

# This Week At Whitefield



Graduating critical thinkers, clear communicators & compassionate leaders.

March 5, 2010

## This Week's Events

March 5 Mom's Prayer Group, 8:10-9 am  
March 6 Ad Dei Gloriam Benefit Auction  
March 12 No School—Teacher In Service  
March 15-19 No School—Spring Break

## Open Enrollment Begins

Monday, March 1 is the date set for Open Enrollment to begin. This means that families *new* to Whitefield Academy will have an *equal opportunity* to save a place in class for each of their children. If a class is approaching capacity, which is usually 20 in number, the place is given on a first come first-served basis. The school board and administration cannot give preference to families enrolled this year who wait until a class is full to enroll their child. One difference between re-enrollees and new enrollees is that all children new to Whitefield are required to take an assessment for proper placement, which requires time, then the child must be approved or denied acceptance.

To re-enroll your child and be assured of a place in class send in the signed re-enrollment form and the \$270 per family fee immediately.

## Step Up Week

Just what happens during Step Up Week in our grammar school? Each class is invited into the next older grade for sample activities and to see their next year's teacher in action in the classroom. Following are observations of several of our grammar school teachers:

From Mrs. Dodd

The Kindergarten had a great time on their Step Up day! They each got to sit with one of the big first graders as the older class told them all about their favorite things such as Reading, field trips; they were all abuzz actually about the fact that Mrs. Allegar gives wonderful birthday spankings.

From Mrs. Gallo

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders shared what they liked about 5<sup>th</sup> grade, such as getting to share milk/juice duty with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders, going to the capital in Topeka, getting a free homework pass and extra recess on their birthday, and learning all 50 states and capitals with music. We played a vocabulary bingo game together with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and answered their questions.

From Mrs. Wright

Fourth grade students conducted the Step Up activities and took turns telling the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders what to expect in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Each child was given a tennis shoe cutout with Scope and Sequence for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade attached to it. Most leave ready to "Step Up" the very next day!



## Auction Update

Our annual Ad Dei Gloriam auction is this Saturday, March 6, 6:00-9:00 pm.

## Last Minute Donation!

A Ruger 223 Ranch Rifle will be available for bid at this year's live auction.



## Parents as Recruiters

Tuesday, March 9, marks the date for the next Day in the Life event. Each parent should consider recruiting one family from their church community to visit us that day or at another time convenient for their schedule. Word of mouth from you as a respected friend is the best recruiting tool. Brochures and other print information are available in the school office and it is very helpful to direct people to our website, [www.whitefieldacademy.org](http://www.whitefieldacademy.org). The addition of each student improves the school's ability to provide for your own child.

## Trips Update

The final payments for the cultural and missions trips are due on Friday, March 5. Deposits due are as follows:

7 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$25
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$150
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$400
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$400
11/12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$800

# News & Notes

## Trinidad meeting scheduled

Parents of the students and all students who are going on the mission trip to Trinidad are invited to meet at the home of Jeff and Lynne Dykstra on Tuesday, March 9 beginning at 7 pm. The Dykstras live at 11913 Summit, Kansas City, Missouri, 64145.

## Third Quarter Report Cards

Now that third quarter has ended, it is time to make report cards available to all of our parents. Perhaps some of you have opened the link that was sent to you for your child's report card and wondered what all of those numbers and letters mean. What do they tell you about your child's progress? Ideally there would be a chart on the report card itself telling you what "E" means or a "1" in the Skill Set area. Some of you may also wonder how different is an "A-" from a "B-"? Below you will find a key to assist you in reading your child's report card. If you have questions about the marks that are given to your student, please contact the teacher to discuss the grade that was given. Any difficulties opening the link or with Renweb can be directed to Darla Dykstra in the school office.

1=Excellent	A+ =	100-98
2=Good/Great	A =	92-97
3=Satisfactory	A- =	90-91
4=Improving	B+ =	89-88
5=Needs Improvement	B =	82-87
6=Unsatisfactory	B- =	80-81
E=Excellent	C+ =	78-79
S=Satisfactory	C =	72-77
N=Needs Improvement	C- =	70-71
U=Unsatisfactory	F =	69 or below

## Musings from the Masters

"...[education has imparted the ability to act] with respect to those who have offended me by words, or done me wrong, to be easily disposed to be pacified and reconciled, as soon as they have shown a readiness to be reconciled; and to read carefully, and not to be satisfied with a superficial understanding of a book; nor hastily to give my assent to those who talk over-much..."--Marcus Aurelius, *The Meditations*, Book 1

## 12th Annual Christian Education Expo

Over 80 colleges, K-12, and homeschooling resources in one place!



Visit with school reps and get the inside scoop on financial aid!

Sponsored by the Metro Voice Christian Newspaper

Saturday, March 6, 9:30am to 2:00pm  
At Colonial Presbyterian Church • 9500 Wornall Road  
9500 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64114

FREE—Tell your friends & Family!

- Christian Colleges from 10 States! Including Liberty University, Colorado Christian, SW Baptist plus schools from Illinois, Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Colorado and Virginia!
- K-12 Schools from Kansas City Metro
- MO & KS Homeschool Organizations
- Books • Resources • Finances

FREE 45-Minute Seminars!

10 a.m.: Education Panel Discussion by Parents  
11 a.m.: Homeschooling 101: Where do I Begin?  
10:30 a.m. and 12:30: Go to College for Free? Finding College Financial Aid.

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# Whitefield Academy 2009-2010 Schedule of Events

Aug 10-14 Lions Soccer Camp  
 Aug 12-14 New Teacher In-Service  
 Aug 15 All School Work Day  
 Aug 17-18 All Faculty In-Service  
 Aug 19 Meet Your Teacher Open House  
 Aug 20 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL—Begin Quarter 1**  
 Aug 25 New Parent Breakfast  
 Aug 27 Back To School Night, K-6th Grades  
 Aug 29 Men's Prayer & Development Breakfast  
 Sept 3 Back To School Night, 7-12th Grades  
**Sept 7 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL**  
 Sept 9 Vision Screening  
 Sept 10-11 Upper School Fall Retreat  
 Sept 11 PTF Fall Picnic  
 Hearing and Speech Screening  
 Sept 18 School Pictures  
**Sept 25 FALL BREAK—NO SCHOOL**  
 Sept 28 2nd Annual 100 Golf Marathon  
 Oct 6 Upper School Serve Day  
 Oct 7 Skating Party at Skate City  
 Oct 9 5th Annual Pig Race  
 PTF Fall Social  
 Oct 10 All School Work Day  
 Oct 14 PSAT Testing—10th & 11th Grades  
 Oct 15 Day in the Life Open House  
**Oct 16 End of 1st Quarter - NO SCHOOL**  
 Teachers' In-service  
**Oct 22-23 P-T Conferences—NO SCHOOL**  
 Nov 7 Stuco Fall Dance, Grades 9-12  
 Nov 10 Pastors' Day  
 Nov 13 Day in the Life  
 Nov 16 2nd Quarter Midterms  
 Nov 20 Antigone  
**Nov 25-27 THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
 Dec 1 Deck the Halls  
 Dec 11 Annual Christmas Concert  
 Dec 14-16 Caroling in the Halls  
 Dec 17-18 Half Days for Finals  
 Dec 18 End of Quarter 2  
 Faculty Christmas Luncheon  
**Dec 21-Jan3 CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Jan 4 Classes Resume  
 Jan 5 4th Annual Alumni Basketball Game  
 Jan 11 Skating Party at Skate City  
 Jan 13 Honor Roll Chapel  
 Jan 15 Spelling Bee  
**Jan 18 Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL**  
 Jan 19-22 Spirit Week, Grades 7-12  
 Jan 23 Work Day  
 Jan 25 3rd Quarter Mid Terms  
 Jan 28-29 Upper School Winter Retreat  
**Feb 4-5 P-T Conferences—NO SCHOOL**  
**Feb 15 President's Day - NO SCHOOL**  
 Feb 17 Kindergarten Roundup  
 Feb 22-26 Step Up Week  
 Feb 26 End of 3rd Quarter  
 Mar 1 Begin 4th Quarter  
 Open Enrollment Begins  
 March 6 AUCTION  
**March 12 NO SCHOOL—Teachers' In-service**  
**March 15-19 SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL**  
 March 27 Stuco Spring Dance—Grades 9-12  
 Mar 29-Apr 9 ERB Testing  
 April 1 4th Quarter Midterms  
**April 2-5 Easter Break—NO SCHOOL**  
 April 15-17 Shakespeare Play  
 April 19 Skating Party at Skate City  
 April 23 Daddy Daughter Dance  
 April 26-30 Upper School Missions & Cultural Trips  
**May 3 NO SCHOOL—Teachers' In-service**  
 May 4 Sports Banquet  
 May 6 National Day of Prayer  
 May 7 Grandparents' Day; Choir Concert  
 May 10 Field Day  
 May 13 Honors & Trips Chapel  
 May 14 Last Day for Seniors/Graduation Program  
 May 18 Annual Meeting  
 May 18-19 Half Day of School  
 May 19 Last Day of School  
*Highlighted days = No school*

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