

Important Dates

1/8/2018

Progress Reports

1/15/2018

Dr. MLK Birthday

No Classes

2/2/2018

School Improvement Day

No Classes

2/9/2018

**Q2 Report Cards Sent
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2/19/2018

Presidents Day

No Classes

Principal's Message

Jorge Ruiz, Principal

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,

Our Chicago Run Runners have been part of a running family for two years now at Eli Whitney. This year we had the opportunity to get sponsored by the Chicago Run Program and NIKE.

Students visited the NIKE Company on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. NIKE welcomed our students with food, presenters and a fabulous surprise. At NIKE, they were introduced to many athletes and met Triathlon athlete Chris Mosier. Our students had a Q & A session with the athletes. Also, the Eli Whitney Runners were able to participate in a marketing project with the NIKE employees.

Students had to create a new shoe design, identify their consumers, promote their product using social media and develop their slogan for their product. The students presented their idea to the NIKE and were provided positive feedback. Before the visit ended, NIKE congratulated our runner's success and gave all 25 runners and two coaches a brand new pair of running shoes. The students were elated and surprised by their generosity. THANK YOU NIKE and CHICAGO RUN for the great opportunities and gifts.

I want to thank our friends from Lucent Technologies for providing gifts to Pre-K students at our school. Their generosity has been present every year around the holidays for the last 10 years. Thank you Lucent technologies!!

Eli Whitney had a spectacular Winter Assembly to start our holiday season. I would like to thank all the students for their participation, they did a fabulous job!

I would also like to thank all the staff members that worked together to present a wonderful winter assembly. A big thanks to: Ms. Hernandez, Mrs. Shah, Mrs. Tashiro, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Moreno, Mrs. Marquez, Mrs. Guio, Mrs. Pena-Medina, Mrs. Guzman, Ms. Presslak, Ms. Cruz, Mrs. Genao, Mrs. Barrios, and Mrs. Popoca-Trujillo, Ms. Mikulecky and Mrs. Salazar-Bolda for a successful holiday assembly.

Thank you to our wonderful art teachers, Mrs. Kenyon and Mr. Walton, they did a beautiful job decorating our auditorium.

The weather this winter has very strong cold temperatures. Please make sure your children come with winter clothing, they must cover their head, feet and hands; places where the temperature leaves the body. You need to send your children to school regularly. Every day counts!

We will be finishing the NWEA assessment this month until mid-January. We need data to see where our students are compared to students nationwide at each grade level.

During the month of January, we will administer the ACCESS test to all students who require it. This assessment will begin on 17 January to February 17, 2017.

Sincerely,

Jorge Ruiz