

## TEANECK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Whittier Elementary School

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Dear Whittier Families,

Welcome to Whittier Elementary School and the 2024-2025 school year. Whether you are about to be a seasoned fourth grader, a rising first, second, or third grader, a brand-new Kindergarten student, or new to our community, I extend my warmest welcome to you.

It is with gratitude and pride that I work alongside the Whittier staff in fostering an educational community that promotes learning as a rewarding and lifelong experience. I look forward to partnering together this year to continue to build community, create a culture of kindness, and promote a learning environment that develops each student's academic skills simultaneously with their individual strengths and passions.

At Whittier, we are committed to equipping our learners with strategies and skills that foster social and emotional wellness by reminding our Whittier Wolves to use their P.A.W.S.

- Practice Respect
- Act Responsibly
- Work Hard
- Stay Safe

Parents and guardians are an integral part of our school community. Throughout the year, there are many engaging events made available to our students, thanks to our valued partnership with the PTO, our parent-and-teacher organization. Please consider coming out to these events, as strong home-school partnerships create success for our students! Whittier PTO meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know the students and families that make up this vibrant school community. Together, we will create an environment that promotes the desire to learn and succeed.

Best regards,

**Debra Nussbaum**  
Principal  
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