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### Welcome Students and Parents to the 2014-2015 School Year

On behalf of the Whitmore Charter School of Arts and Technology (WCSAT) staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families to the Whitmore Charter community.

The WCSAT daily start and dismissal times will remain the same for the 2014-2015 school year. School begins each day at 8:00am. School is dismissed at 3:25pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. School is dismissed at 1:42pm on Wednesday.

Please take time to read the Student Handbook that was provided to each student on the first day of school. This handbook provides information about our school's mission statement, awards, discipline, communications, curriculum, grading, motivational plans, and health and safety guidelines.

We have hired several new teachers this year: *Middle School Language Arts* - Morgan Shapses; *Middle School Math* - Narayan Reddy; *Middle School Science* - Autumn Sherwood; *Art* - Mark Gallegos; and *Dance* - Tanaia Green. Please join me in welcoming these new teachers to our school.

We have some administrative changes to share, as well. Former Learning Director, Amy Switzer is now the Learning Director at Ceres High school and Mary Gonzales has been promoted to Assistant Principal of Whitmore Charter. Joining the Whitmore team as a Learning Director is Sarah Olson. Sarah has worked in the Ceres Unified School District for the past 14 years as a teacher (10 years) and an instructional coach (4 years). We are very excited for the experience and expertise she will bring to our school.


We are fortunate at Whitmore Charter to have such an outstanding staff of educators who put children first. It is my hope that this academic year will be the best ever for your child. Once again, welcome back and if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 209-556-1610.

David Viss, Principal

**School Volunteer Requirements**  
 If you plan to serve as a school volunteer for 10 or more hours during the 2014-2015 year, volunteer application requirements must be met.  
 Volunteer applications and additional information are available in the Whitmore Charter School main office.  
**Questions ???**  
**Whitmore Charter School**  
**(209) 556-1610**

**Safety Tip of the Month!**  
 When the temperature outside reaches 100 degrees, it is considered "extreme heat".  
 Help your student on extreme heat days by dressing them in light colored clothing, shorts of appropriate length, short sleeved shirts and remind him/her to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

**ASES After School Program**  
 If you plan to have your child attend the ASES Program, registration packets are available in the Whitmore Charter main office.

**Reminder  Backpacks**  
 Be sure to check your child's backpack each Wednesday for important information provided in the communication folder. Return all items as requested.

**School Meals Application**  
 Please complete and submit the 14/15 "Application for Free or Reduced Priced Meals". Eligible applications result in more funding for our school!

**Safety Tips/Parking Lot Rules**

- \* Pull all the way forward in the drop-off and pick-up lanes
- \* Do not park and leave your vehicle in the drop-off/pick-up lanes
- \* If you plan to walk your child to and from your vehicle, please park in the school parking lot.
- \* Do not stop in the road to let your child out.

# Important Dates!!!

## Aug 2014

**Life Skill of the Month Organization**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
24	25	26	27	28 HS Back In Black Dance 6-8:30pm	29 K-5 Life Skills Assembly 2:30 <b>Picture Day!</b>	30



= Turn in Box Tops the last school day of each month to your child's teacher.



= Spirit Fridays, wear your WCSAT gear and colors

## Sep 2014

**Life Skill of the Month Respect**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 School Closed <b>Labor Day</b>	2	3	4 PBC Mtg 4:00pm Room 39	5 <b>K-5 Wolf Walk!</b>	6
7	8	9	10 <b>K-5 Musical Auditions 2:00 pm</b>	11	12 MS Dodgeball 5pm- CC	13
14	15 Book Fair Week 	16	17	18 Family Book Fair Night 6:00 pm	19	20 Interact Leadership Conf 9:30-1
21	22	23	24	25	26 K-5 Life Skills Assembly 2:30	27
28	29	30				

## Oct 2014

**Life Skill of the Month Responsibility**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 BC Mtg 4:00pm Room 39	3 <b>Round Up! 5-7 pm</b>	4
5	6	7	8 K-8 Talent Show Auditions 2 pm	9	10	11

