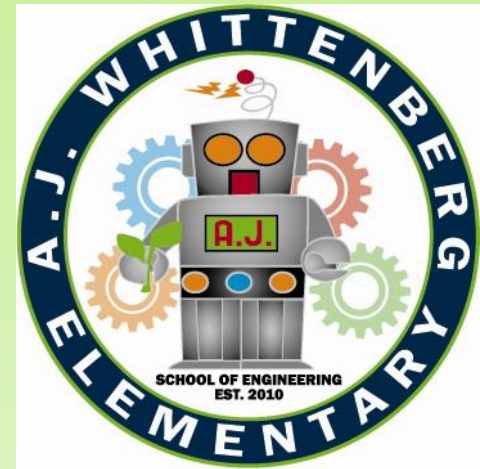




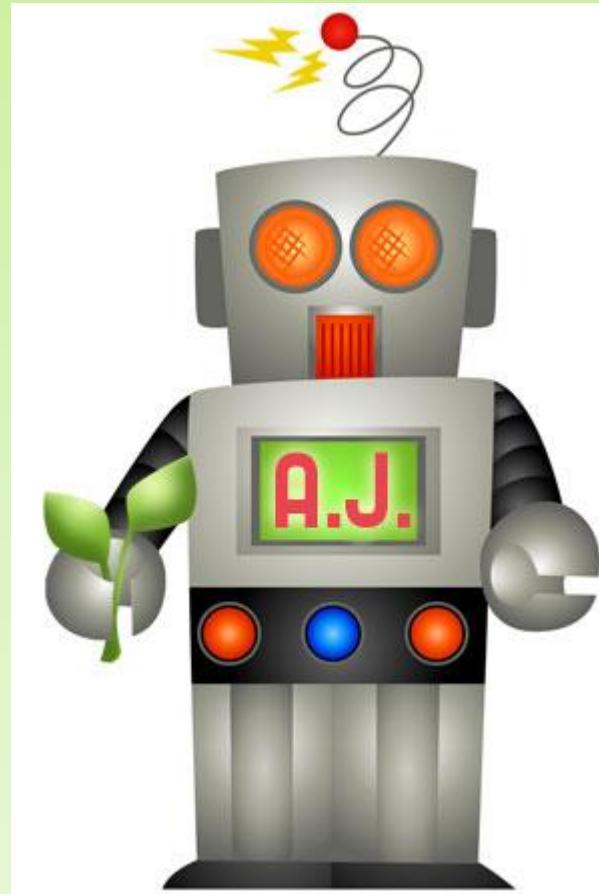
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AJ Whittenberg School Improvement Council

New Parent Orientation
August 15, 2016

Welcome to AJW!





Agenda

- ▶ Volunteer Opportunities
- ▶ Arrival/Dismissal Policy
- ▶ CATCH Program
- ▶ KROC Partnership
- ▶ Communication Tools
- ▶ Uniform Policy



Volunteer Opportunities

- ▶ Jr. Lego League - Lynn Mann
- ▶ Field Trip Chaperones - Teachers
- ▶ PTA committees - President Melissa V. Lowe
- ▶ SIC committee - Chair Pamela Adams
- ▶ Help Special Events- Lynn Mann



Arrival / Dismissal Policies

Arrival Time = 7:20 - 8:00 am

School Traffic

For the safety of the students, the following rules are to be obeyed during the arrival and dismissal of students:

- ▶ Enter the school grounds only from Westfield Street at the Kroc Center
- ▶ Drive as far forward as possible
- ▶ Do not idle. Please turn your engine off while waiting.
- ▶ Stay in a single line until directed to do otherwise
- ▶ Do not change lanes without direction
- ▶ Students should leave and enter cars only from the right side
- ▶ Obey all school official's directives
- ▶ No phone use while in car line



Arrival / Dismissal Policies

School Traffic Continued

- ▶ Place the car tag(s) for all children being picked up in a visible area. If you do not have a car tag, you must park and come to the office to get your children.
- ▶ Students will remain in their classroom until their name/number is posted
- ▶ All car riders must be picked up in the car line by 2:50 pm
- ▶ Students and parents are to cross only in the crosswalk and not in between cars
- ▶ After 2:50 pm, remaining students will need to be signed out by a parent or designated person. A photo ID is required.



Arrival / Dismissal Policies

- ▶ Dismissal Time = 2:30 pm

- ▶ **Bus Riders**
 - Students will stay in the classroom until their name is posted and will gather in lower lobby
 - Students in 4K, K5 and 1st grade will need to 'clip on' their bus tag, parents of these students must have their bus number visible to the bus driver
 - Bus Center # 864-355-5280 & 864-355-4990



Early Dismissal Policy

- ▶ Things to remember:
 - Send note to teacher
 - Parent/Guardian must come to office
 - ID required

 - Last early dismissal is 2:00pm



CATCH Program

- ▶ Coordinated Approach To Child Health



- ▶ Considers school cafeterias an extension of the classroom.
 - Breakfast/Lunch become opportunities for children to learn, practice, and adopt healthy eating habits.
 - School Food Service personnel prepare healthier meals and help coordinate healthy messages



AJ's Café - Rules

- ▶ Parents are always welcome at AJ's Café

- ▶ If bringing lunch to school:
 - Fast food & Soft drinks are not allowed
 - Candy is not allowed
 - Peanut products ARE allowed
 - We encourage parents to eat in the AJ Café.

- ▶ My School Bucks website
 - Easy way to add money to a student account
 - Receive alerts when balance is low



AJ's Café - Prices

Students

- **Lunch**

- **Full Paid \$2.40**
- **Reduced \$0.40**

- **Breakfast**
- **Free**

- **Extra Milk \$0.65**

Adults

- **Lunch**

- **Full Paid \$3.70**

- **Breakfast**

- **Full Paid \$2.10**

- **Extra Milk \$0.65**

Menus will be posted on the schools web site.



KROC Partnership

- ▶ K- 4th Grade – Soccer lessons on the Kroc field
- ▶ 2nd and 3rd Graders - Tennis in the fall
- ▶ 3rd Grade – Swimming lessons in the spring



Communication Tools

- ▶ Parent – Student [Handbook](#)
- ▶ Teacher Websites
 - Homework, Class Projects, Class Newsletters
- ▶ Monday Folders
Main communication vehicle.
- ▶ [Facebook](#) Page
- ▶ School [Website](#)
- ▶ PTA [Website](#)



Uniform Policy

- ▶ **Tops**
 - Must have collars, buttons, and sleeves
 - Solid in color: navy, white, light blue; red and house colors (optional Fridays only and must be uniform style)
 - Approved PTA Spirit Wear
 - Outerwear must be removed while inside building (uniform colors if possible)
- ▶ **Bottoms**
 - Solid in color: navy or khaki
 - Belts required if shirts tucked in
 - No overalls, sweats, track pants/shorts, or cargos
- ▶ **Shoes**
 - Proper shoes required, tennis shoes for PE
 - * The last Friday of the month will be a uniform free holiday



PTA

▶ **Mission:**

- ▶ To make every child's potential a reality by empowering and engaging families and communities to advocate for all children.
- ▶ **AJW 2016/2017 Myth Buster? (True/False)**
- ▶ If I join the PTA as a member, I am required to attend all of the meetings throughout the school year. **(False)**
- ▶ The number one reason to join PTA is to benefit your child.
- ▶ PTA discovers resources and programs designed for parents, teachers and students, as well as help to provide effective solutions for positive changes at your child's school (AJW.) For less than the cost of a cup of coffee. By joining PTA, at a *bargain* dues price (\$5), members are saying they support the work that PTA does to represent children in this country. AND you get some sweet perks, just because. (Hertz, Staples, Quicken Loans, Met Life Auto etc.)



PTA

- ▶ If I sign up as a volunteer, I will be bombarded with calls all the time? (**False**)

Five Reasons I Should Volunteer at AJ Whittenberg?

- ▶ It takes a village
- ▶ A little goes a long way
- ▶ Everyone has something to offer.
- ▶ Your child will benefit.
- ▶ You'll feel good.



PTA

- ▶ **2016/2017 PTA Parental Involvement (Volunteer Opportunities)**
- ▶ Would you like to chair or assist in chairing an event or program?
- ▶ Reflections, Grant Writer, Spirit Night, Back to School Kits, Watch Dog
- ▶ Contact Melissa V. Lowe 864-498-9595 or Mlowe@acL5.net
- ▶ Questions: