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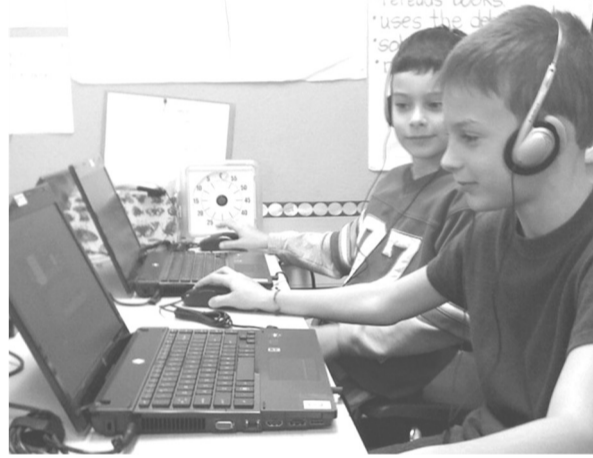
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Technology

Whitko Schools is making improvements in technology for the purpose of enhancing the teaching and learning experiences of students. Both elementary buildings will have an upgraded telephone and data wiring system. All buildings will have wireless capabilities throughout at each campus. Each building will have more student computer centers in the classroom and/or mobile computing labs. Three labs have new laptops replacing the existing desktop units.

The web page is being completely revamped to provide better, current, and more relevant information to students, parents, and the community. A text, voice, and email notification system will provide emergency as well as regular school information. Future improvement plans include an upgraded system connecting all campuses, online payments for textbook rental and lunch money, and increased internet bandwidth. Be sure to check out our new look at www.whitko.org.



First Day of School is August 17th

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ATTENTION PARENTS!

Are you registered to receive information electronically from Whitko Schools?

If not, all you have to do is use your PowerSchool credentials to enter your email address/phone numbers where you wish to receive notification. Look for your PowerSchool login information in your child's registration packet. It's that simple...and that easy. Receive all the latest information electronically...school delays/closings, blog updates, lunch balance alerts, school newsletters...even information your child forgot to give you—no more checking backpacks!

All Whitko parents/guardians registered by **Thursday, September 1, 2011** will be entered into a drawing for an **Apple iPad2 with Wi-Fi**.

Be sure to get registered for the latest electronic updates from **WHITKO SCHOOLS**. One winner will be announced on our website in September. Those eligible to receive this prize are parents/guardians of currently enrolled Whitko students at time of drawing.

Prize provided by Brian Hensley of A. Hattersley & Sons
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SOUTH WHITLEY ELEMENTARY

406 W. Wayne Street
 South Whitley, IN 46787
 Phone 260 723-6342 or 574 327-3677 Fax 260 723-5165

Welcome back to another exciting and rewarding year of educational and life experiences at South Whitley Elementary School. We believe that every child can learn, and it is our mission to educate each child who attends SWES to be successful in school and as life-long learners making positive contributions to our societies and the world.

We are blessed to have such a committed and dedicated staff here; we are even more blessed that you believe in us and share the lives of your children with us in this fine educational institute. The continual support from you and this community is immeasurable and invaluable.

At SWES, we strive to treat people right and to do the right thing. We are the Bulldogs. The five Bulldog Pride Guidelines and Expectations known as "The 5 B's" are:

- Be Positive
- Be An Active Listener
- Be Responsible
- Be Trustworthy
- Be Your Best



REGISTRATION DATES

August 5
 12:00 pm—7:00 pm

August 8
 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Back to School Night

Aug 16
 5:30 pm—7:00 pm



We welcome you to join the educational PARTY at South Whitley Elementary School.

WHITKO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

6725 W. Pook Road
 South Whitley, IN 46787
 Phone 260 723-4619 or 574 594-1687 Fax 260 723-5780



On Wednesday, August 17, Whitko bus drivers will take to the roads as the 2011-2012 school year begins. A complete list of routes can be found:

- posted at each building,
- available during Back to School Night in each building, or
- by contacting the Transportation Dept. at 260 723-4619 or 260 609-2447.

Mike Sands, Transportation Director

Bus Rules

Getting to the Bus Stop

- Arrive at least 5 minutes before the bus is due to arrive.
- Walk against traffic if you have to walk on roads where there is no sidewalk. Try to stay off the road as much as possible.
- Look left, then right, then left again when crossing the street to get to the bus; don't run across the road.

Getting on the Bus

- Stand 3 giant steps away from the curb when at the bus stop.
- Don't crowd others—stand single file. No pushing or shoving.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay to board before stepping onto the bus.

Riding on the Bus

- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving. Obey the bus driver.
- Keep the aisles clear and your things securely in your lap or backpack.
- Talk and laugh quietly; there are many people on the bus. Do not shout or make loud noises.
- Keep your hands and objects inside the windows at all times.

Getting Off the Bus

- Use the handrail when exiting the bus.
- Keep any loose straps, drawstrings, clothes, hood, etc. from sticking out so it doesn't get caught on the handrail or door.
- If you have to cross the street, cross in front of the bus only and walk at least 5 giant steps ahead of the bus before crossing. Be sure you can see the bus driver and he/she can see you.

SOUTH WHITLEY ELEMENTARY SUPPLY LIST



Kindergarten	No School Box 1 Elmer's Glue (4 oz.) and 1 glue stick 2 Boxes of Tissues Back Pack (to hold a folder) Beach Towel or Oversized Towel	Clean Gym Shoes (to stay at school) Oversized Shirt for Painting Fiskar Metal Cutting Edge Scissors <u>BOYS</u> - Quart Size Ziploc Bags <u>GIRLS</u> - Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
First Grade	School Box (standard size) #2 Pencils Elmer's White School Glue 1 Spiral Bound Notebook (wide-ruled) Rectangular Erasers Small Bottle of Hand Sanitizer	1 Box of Tissues Two 24 Packs Of Crayons Pointed Fiskar Scissors School Bag 3 Two-Pocket Folders - 1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green
Second Grade	White Elmer's Glue #2 Pencils School Bag Two 24 Count Crayons 2 Pocket Folders 2 Boxes Of Tissues 2 Spiral Bound Notebooks (wide ruled) Pointed Fiskar Scissors	Addition Flash Cards to 18 Subtraction Flash Cards to 18 Standard Size School Box Eraser No Pencil Sharpeners Wooden Ruler (inches & centimeters) <u>BOYS</u> - Bottle of Hand Sanitizer <u>GIRLS</u> - Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
Third Grade	#2 Pencils School Box 1 Two-Pocket Folder Pointed Scissors Colored Pencils 1 Package Notebook Paper - Wide Ruled (not spiral) White Elmer's Glue	Erasers Crayons 1 Large Box Of Tissues Wooden Ruler-standard 12 inches & centimeters No trapper keepers No Pencil Sharpeners, Please
Fourth Grade	Ruler (12 inches, centimeters, millimeters) Glue-Not Glue Sticks #2 Pencils Eraser Crayons 2 Highlighters Bottle of Hand Sanitizer Post It Notes 3 x 3 - Pack of 4	Notebook Paper Colored Pencils 2 Boxes Of Tissues 3 Pocket Folders - Different Colors Scissors Trapper Keepers Will Not Be Permitted No Pencil Sharpeners
Fifth Grade	24 Crayons #2 Pencils Ruler (inches & centimeters) School Box (no larger than 6" x 9") Notebook Paper (Not Spiral Bound) 4 Two-Pocket Folders: 1 each of red, blue, green and yellow 100 - 3" x 5" Index Cards Bottle of Hand Sanitizer	Two Large Boxes Of Tissues Elmer's White Glue - 4oz. Or Larger Two Red Ink Pens Metal Scissors Colored Pencils (standard size pencil) Two Large Spiral Bound Notebooks Three Highlighters Blue or Black Ink Pens 1 Recorder
Physical Education	Kindergarten Through Fifth Grades: Clean, Non-Slippery, Non-Marking, Rubber Soled Tennis Shoes. These are to be left at school.	

Supplies may need to be replenished throughout the year.
Revised 8/6/2011

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Pierceton Elementary School

October 7, 2011	3:30 pm—7:30 pm
October 11, 2011	3:30 pm—7:30 pm
March 15, 2012	3:30 pm—7:30 pm

South Whitley Elementary School

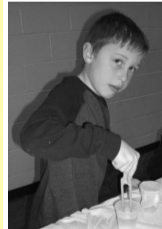
October 6, 2011	3:30 pm—7:30 pm
October 11, 2011	3:30 pm—7:30 pm
March 1, 2012	3:30 pm—7:30 pm

Whitko Middle School

September 1, 2011	3:30 pm—7:30 pm
November 16, 2011	3:30 pm—7:30 pm
February 28, 2012	3:30 pm—7:30 pm
April 26, 2012	3:30 pm—7:00 pm

Whitko High School

September 14, 2011	4:00 pm—8:00 pm
February 16, 2012	4:00 pm—8:00 pm



PIERCETON ELEMENTARY SUPPLY LIST

KINDERGARTEN

Crayola 8 large & 24 regular crayons
Two 2-pocket folders
One box 8-10 "primary colors" markers
One large pink eraser & zip lock baggies (any size)
Twelve glue sticks & a large box of tissues

FIRST GRADE

One 1-subject wide ruled notebook
Twelve #2 pencils
Two boxes of crayons (18-24 count)
Four glue sticks & 1 pair pointed scissors
Two large pink erasers & 1 wood ruler
A supply box (no larger than 6" x 9")
Four 2-pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, & green)
Two packages wet wipes & one pkg. of post-it notes
Two large boxes of tissues
*No ink pens.
*Paper is provided.

SECOND GRADE

20-30 #2 pencils & 1 pair pointed scissors
Two boxes of crayons (16 count)
Two boxes of colored pencils & two large pink erasers
Two black & white composition notebooks
Six 3-prong 2-pocket folders (2 of each of these colors: red, yellow, & blue – do not label)
One supply box (no larger than 6" x 9")
One spiral notebook & 2 pkgs. post-it notes
One 2 oz. bottle white glue & 2 glue sticks
Two large boxes of tissues
*No trapper keepers or ink pens.
*Rulers are provided.

THIRD GRADE

20-30 #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
Two bottles of white glue (no glue sticks or paste)
Three wide-ruled spiral notebooks
200 Sheets wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
Two pointed scissors and two boxes of tissues
One zipper pouch for supplies (no boxes)
Erasers & a 3 pack of post-it notes
One composition notebook & one box colored pencils
One 9" x 12" clipboard & two boxes crayons (24 count)
Five 3-prong 2-pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, purple, & green) plus 2 folders of your color choice
Two light colored highlighters (yellow & a color of your choice)
*No trapper keepers or pens.

FOURTH GRADE

200 sheets wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
One pair of scissors
Crayons
Colored Pencils
One bottle white glue (no glue sticks or paste)
One wooden ruler (metric & inches – no plastic or metal)
Two boxes of tissues
One zipper pouch for supplies (no boxes)
One spiral notebook
One 1-inch 3-ring binder
Four packages of post-it notes
Six 2-pocket folders with prongs (orange, red, yellow, blue, green, & purple)
One package of blue or black ink pens
Twenty #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
*No pencil sharpeners, markers, compasses, big binders, or protractors

FIFTH GRADE

One pair of scissors
Two glue sticks
One ruler (metric & inches)
Thirty #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
One box colored pencils & 3 pkgs. yellow post-it notes
Five highlighters & 100 lined index cards
One zipper pouch for supplies (no boxes)
Six 2-pocket folders (any color)
300 sheets of wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
Ten red ink pens
Recorder for music
One composition notebook
Two boxes of tissues
One 5-subject notebook
One durable 1" 3-ring binder with plastic sleeve
Eight full page tab dividers
One pack of Crayola fine tip markers
*No trapper keepers



PLEASE NOTE: ALL GRADES REQUIRE CLEAN TENNIS SHOES FOR GYM (MARKED WITH CHILD'S NAME) AND A BACK PACK. SCHOOL SUPPLIES MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE REPLENISHED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



2011-2012

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 16	Teacher Orientation Day (no students)
Aug. 17	First Student Day
Sept. 5	Labor Day (no school)
Oct. 19	End of 1st Nine Week Grading Period
Oct. 21	Fall Break (no school)
Oct. 24	Teacher In-Service Day (no students)
Nov. 11	End of 1st Trimester
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving Break (no school)
Dec. 19	Christmas Vacation begins
Jan. 3	School resumes
Jan. 11	End of 2nd Nine Week Grading Period
Feb. 22	End of 2nd Trimester
Feb. 24	Teacher In-Service Day (no students)
March 15	End of 3rd Nine Week Grading Period
March 30	Snow Make Up Day #4
April 2-6	Spring Break (no school)
April 6	Good Friday (no school)
May 4	Snow Make Up Day #3
May 11	Snow Make Up Day #2
May 18	Snow Make Up Day #1
May 28	Memorial Day (no school)
May 31	End of 3rd Trimester/4th Nine Weeks
June 1	Teacher In-Service Day (no students)



WHITKO HIGH SCHOOL

One Big Blue Avenue
 South Whitley, IN 46787
 Phone 260 723-5146 or 574 327-3677 Fax 260 723-4724

Whitko High School

The summer has gone by quickly. It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that we look forward to the new school year. Many exciting things are going on at Whitko High School.

We have a new mantra at Whitko High School, "Rising To the Challenge". Originally from a benefit for a student badly injured in an accident, our students and staff overwhelmingly chose "RTTC" as our mantra.

We have developed a curriculum titled CATS PRIDE, which focuses on (C) college & career readiness and educational goals, (A) academics and achievement, (T) team building and community and (S) school involvement. CATS PRIDE will meet once a week to focus on each area at different times throughout the year.

We will continue to focus on the three goals

for improvement: Reading, Writing and Attendance. Here are some things that may help your child improve in reading and writing: (1) Provide rich and interesting reading material such as magazines, interesting non-fiction books that fit your child's likes and interests. (2) Read yourself....your child will see that it is important. (3) Provide time to read and/or write, making sure your child knows that you think it is important to be a good reader and writer. As with anything in life, it takes practice to get good. The same is true for reading and writing.

Attendance is the single most important factor for success in school. When a student is absent, he or she misses something important.

Let's have a great year!

Parrish Kruger, Principal

- Enrollment & Schedule Changes**
August 8—12
8:00 am—3:00 pm
- Freshman Orientation**
August 15 6:00 pm
- Back to School Night**
August 15 7:00 pm
- Grade 10 Hearing Screening**
August 19
- Picture Day**
August 30



SCHOOL HOURS

Pierceton Elementary
8:05 am—3:00 pm

South Whitley Elementary
8:05 am—3:00 pm

Whitko Middle School
7:45 am—2:45 pm

Whitko High School
8:00 am—3:05 pm

Excellence
for All



WHITKO HIGH SCHOOL TICKET POLICY FOR 2011-2012

This fall we will offer the following tickets:
 Regular "10 - punch" all sports pass.....\$40.00
 Student "10 - punch" all sports pass... ..\$15.00
 Senior Citizen (age 60) "unlimited - punch" all sports pass....\$50.00

Tickets available at the first home football game or in the athletic office during school hours.

ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTIFICATION— CTE COURSES AVAILABLE

It is the policy of the Whitko Community School Corporation not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, in its programs or employment policies as required by the Indiana Civil Rights Act (I.C. 22-9.1), Title VI and Title VII (Civil Rights Act of 1964), Title IX (Educational Amendments 1972), the Equal Pay Act of 1973, and Section 504 (Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973). Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX may be directed to the Superintendent, Whitko Community School Corporation, P.O. Box 114, Pierceton, Indiana 46562-0114 Telephone (574) 594-2658 or (260) 327-3677. Inquiries regarding compliance with Section 504 may be directed to the Director of Special Services, Whitko Community School Corporation, P.O. Box 114, Pierceton, Indiana 46562-0114 Telephone (574) 594-2658 or (260) 327-3677.

WHITKO First Hand

CTE Courses available through Whitko Community Schools include Agriculture, Building Trades, Business Technology, Various Computer Applications, CISCO Network Technologies, Cooperative Education (Co-op), Culinary Arts Careers, Education and Early Childhood Careers, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Family and Consumers Science (FACS), Introduction to Health Care Systems (IHCS), Human Body Systems, Law Enforcement, Machine Tool (MT), Marketing & Entrepreneurship, Printing/Graphic Imaging Technology, Project Lead the Way (PLTW), Radio & TV Broadcasting/Telecommunications (RTBT), Stagecraft Technology, and Welding Technology. Pre-requisites for each course vary and are available by contacting Whitko High School.



PIERCETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

P.O. Box 94 307 W. School Street
Piercet, IN 46562
Phone 574 594-2210 or 260 327-3677 Fax 574 594-3523

Welcome, Mr. Speicher

My name is Eric Speicher. I am the new principal at Piercet Elementary. I will be working hard to meet the students, staff, and parents of this community.

I am very excited about the positive things going on here and look forward to finding ways to help Piercet Elementary continue to improve.

See you soon.

Eric Speicher, Principal



REGISTRATION
August 8
11:00 am—7:00 pm
August 9
8:00 am—2:00 pm

Back to School Night
August 15
5:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
Please attend one presentation for each child

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Piercet Elementary & South Whitley Elementary

Students may be enrolled in kindergarten if they have reached the age of five before August 1, 2011.

Parents should enroll eligible students during regular school registration times.

TESTING DATES

MAP Testing

Fall 2011 begins Aug. 23, 2011
Winter 2012 begins January 9, 2012
Spring 2012 begins May 14, 2012

ISTEP+ Testing Spring 2012

March 5 - March 14, 2012 (Writing)
April 30 - May 9, 2012 (Progress)

AYP and PL221 Information is available from the Indiana Department of Education at <http://www.doe.in.gov>



If your child will be entering preschool, kindergarten or Grades 6-12, here are the immunization (vaccinations/shots) requirements for the 2011-2012 school year:

Preschool or Kindergarten:

Two varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations (not needed if child has documentation of having had chickenpox)

Entering Grades 6-12:

Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis vaccine. (Also called Tdap.)

Menigococcal conjugate vaccine. (Also called MCV4 - Menactra.)

Two varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations (not needed if child has documentation of having had chickenpox)

For more information, contact Sara St.Clair, Whitko Corporation Nurse, or call the Indiana Department of Health at 1-800-701-0704. Notice of students needing immunization updates was sent with their report card or mailed in June. If you did not receive notice, consider your child up to date.

HEALTH SERVICES

NOTIFICATION REGARDING STUDENT RECORDS

Each building administrator designates a Custodian of Records, responsible for the supervision of student records at their school. They can be reached by calling the school office. Each student's records will be kept in a confidential file located at the student's school office. The information in a student's record file will be available for review only by the parents or legal guardian of a student, and eligible student who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, and those authorized by Federal law and Corporation regulations. A parent or eligible student has the right to A) inspect and review the student's education records within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the request. The school has a form which can be used to submit a request. The Custodian of Records will notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records can be inspected; B) request amendments if the parent or eligible student believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's rights. The school has a form which may be used to identify

which information in the record the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading and to specify why it is inaccurate or misleading; C) consent to disclosures of personally-identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to those disclosures allowed by the law. The school's Administrative Guide-line 8330 describes those exceptions and is available upon request; D) challenge Corporation noncompliance with a parent's request to amend the record through a hearing. If the Custodian of Records decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student will be notified and provided the opportunity for a hearing. Additional information concerning the hearing will be provided when notified of the opportunity for a hearing; E) file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20202 or F) obtain a copy of the Corporation's Policy 8330 and AG 8330 on student records. The Corporation has established information about each student as "directory information". Each year the

Corporation will provide public notice to students and their parents of its intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as "directory information". The Board designates as student "directory information": a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; photograph; major field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; scholarships; student work displayed at the discretion of the teacher with no grades (per Board Policy 8330). The Corporation will make the above information available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or eligible student notifies the school in writing within seven (7) days from the date of this notification that s/he will not permit distribution of any or all such information.



WHITKO MIDDLE SCHOOL

710 N. State Road 5
Larwill, IN 46764

Phone 260 327-3603 or 574 594-1687 Fax 260 327-3805

Whitko Middle School will not have formal registration for students. Only middle school students new to Whitko Community Schools will need to enroll at the school, this can be done any time in the fall. The middle school office will be open starting August 1st. On the first day of school, 6th grade students will meet in the Lecture Room, 7th grade in the Cafeteria and 8th grade will meet in the Gym. On that day, all returning students will receive schedules, book fee statements, lockers and combinations and other registration materials. As students arrive at school on the first day they will go to their designated areas.

All South Whitley and Pierceton 5th grade students are pre-registered to attend Whitko Middle School. Sixth Grade Orientation for parents

and students will be August 11, at 6:30 pm in the Lecture Room and Cafeteria of Whitko Middle School. Information packets will be available that evening, no information will be collected at that time. Parents will complete forms at home and return them with their student the first days of school.

Students will ride the same bus as they did last year. If you have moved or are new to the school system, call the bus garage at 723-4619.

WMS will be on a trimester schedule this year. Grade cards will be issued on a 12 weeks basis and midterms at 6 weeks. Parents will be able to follow weekly grades on *PowerSchool*.

We look forward to seeing you as we start a new year.

Jerry Klausung, Principal

WHITKO MIDDLE SCHOOL TICKET POLICY FOR 2011-2012

Regular "10 – punch" all sports pass.....\$20.00
Student "10 – punch" all sports pass.....\$10.00
Senior Citizen (age 60) "unlimited – punch" all sports pass..\$30.00

Tickets will be available at the first home event or you may stop in athletic office during school hours.



CAFETERIA SERVICES

Cafeterias will open in all schools on the first day. Students may pay daily or weekly for their lunches. **No charges or check cashing is permitted through the school lunch program.** Those who qualify for free or reduced lunches will also qualify for free or reduced breakfasts.

Breakfast Program—Whitko Community School Corporation will offer breakfast to students at all buildings for \$1.10 per day.

Lunch Information—A nutritious lunch is served daily at Whitko Schools.

Grades 1-5.....\$1.75 Grades 6-12.....\$1.90 Milk.....\$.35
Whitko Schools would like to remind parents to fill out a new free or reduced application each school year.

TEXTBOOK FEES



	Pierceton Elementary	South Whitley Elementary
K	\$124.50	K \$115.50
1	\$136.50	1 \$131.50
2	\$113.50	2 \$115.50
3	\$138.50	3 \$129.50
4	\$139.50	4 \$118.50
5	\$133.50	5 \$120.50

Middle & High School fees are determined based on classes in which the student is enrolled.

6TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 3-ring trapper keeper/binder
- loose leaf paper (2 packs of 100)
- single subject spiral notebook for math notes
- *1 box colored pencils (10-12 count)
- *1 big Glue Stick (no glue bottles)
- *1 box of tissues (no personal packs- reg. box size)
- 7 individual 2-pocket folders (no accordion type folders please)
- 12 wooden pencils (#2 suggested- we prefer no mechanical pencils)
- OPTIONAL: TI-30xa scientific calculator (this can be used all three years in middle school and costs approximately \$10)
- Items with an asterisk (*) by them will be shared items between all students and will not be returned.
- Other materials may be requested later in the year.

- pencil pouch
- 2 large erasers (2" or so)
- *pack of 10-12 red pens for grading
- *1 box markers (8-12 count thick or thin)
- *1 package 3 x 5 index cards

1 st - 12 weeks	2 nd - 12 weeks	3 rd - 12 weeks
Business: -Supply fee covers all materials	Art: -1 large eraser -6 number 2 or HB pencils	Technology: -\$5 fee for consumable materials (wood, glue, sandpaper, etc.). Due when enrolled in class
PE: -white gym socks - gym shoes with non-marking soles - fingertip length gym shorts. - T-shirt with sleeves - headbands, hair ties, bobby pins, hair clips, etc. - non-aerosol deodorant - no perfume/cologne/body spray - sweats and/or jackets can be used for activities in cool weather	FACS: -\$20 fee for sewing project & ingredients. Due when enrolled in class -2 pocket folder -Lined notebook paper -Straight pins in a box or cushion -Plastic food container	PE: Same *NOTE: You can't wear the same clothes for P.E. that you wore to school that day.

A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Students, Parents, and Our Community:

It is with much pleasure and with great anticipation that I extend to each of you a very warm welcome for the 2011-2012 school year. Our faculty, staff, and administrators look forward to a wonderful year working with you throughout what promises to be a productive, exciting, and rewarding year.

One new administrative change has occurred as we welcome Mr. Eric Speicher as principal of Pierceton Elementary School. With any change, we are reminded what doesn't change, and that is our commitment to "Excellence for All" and the recognition that what makes Whitko special is the relationships we have with our children and our families. We continue to strive for that excellence as we implement our Board goals, both past and present.

Across the spectrum of Grades K - 12, teachers will be working to differentiate instruction, as needed, to ensure that the needs of all students are met. We will strive to challenge students in areas of individual interest and/or special talent, as well. The technology support for great teaching and learning continues to grow as we focus on those 21st Century skills all children need. A commitment to full day kindergarten for all and class sizes that are under 20:1 in grades K-3 allow us to focus on early academic success for our children.

Communication will continue to be an important area of focus at Whitko during the 2011-2012 school year. Parent conferences, phone calls, notes home, newsletters, emails, blogs, Facebook, automated messaging and web pages will all be increasingly used to assist in this effort.

Yes, it promises to be an exciting and rewarding year so get ready and let's make it a great year for everyone.

Steven R. Clason, Superintendent

WHITKO EXPRESS LINE

Do you have an idea to make Whitko even better? We want to hear from you! It doesn't matter if you have kids in our schools, if you are homeschooling, or going to a private or other public school - if you've got ideas, we want to listen. Please let us know your ideas and concerns either by mail, email or phone at the contacts below.

Mail: Express Line % Whitko Schools
PO Box 114 Pierceton, IN 46562

Phone: Call the *Whitko Express Line*
260 327-3677 or 574 594-2658 ext. 1008

Email: express.line@whitko.org

**WHITKO IS YOUR SCHOOL SYSTEM
LET US KNOW HOW TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR YOU**

Grades 3, 4, and 5 Report Card Changes

Report cards for Grades 3-5 will have a new look! Starting this year, we will be adding letter grades to the standards report card for Grades 3-5. We hope this helps to more completely communicate the progress your student is making. More details coming during the first weeks of school!

Whitko Board of School Trustees

Deb Collier—President

Jorell Tucker—Vice President

Roger Boggs—Secretary

Terry Eberly—Member

Cindy Kreger—Member

The Whitko School Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm
at the Administration Office in Pierceton. Your input is always appreciated.



DELAYS & CLOSINGS

This is a reminder of the procedures at Whitko Community Schools that determine when we will utilize a delay and/or cancel school in case of inclement weather. Delays enable us to have more time to assess weather conditions. Typically, we will delay if road conditions are deemed hazardous or if wind chills are severe. Every effort will be made to inform parents of school delays or closing decisions via designated media by 6 am each morning. Please monitor local radio and television stations for weather-related announcements. Or sign up for electronic school delays/closings. Do not contact your child's school - telephone lines need to be kept open for emergency situations. Make arrangements for your children in the event that delays and cancellations occur.

School Closings: No classes will meet. Schools will not be open to students. Generally practices, games and extra-curricular activities will be canceled. School closings are made on a day-by-day basis subject to weather conditions. Please listen to the radio or watch TV each morning during periods of expected bad weather conditions.

Two Hour Delays: A two hour weather-related delay will provide more daylight, allow additional time for road conditions to improve, and will provide school officials with extra time to monitor changing weather conditions. In severe weather, a two hour delay may be changed to a school closing. Parents should make plans for supervision of their children during a two hour delay and also have an alternative plan in the event a decision is made to close schools. Buses will run two hours later than normal schedule. For two hour weather-related delays, instructional programs at all schools will operate on an adjusted schedule.

