: Ellyn Kirtley, Student

Forensics...if you're not in it, you've probably heard of it but don't really know what it is. A competition in giving persuasive and informative speeches, swiftly creating impromptu presentations, telling your audience about a time done and gone, and interpretation of prose and poetry as well as acting, forensics is not for the faint of perseverance.



your performances. You are scored on a criteria sheet and rated according to the others in your room. Then, at some meets, there is also a Power Round.

When you are ranked first or second in both of your rounds, you go on to Power Round, an additional round in which you compete against the others in your category who have made it to power round for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals.

Because of the efforts of the two head forensics coaches/managers at Whitman, Mrs. Mulroy and Mrs. Boyce, not to mention all the parents, high school students, and other teachers that are coaching different people, the Whitman team is on a roll this year. Every day, coaches take the time to meet with the student/students they coach. Without them, we would not be where we are right now; with many students looking forward to State. What is state you ask? Well, if you earn three blue ribbons, or

have an average score of about 37 out of 42 for your three best meets, you go on to the state competition, in which there are teams from schools all over the state.

As I mentioned before, Whitman is doing very well this year. During Kettle Moraine Middle School's meet on February 2, the team earned 45 blue ribbons and 23 red ribbons. Whitman also placed second in the entire meet. At the Glen Hills Tournament on February 10, there were 51 blue ribbons and only 22 red ribbons. There were also 10 medals received by Whitman team participants and Whitman won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy in the large school division out of about 40 total schools. At Whitman's sister school, Longfellow, the team brought in a total of 44 blue ribbons and 28 red ribbons as well as several medals and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the large schools division.

Keep up the good work Whitman! Oh...and all you would-be forensics participants don't forget to sign up next year!

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## Froensics Wrap-up

By Joan Boyce

What a 21<sup>st</sup> season! Congratulations to the whole team for winning 5<sup>th</sup> place in Division I (the large school division) at the MLFA (Middle Level Forensics Association) state tournament on March 17, 2007 at Hamilton High School in Sussex. 1900 students from 89 schools around the state participated in this exciting event.

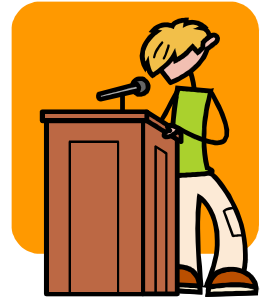
Whitman's team earned 54 first place ribbons and 3 second place ribbons. Then 18 team members were invited to the power round. All the Power round students received medals as State Finalists.

They are: **Emmeline Prattke, Alexandra Sobczak, Andy Steinke, Hannah Barbeau, Herschel Kissinger, Julia Robles, Emily Hoffmann, Chelsea Gleason, Tommy Schulz, Ryan Welsh, Lucy Kissinger, Mariah Ruesch, Leyna Zeimet, Jimmy Kralj, Megan Falk, Mitchel Bultman, Savannah Rice, and Emma Jushka.** Winning Third Place were: **Chelsea Gleason and Emily Hoffmann** for their Group.

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**Interpretation** Winning Second Place were: **Emmeline Prattke** for her Moments in History speech about the Fall of the Berlin Wall. **Megan Falk** for her solo humorous piece about the famous **Kevin Henke** mouse named Lily **Emma Jushka** for her moving night poems. Winning First Place at State was:

**Alexandra Sobczak** for her superb interpretation of Susan B. Anthony's speech in the non- original category



This impressive performance capped a season which saw the team grow stronger at every meet.

Early in the season, Whitman finished Second at the Kettle Moraine Meet, and Third at the Glen Hills Meet. Each and every member of the team kept up the high powered practices and it all paid off at the state tournament.

The Whitman team is truly a community effort and head coaches **Joan Boyce** and **Maggie Mulroy** would like to personally thank each and every coach, judge and volunteer. Without them, there would be no team of this high quality. Coaches begin work in early December and continue weekly (and sometimes more often) until mid March. Hats off to these outstanding coaches: **Mrs. Bech, Ms. Jung, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Drake, Kenlyn Plonka, Katie Hewitt, Greg Schulz, Jessie Hoffmann, Mrs. Sarvela, Shazia Ali, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Storts, Mr. and Mrs. Kois, Ben Schrank, Jon Spence, Melissa Bauer, Ashley Gleason, Erica Bech, Kristen Goulee, Emily Condon, Brittany Gross, Kayla Lemmon, Julie Richter, Mrs. Kralj, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Savignac, Ms. Winn, Mrs. Beitscher, Mrs. Parker, Ms. Fete, Mrs. McClellan-Johnson, Mrs. Maldonado, Mrs. Mulroy, Mrs. Boyce**

Every single meet or tournament requires one judge for every five entries. Because Whitman is a large team entering at least 52-54 entries for each meet, 11 -12 judges were always required. Many, many thanks to these generous people: **Mrs. Hoffmann, Mrs. Fried, Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Welsh, Mr. Bultman Mrs. Bech, Mrs. Banghart, Mrs. Long, Mr. Finken, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. McClellan-Johnson, Ms. Zurawski, Ms. Hoffmann, Mrs. Rosene, Mrs. Zanton, Mrs. Prattke, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Donaldson, Mr. Robles, Mrs. Kauser**

Volunteers help fill the many team responsibilities from bake sales to t-shirts to team record keeping. These "unsung" heroes did it all for us. We appreciate you. These are the chairpersons. Many other parents stepped up to help us out at State and at the celebration and all the bake sales.... **Mr. Bill Kralj** (Team record keeper), **Mrs. Steinke** (T-shirts), **Mrs. Holmer** (Bake sales), **Mr. and Mrs. Collier** (Team Celebration), Bus Chaperones - **Mrs. Barbeau, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Kresnak, Mrs. Zeimet, Mrs. O'Brien**, Team mangers-**Caroline Collier, Hannah Barbeau, Angie O'Brien, Herschel Kissinger**, Videographers- **Savannah Rice and Megan Falk**

**Here's to the great 2007 team.....ALL 73 members!!!**

Evan Bech	Katherine Adams	Andy Steinke	Alex Wirth	Alex Sobczak
Natalie Mullins	Sahar Safavi	Will Harrington	Waj Ali	Kelsey Kennedy-
Maggie Overholt	Tommy Schulz	Emma Jushka	Ellyn Kirtley	Lia Zabala
Hayley Kresnak	Angie O'Brien	Mariah Ruesch	Leyna Zeimet	Jimmy Kralj
Laura Shively	Megan Falk	Mitch Bultman	Caroline Collier	Savannah Rice
Sam Kromm	Ryan Welsh	Lucy Kissinger	Brittany Gonzales	Sarah Galaszewski
Leah Rogers	Emmeline Prattke	Ryan Cvecko	Jon Gray	Caylin Rosene
Nicole Savignac	Leah Mott	Paul Gray	Jacob Meehan	Hannah Krueger
Elizabeth Hoffmann	Matt Zanton	Brian Condon	Alex Kleinke	Rachel Longo
Mandy Holmer	Gina Richter	Annie Overholt	Callie Miller	Kathy Kruse
Abby Drake	Shawn Schlumpf	Lizzie Fried	Rachel Long	Veronica Thornton
Jake Sarvela	Mitch Stingl	Emily Hoffmann	Chelsea Gleason	Becca Beitscher
Ali Finken	Katie Crees	Sydney Rearick	Herschel Kissinger	Julia Robles
Hannah Barbeau	Parker Banghart	Alysia Vulgaris	Lauren Itzen	Sarah Bernaski
Star Donaldson	Izzy Fangmann	Jordan Llanas		

## Read THIS—Your Kids are depending on YOU!

Aside from being personal chauffer, banker, chef, tutor and housekeeper (just to mention a few parenting duties) your children needs you in another way. They need you to be involved with others at their school. They need you to work TOGETHER with others to enhance the educational experience of ALL of the students—and that is through the Whitman PTA.

You may ask **“What does the Whitman PTA do for my child?”**

**The Whitman PTA . . .**

- pays for the assignment notebooks given to all students,
- offsets costs of field trips,
- purchases supplies for the Homework Club,
- pays for all the Discovery Day speakers,
- collates and pays mailing costs for the Whitman newsletter and student phone book,

- coordinates, and at times pays for, efforts/activities to show our Whitman staff our appreciation for all that they do,
- coordinates a National Art Program for Whitman students,
- awards Summer Scholarships,
- represents Whitman on various district committees,
- disseminates information in regards to legislative alerts, parenting tips and other relevant topics,
- plans and hosts the 8th Grade Promotion event,
- provides volunteers for the “Forms & Fee” days in August,
- sponsors various cultural arts events within the school
- provides volunteers for the reading tutor program,
- coordinates a annual book fair for students and families to receive discounted high quality books. This

event also provides free books to teachers,

- works with the Administrative staff to inform parents and families of upcoming events and activities
- hosts a family dinner for parents to get to know one another better,
- plus responds to various request from staff for funds and/or support.

A small group of people can not do all these great things and that is why we need you! Please look as the list below and consider serving as chair for the next school year.

Many of these activities are short-term positions and require very little time or experience. You will receive detailed descriptions of the job responsibility.

We are all busy parents—though we always make the time for our kids. This is another opportunity for you to show your kids that their school matters to you. **Don't let another year pass you by!**

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**Yes—I want to help!!! I can assist in the following ways (check all that apply) and return to the school office or contact Joan Snyder at 476-2276 for more information.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Fall Registration** (August 22 and/or August 23) Volunteer for 2 hour shifts at various tables on “Forms & Fees Day”
- Magazine Sale** (September) Work with magazine company representatives, coordinate volunteers to work mornings and lunch hours during the week of sale and volunteer for the after-school dance.
- Phone Directory** (late September early October) Coordinate volunteers for labeling and distribution of phone directory.
- Book Fair** (Week of November 12) Work with company representative and coordinate volunteers to work bookfair during the school week and the evening of November 14.
- Family Dinner and Social** (November 14) Plan theme and contact caterers and families, coordinates evening set up, clean up and serving.
- National PTA Reflections Art Contest** (concludes January) Distribute contest material, collect entries, and organize entries for mailing.
- Whitman Summer Scholarship Program** (late Winter early Spring) Coordinate distribution, promotion and communication.
- 8th Grade Promotion** (Spring) Work with students and parent committee to set up promotion activities.
- Teacher/Staff “Treats”** (ongoing) & **Appreciation Lunch** (May) Organize volunteers to bring in food items (two times a month) and plan teacher appreciation luncheon to be held during Teacher Appreciation Week .
- Cultural Arts Program** (Ongoing) Plan and promote 1 or 2 events for the school year.
- Whitman Express Newsletter** (3—4 volumes/year) Solicit articles, format into newsletter format, label and drop off at mailing company to be mailed.
- Whitman Sprit Committee** (Ongoing) Work with staff and students to promote school spirit.

## WI State Fair Young People's Art Exhibit Winners

Three Whitman 8th grade students received honors for their art work and will be featured in the 2007 Wisconsin State Fair Young People's Art Exhibit. **Isaac Gas-kin** received a blue ribbon



for his "Self Portrait". **Shelby Kaishian** was a blue ribbon and cash award winner for her "Reclining Cat" and **Katy Berggruen** was a Best of Show recipient for her "Garden with

Trellis". This is state-wide contest and all are students of **Ms. Kathy Moss-Reeves**.

**Congratulations to the students on their awards!**



## TRACK MEET SCHEDULE

Whitman Middle School—2007

Date	Meet Location	Bus	
		Departure	Return
Tuesday, May 1	Muskego (Bay Lane) Muskego H.S. W183 S8750 Racine Ave 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Co-ed) 4:30 – 7:00PM	2:30	7:30 (Approx)
Thursday, May 3	Longfellow Invite Tosa West HS 11400 W. Center Street 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Co-ed) 4:00 – 6:30PM	----	----
Wednesday, May 9	Mukwonago Invite Mukwonago High School 605 W. School Road 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Girls only) 3:15 – 8:00PM	2:15	8:30 (Approx)
Thursday, May 10	Mukwonago Invite Mukwonago High School 605 W. School Road 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Boy only) 3:15 – 8:00PM	2:15	8:30 (Approx)
Tuesday, May 15	Whitman Invite Tosa West H.S. 11400 W Center St. 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade only (Co-ed) 4:00 – 6:00PM	----	----
Monday, May 21	Butler Invite Waukesha North H.S. 2222 Michigan Ave. 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade only (Co-ed) 3:30 – 7:30PM	2:15	8:00 (Approx)
Thursday, May 24	Wisconsin Hills Invite Brookfield East H.S. 3305 N. Lilly Rd. 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade only (Co-ed) 3:30 – 6:30PM	2:30	7:00 (Approx)

**\*\* Note – Return times are only estimates. These times are subject to change depending upon weather conditions and meet organization.**

**Whitman Middle School PTA**

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**



**May**

- 17 Band Concert 7:00 PM
- 24 Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM
- 28 Memorial Day—No School

**June**

- 12 Chorus Concert 7:00 PM
- 15 Last day of school & 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Awards  
(see Page 2 for times)

**August**

- 22 “Forms & Fees Day” 12:00 - 6:00 PM
- 23 “Forms & Fees Day” 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**September**

- 5 First day of school
- 10 **PTA Meeting 7:00** (*this meeting will be a special meeting for new and returning parents who have questions regarding Whitman Middle School*)

**Want to know more about what is happening at Whitman? Become a PTA member!**

Contact Sue Banghart at (414) 771-1712 for more information.

If you are already a PTA member and would like to receive periodic updates from the PTA forward your e-mail address to Sue Banghart at: [banghart@wi.rr.com](mailto:banghart@wi.rr.com).



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