

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to another exciting year of learning at Whitstran Elementary School. At Whitstran, we are committed to “Increasing and Deepening the Literacy Experience for All Learners.” With that in mind, we ask you to help us work toward and celebrate our students’ continued reading, writing and language growth which in turn, are helping support success with math, science, and the other important subjects.

One of our top priorities at Whitstran Elementary is to maintain the family atmosphere that makes Whitstran special. To do this, we rely on a positive partnership with the students and parents of Whitstran. We hope that throughout the year, parents will be able to take part in activities in the school setting. We look forward to seeing parents at conferences, Family Fun Learning Nights, and other school related activities. We also encourage you to join in the educational process by participating in the Parent Core Team meetings, attending information nights, and by bringing your child to our Family Fun Learning Nights.

Successful readers and writers can open doors and create opportunities. Please join us in helping your child by encouraging daily reading and writing in your home. As a parent, you have the power to be your child’s best role model by reading to, reading with, listening to, or simply encouraging your child to read independently for a minimum of twenty minutes each day. Children also benefit by having ready access to writing materials (papers, pens, pencils, and crayons). Parents can also be excellent writing models. Talk to your children about the writing that you do as a routine part of your day (making lists, writing letters, copying recipes, jotting notes). A simple “I love you” note left on their pillow or in their lunch box is a wonderful way to show how we communicate through writing.

We value our students, and appreciate your efforts to protect their learning time by having them at school, on time and for the complete school day. As always, we thank you for the opportunity to work with you and the students of Whitstran.

Sincerely,

Sally Juzeler, Principal
and the Whitstran School Family