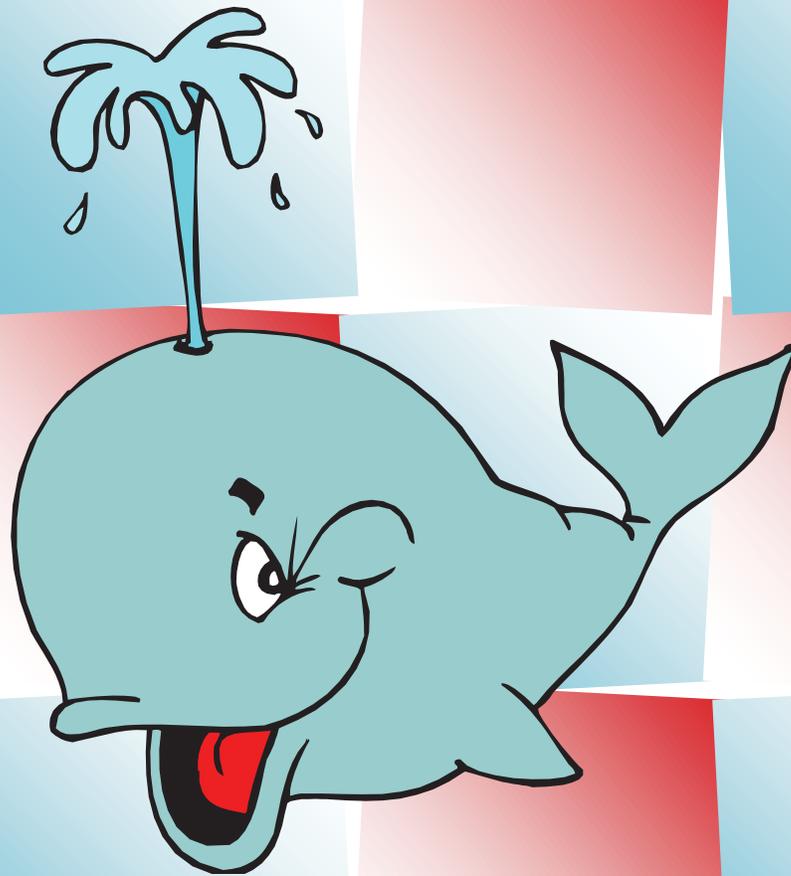


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Student Handbook

JaaDaa S. Holcombe, Principal

Message from the Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Whitley Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new students and we are excited that you have the opportunity to become part of our family and community. We are excited about the wonderful learning that is taking place in our school building.

At Whitley Elementary, we believe that all students are capable of learning at high levels and meeting the academic and social standards. Our focus will be on providing each child with new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience. Academic emphasis on the core content areas of reading, math, language arts, science and social studies will remain a priority. Our faculty and staff will work diligently to ensure that your child's academic needs are met as they work to reach local and state standards.

Educational success for all students cannot be complete without an effective partnership with all parents. We invite you to become our partners in the education of your child. Please visit the school often and become involved.

The purpose of this handbook is to provide basic information about our program, policies, and procedures. We believe it is important for all students to accept responsibility for their actions. Therefore, we are asking students and parents to read the handbook carefully and follow all rules and procedures. You may also visit our school website for more up to date information.

We appreciate all that you do to make Whitley Elementary a great school.

Sincerely,



Principal

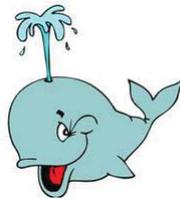
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WHITLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Whitley Elementary School is to prepare our students for the future by developing students who are successful academically, socially, emotionally, and physically by providing challenging and cooperative activities, which are conducive to learning, and to motivate parents to become active participants in the educational process of the students.

MASCOT



The whale was chosen because of its strength, agility, and grace.

MOTTO

“Investing Jointly for Well Educated Students”

DRESS CODE

Students are required to wear the following uniform combinations:

Red Blouses or Polo Shirts
Navy Blue Skirts, Jumpers, Pants or Walking Shorts
Black Tennis Shoes
Brown or black belt

****Boys are NOT permitted to wear earrings.****



Whitley WHALES Pledge

As a student at Whitley Elementary School, I pledge to:

W=Walk in the halls at all times

H=Have good manners

A=Always respect adults, students, and myself

L=Learn many new and exciting things at school

E=Exhibit self-control

S=Strive to do great things in my future