

Whitney Point Central School District

Where *KIDS* are the *POINT!*



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Dear Whitney Point Community,

The leaves are falling and the first quarter of the school year is coming to a close! This time of year we look forward to parent-teacher conferences and an opportunity to meet and discuss your child's progress. We hope you take advantage of this valuable time to help make the most of your child's learning opportunities.

Throughout the state, schools are continuing to implement the Common Core Learning Standards and Assessments. The goal of these standards is to teach our children to think deeply and more critically. In Whitney Point, we are working hard each day to assure that students experience meaningful instruction that will prepare them to be college and career ready.

We have recently implemented a modified 4:00 bus run for students. As many of you recall, the four o'clock bus was one of the items that was eliminated from the budget when state aid was cut. Four buses will be available each Wednesday in order for us to be able to provide after-school tutoring for a number of identified students. After these runs are established, we plan to expand the number of students that can be offered this after-school opportunity.

Bullying in schools makes the news on a regular basis. At Whitney Point, we are making a concerted effort to create a more empathetic culture and reduce the incidents and effects of bullying. Under the guidance of Dan Sweeney, all our schools have begun to implement Olweus, a world-renowned anti-bullying program. Students participate in class meetings and learn ways to create and sustain a positive school culture.

It is impossible to drive through Whitney Point and not notice the dramatic improvements accomplished through the recent capital project. Our schools look beautiful and are now safer and more energy efficient. Within the next few weeks, the contractors will be finished and we will be left to enjoy all of the new features of our schools.

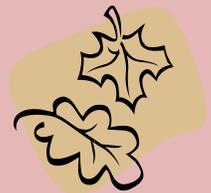
I hope you have been able to visit our new website at www.wpcsd.org. Although some portions of the website are still under construction, it has an exciting new look and is much easier to navigate. If you click on "public user login" you can register to receive text and email alerts as well as design your own dashboard.

Thank you for your continued support in educating our students! Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Follette

Superintendent



The Mission of the Whitney Point Central School District is to provide an excellent education ensuring that all children maximize their potential, become contributing citizens, and pursue lifelong learning.