

Eli Whitney School



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Important Dates

WELCOME!

September 5th
First day of School

September 13th
Open House
4:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m

October 3rd
After School Program

October 6th
Progress Reports

New Staff

Srta. Emely Wagner
Sra. Norma Velasquez
Srta. Jennifer Martinez
Sra. Gloria Mikulecky

Principal's Message

Jorge Ruiz, Principal

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 new school year at Eli Whitney Elementary School! We want to welcome our new staff to the Whitney family: Mrs. Norma Velasquez, 4th Grade Teacher, Ms. Emily Wagner, Teacher of Diverse Learners and Mrs. Glenda Cabrera, who is not new to us; however, she is officially new to the position of Physical Education Teacher. Ms. Michelle Hernandez is currently overlooking the Bilingual Program which was formally headed by Mrs. Elsa Diaz-Santiago. Ms. Yesenia Cabanas is the new Pre-Kindergarten assistant and Ms. Jennifer Martinez is the new special education class assistant for diverse learners. Please provide our new teachers with a warm welcome.

We would like to express our great appreciation to Mrs. Rojas, our Bilingual Kindergarten Teacher for educating our children at our school. We wish her the very best in her new endeavors outside of Illinois. At this moment we are seeking a Bilingual Kindergarten teacher for the vacant position.

We want to inform all of our parents that Mrs. Selena Estka has made the decision to pursue other endeavors in the field of education and is no longer the Assistant Principal of Eli Whitney Elementary School. I want to publicly acknowledge that I am grateful for all of her hard work during the last 10 years. The position of Assistant Principal is not easy, it is very demanding and requires a lot of sacrifice.

Selena and Elsa, thank you for all of your support throughout the years. We will always think of you. Remember, that Eli Whitney will always be your school! Ms. Zayas will continue her role as Eli Whitney Assistant Principal.

The hours of our school day is 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Please make certain your students are on time. We have students that arrive one to two hours late. The morning instruction is fundamental to our students' learning. Our school attendance goal for this school year is 97%.

We will also begin with reading classes. Students selected for this program will be informed of their selection. Please come and order our school uniforms; remember that it has to be polo shirts with the school logo. We will be forming a soccer group at our school, Ms. Hernandez is the coordinator of this program. The Chicago Running Club will soon begin the practices! Thank you ENLACE for the opportunity for our students to participate in this program by providing the budget and organization!

Our school's Open House will be on September 13, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We look forward to your attendance! Open House is a great opportunity to talk to teachers and learn about the instruction they will receive from teachers, learn their classroom expectations, homework expectations, and discipline. All parents and the community are invited to attend!

We have two vacant positions within the School Parent Council. If you wish to be considered for this position, please come to the main building office and request an application.

When we work together for the well-being of children, better results are achieved and education is reached further. That is why we want to take this opportunity to thank the mentoring mothers who gave their time during the previous school year to serve in our school classrooms.

This year we will continue with the help of the Mentoring Fathers in advance. I thank you for your very significant support. We want to thank the parents who helped with clearing the weeds out of the Annex, making the shrubs even brighter. Thank you very much for all your help Simone and all the parents who helped.

Today we will be registering for GED and ESL classes with the Chicago Public Schools. Again, welcome and let's work together to provide the best education for our children.

Sincerely,

Jorge Ruiz