

# **WHITNEY WOLVES**

## **Summer 2020**

Student and Family Affirmations: "I can make a difference!"



### **INTRODUCTION**

Dear Eli Whitney Community,

I am honored to introduce myself as the new principal of Eli Whitney Elementary School. I am excited to return to this wonderful school community and want to assure you of my dedication to care for your children. I believe in the educational philosophy that all children deserve and are entitled to engaging and meaningful instruction that promotes maximum personal and academic growth.

As a seasoned Enfield educator with twenty years experience, I have served as an assistant principal, an academic coach, and a classroom teacher. In addition, I have worked over ten years with the State of Connecticut as mentor to new teacher candidates and worked for the Capitol Region Educational Council (CREC) as a District Liaison - Choice Summer Program academic coach and curriculum developer.

My educational experience includes earning a Master of Education degree in elementary/special education from American International College, a Sixth-Year Certificate in educational leadership from Central Connecticut State University, and an Advanced Certificate in social-emotional-learning from the University of Colorado.

It is important to me to be an active member of the Enfield community. I have served as a member of the Town of Enfield Beautification Committee and as a member and school liaison with the Enfield Lions Club. I reside in Enfield with my husband David, and am a proud parent to three grown children who have graduated from the Enfield School system and continue to reside, work, and support the Enfield community.

Every child can succeed, and even exceed our wildest expectations. This happens and is fostered by purposely building and sustaining strong parent-teacher-student relationships. As a team, we will positively shape each child's future as well as strengthen our community's future. My commitment to meeting the individual needs of all children, whether in-class full time or through a distance-learning model is top priority. We recognize that you are your child's first and forever teacher. Therefore, to be successful as educators, we are dependent on your involvement and encourage you to join us in person or virtually at parent-teacher meetings, student presentations, PTO meetings, student performances, school events, and support online distance learning. We also encourage you to share your thoughts, as we explore new instructional strategies for supporting our students. My promise to you is, "I will strive to build an inclusive community for students and families where all voices are heard, student needs are addressed and children are empowered to achieve with a strong sense of belonging." In addition, I have an open door policy with a focus on adhering to social-distancing protocols and invite you to contact me anytime. Working together, we will give our children a meaningful education.

Students, I am excited to see you all again this coming school year. Your teachers have expressed how much they miss you. I know that we are going to have an exciting year filled with new learning activities, friends and new technology. In the meantime, feel free to stop by my office and say hello!

Enjoy the summer break!

Warmest regards,

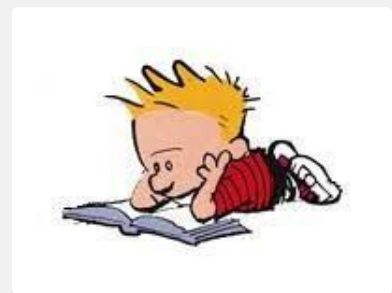
Mrs. Flanagan  
Principal



**Play outside!**



**Stay healthy!**



**Read everyday!**

**Summer Reading 2020 Enfield Public Schools**  
**[www.enfieldschools.org](http://www.enfieldschools.org)**

Take flight with a good book this summer!

You are invited to “Imagine Your Story” this summer as you read. Whether you like eBooks, audiobooks, or paper, the time you spend reading will make you a stronger student!

You have so many resources to help you read throughout the summer:

- As a resident of Connecticut, you can participate in Connecticut Reads 2020: The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Lists of recommended book titles are available at <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/CTRead/Connecticut-Reads>. Log your titles on the printable or downloadable journal and return to your school library this fall.
- Our Enfield Public Library shares ways to read using a fun grid (for kindergarten – completed Grade 5) or an online log (for completed Grade 6 – Grade 12). Visit their website at <https://www.enfieldpubliclibrary.org/> for more information on their program, which kicks-off virtually on June 27th.
- Use your Hoopla app or <https://www.hoopladigital.com/> to access eBooks and audiobooks throughout the summer. There are lots of titles to suit your interests, and you can read or listen to the same books as your friends!
- Reading material can also be obtained through our local Barnes and Noble bookstore, and if you read 8 books or more, you can earn a free book by completing the summer reading journal at <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summerreading-for-kids>.

Teachers will be interested to hear all about the characters you have “vacationed” with this summer! For more information or support with this program, please contact Deborah Gaskell, 6-12 English Coordinator, at [dgaskell@enfieldpublicschools.org](mailto:dgaskell@enfieldpublicschools.org) or Adrienne Snow, K-12 Reading & Library Coordinator, at [asnow@enfieldpublicschools.org](mailto:asnow@enfieldpublicschools.org).

A reading adventure awaits!

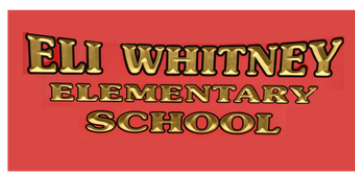
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<https://enfieldpto.com/eliwhitney#c1fc5bcf-2801-4e1b-a600-00a782d1cd3c>

## COVID-19 Resource Center: Click on link to view

<https://enfieldkite.org/2020/04/covid-19-family-resource-guide/>

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