

**RSU #16 School Board  
Administrative Report  
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Principal, Bruce M. Whittier Middle School  
November 7, 2022**

**Staff**

- Kudos to the Whittier staff for their efforts in helping Whittier return to a full middle school experience. In the past month, we have had a school dance, parent conferences, a guest speaker, spirit week, and field trips. It's great to be back!

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

- Students completed their state testing in October. This fall the state used the NWEA math and reading assessment.
- We have many clubs and activities underway for our students. Students can choose from Student Council, Civil Rights Club, Planet Green, Geek Squad (Tech Team), Whittier Writer's Club, Dungeons & Dragons, and Drama Club will open soon. We had high participation in our fall sports, and basketball begins this week.
- Grade 8 Gifted and Talented: Students met on Zoom with Wealth Adviser and Founder of Claro Advisors, a Financial Advising Firm, Ryan Belanger to discuss the Economy, Investing and the Stock Market. Students are currently participating in the Stock Market Game, an online simulation of global capital markets and financial investing.
- Grade 7 teams organized a day of outdoor learning for their students at Camp Connor in Poland. We had a beautiful day and a very positive experience. The planning was built around an opportunity for the science students to do water testing.

**Events**

- Congratulations to Bella Hartman, Scarlett Quimi, and Olivia Snowman on making it into the District II Honors Chorus. It was an incredibly competitive year this year -- a very small percentage of students who audition at the middle school level are selected for the chorus. While these were the three selected, the rest of our students still scored very well and did a magnificent job in their auditions!
- Whittier Middle School's Tri-Town Family 5K will return to Minot's beautiful trails and fields on Sunday, November 13th at 10:00am. Join us as we celebrate 11 years. Our event is open to everyone: students, their families, and the community. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we have always offered free registration. This event is about getting people outside and moving. No experience is necessary. Many people choose to walk the course as a way to support the students.
- Family participation was very high for Student Led Conferences during the week of October 24th. More than 80% of our middle school students completed their conferences. The first conference of the year is an opportunity for students to help parents understand the online grade book and the difference between formative and summative assessments. It's also an important time for parents to build relationships with their children's advisors.