

**A Message
from
Principal Okyere**



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Student Council/School Updates

Student Council

Dear Whittier Families,

Believe it or not, we are in the final month of 2017! Thank you for all you have done to ensure the first half of the school year was so successful. Our focus during the second half of the school year is to ensure students have mastered the expectations for their current grade level, and then we get a jump start on next year's standards. To ensure your child is prepared, please take some time over the winter break to ensure the following:

- Read every night! Take turns reading to your child and having him/her read to you. For older students, you could read the same book independently, and then discuss it together. If you need books or book recommendations, please let us know.
- Talk to your child about how school is going. Have them set one academic and one behavioral goal for the second half of the school year. You can then check in with them regularly as they work toward this goal and celebrate with them when they achieve it.

You are your child's first teacher, and your continued involvement in their education is critically important. We thank you for being such an amazing partner in the success of your child.

Sincerely,

Student Council is hosting a holiday store for the month of December. Students can stop by to do low-cost shopping for family and friends. If you are looking for a special gift this holiday season, be sure to stop by the Student Council store! See their flyer for further information.

Kona Ice is scheduled to be on campus on Wednesday, December 6th after school. Help us FUNdraise by enjoying a cool and delicious treat! Prices vary, see flyers sent home for p r i c i n g .

Invest Your Tax Dollars in Whittier School

If you have not already done so, please consider making a Tax Credit Donation to Whittier School. Individuals can donate up to \$200 and couples filing jointly can donate up to \$400. This becomes a dollar for dollar tax credit. Don't understand AZ Tax Credits?

December at a Glance

These are some main events occurring in the month. For a complete listing of events, refer to your monthly calendars. Calendars are sent home with students and are posted on our website.

12/4 to 12/20—Winter Holiday Store
12/19—Winter Concert
12/20—Full Day
12/21—Early Release
12/22 -1/5—Winter Break -School Not in Session