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important dates for the next few weeks:

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17 -
LICE CHECKS**

**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 - 7:30PM @ WHITNEY**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 -
TERRY FOX RUN**

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26 -
WELCOME BACK WHITNEY EVENT!
4:30 - 6:30PM**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3 -
CURRICULUM NIGHT**

*We are all
partners in the
school's success!*

from the principal

We welcome all families and students back to school and we look forward to another great year at Whitney. We have had a smooth transition back to school this past week! We are enjoying a new playground at the top of the hill (east side), a new refinished gym floor, and classroom fans installed in each room as well! We are also awaiting Air Conditioning installation in the gym. Each school needs a designated cooling centre and the gym will be that area for us.



We are very pleased and excited to have all our students back in class after the summer. I have been impressed with our staff and students. Thank you to the staff for all the preparations made to prepare the school for the students. Thank you to Allison for all her work to help organize so much of what goes on here at Whitney. Thank you to Tom and the Caretaking staff for the outstanding job they did to clean and get the school ready as well. We continue to set high expectations for students and we are setting goals as a school community to create a caring and safe environment and to nurture a Culture of Kindness. We look forward to working with all of you to support our students, staff, and families. We look forward to seeing many of you at Curriculum Night on October 3rd and sharing more about this school year with all of you.

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Whitney Kiss and Ride Drop-Off begins again

Dear Whitney Families,

Our Caring and Safe Schools Committee and our School Council met last year to discuss safety/traffic concerns at drop off time around the school. It is up to us as a community to reduce the risk for pedestrians, children being driven to school and drivers alike. Should an accident happen, it will impact all of us. We are trying to be proactive to keep everyone safe.

Thank you to everyone for their support and participation in the morning drop off outside the school last year. It was a great success and we will continue again this year. It really helped to keep traffic moving and prevented a great deal of congestion in the area.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to help us to open doors and guide vehicles along to the “drop off zone.” Grade 6 students will walk the younger students into the school yard as well. Recently, crosswalks have been painted in the area to make them more visible and signs asking drivers to “Slow Down” will be see on our school property.



To drop off in the morning:

- **Please drive on the south side of Rosedale Heights Drive travelling east and approach the second opening to the school in the fenced area.** We will set up pylons to identify the area. Staff and parents/guardians will open the door to your vehicle to help your child(ren) out. Grade 5 and 6 volunteers will then walk the students safely into the school yard. We ask that vehicles continue travelling eastbound to where you may need to go. There will be no parking on the south side of Rosedale Heights Drive. If you do need to park and walk your child in, for whatever reason, please park on the North side (opposite the school), on MacLennan Ave. or on Rosedale Heights Drive west of MacLennan Ave. to enable traffic to flow smoothly outside the school.
- **The Kiss and Ride will be in effect from 8:30am – 8:42 am daily.** We have some volunteers but welcome additional individuals to step forward to assist.
- If you live within walking distance of the school, please consider walking.
- Some of our Grade 6 students suggested starting a **Walking School Bus**, where parents/guardians could organize a pick-up of children along their route to school and all safely walk to school together.

Police of 53 Division encourage the following:

- do not park or stop on the South side of the road during this drop off time.
- do not double park
- do not conduct 3 point turns during drop-off or pick-up

Each of these habits puts students, including your own children, at risk. Once one person does any of these things, others follow suit.

Please respect our community by adhering to these guidelines. These measures may require a bit of additional time in the morning. It is a small price to pay for our children's safety. If you have any questions, suggestions, or interest in helping, please let us know.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Chris Rzepa

Rosh Hashana

Rosh Hashana is a time for joy, a time for new beginnings, celebrations, and counting our blessings. This year, it begins the evening of Sunday September 9th and continues September 10th and 11th.

To all families that will be celebrating, we wish you Good Health, Happiness, Peace and Prosperity all through the year for a sweet new year. Shanah Tovah.

LICE CHECK

The first of three Lice checks will take place on **Monday September 17th**. We have The Lice Crew, a professional service, coming in during the year to check our students.

Thank you to our School Council who cover the costs of this service with the funds raised from the previous year.



Whitney P.S. Calendar Dates & Events 2018–19

Curriculum Night	Wednesday October 3rd
Photo Day	Thursday October 4th
PA Day	Friday October 5th
Thanksgiving (no school)	Monday October 8th
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday November 9th
Progress Reports go home	Tuesday November 13th
P.A. Day for Parent/Teacher interviews	Friday November 16th
P.A. Day	Friday December 10th
Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	December 13th @ 9am
Holiday Concert Celebration	December 13th @ 7pm
Winter Break Holidays	December 22 to January 6 (inclusive)
P.A. Day	Friday January 18th
First Term Reports go home	Tuesday February 12th
P.A. Day for Parent/Teacher interviews	Friday February 15th
Family Day	Monday February 18th
March Break	March 11th to March 15th (inclusive)
Good Friday	Friday April 19th
Easter Monday	Monday April 22nd
Spring Event	Monday May 1st
Victoria Day	Monday May 20th
P.A. Day	Friday June 7th
Final Reports go home	Wednesday June 26th
Play Day	Wednesday June 26th
Grade 6 Graduation	Wednesday June 26th
Last Day of Classes	Thursday June 27th
P.A. Day	Friday June 28th

REMINDERS!



Cash is Not Accepted

Whitney is a cashless school. That means that ALL payments for ALL school related items are made online. NEW families must create an account for School Cash Online and "adopt" their children to your account. Please contact Allison in the school office if you need any help.

Note: School Cash Online accounts carry year over year and across all TDSB schools so there's no need to re-adopt your child if you were at Whitney last year.

Peanuts... macademia nuts... walnuts... cashew nuts - please remember that Whitney is a NUT-FREE ZONE.

We have students in the school with life-threatening allergies so please **do not send** along any nut products to school or for after school snacks. Let's keep Whitney nut-free!



Have you moved, got a new email address or cell phone number? If so, please let the school office know!



**Want to report a student absence?
Forgot when the next PA Day is?
Not sure if your child is REALLY sick?
Save yourself a phone call and email**

Allison.Walker@tdsb.on.ca

for any of your Whitney School needs!

WHITNEY'S 28TH TERRY FOX RUN

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers,

The school's annual Terry Fox Run will be held on **Tuesday, September 25th**, with the storm date set for Wednesday, September 26th.

The run will take place after morning announcements (approx. 9:10am-11:15 am). All students from JK to Grade 6 participate in the run/walk!

We need 35-40 volunteers in order for the run to take place. We realize that many parents enjoy running with their children, however, we ask that you please consider volunteering this year to help us ensure a safe and successful event. Those who have participated over the years have found it to be a fun and worthwhile experience. Volunteers are asked to stand along the streets of the neighbourhood route to make sure the students are safe and on course.

Join Committee members
Cam Ross, Caron Irwin,
Brittany Mark & Christie
Schemmer Glenn!



Please email Cam Ross if you are able to volunteer with this years run.

cameronross.go@gmail.com

- Patti Ann Allen

From the Parent Council



Hello Whitney Parents! We hope everyone has had a great first week back at school. We are looking forward to another exciting year with this fantastic community of parents and students.

A few Save the Dates for your calendars:

Monday, September 17th from 6:30-7:30pm is our first **General Council Meeting** where we encourage all parents and staff to come learn about the initiatives this year and participate in conversations that progress the learning agenda at Whitney. Location is the kitchen area at the school!

Wednesday September 26th from 4:30-6:30pm is our **Welcome Back Whitney** event in the school yard. More details to be shared soon, but meanwhile parents, students and staff may expect several fun activities— bouncy obstacle course, giant plinko and bowling, face painting, jenga, connect four and more!



Willing to volunteer for 30 mins at the Welcome Back Whitney event? Do you love to bake? We'll be calling on parents to help volunteer and/or bake items for the Bake Sale table.

Message Ashley (aorutledge@gmail.com) or Shannon (cummings Shannon@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out!

Lastly, the Parent Council has been working on a Mission Statement that will be revealed in the next Whitney Word and discussed in more detail at the GCM. Hope to see you there to explain what we are all about!

The Whitney Parent Council

CHANG'S CHANNEL

Welcome back to another school year! I'd like to start off by thanking all the wonderful students and parents for their incredibly kind words and friendly smiles. I am so happy to be back at Whitney and am very excited for the year ahead.

Preparing for Phys. Ed. Classes

To help your children be setup for success please:

- Ensure they have appropriate footwear (athletic shoes that they can put on and tighten independently)
- Dress them for physical activity (clothing that allows students the freedom to move safely)
 - o *Avoid loose clothing*
 - o *Remove jewelry during physical activity*
 - o *Make sure that long hair is tied*
- Provide them with a water bottle



Team Sports

There are a number of teams which Whitney will be fielding throughout the year.

September to December: Cross Country, Soccer (boys and girls), Flag Football, Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball

January to March: Ice Hockey, Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Badminton

April to June: Track and field, Slo-pitch (boys and girls), Ultimate Frisbee

We will be starting off the year with **Cross-country**, **Boys and Girls soccer** and **Flag Football**.

There will be a meeting for students wishing to participate in **Cross-country** on **Friday September 7th** during afternoon recess in the gym. Attendance is important as we will be gathering a list of all our runners for registration. Students who are interested in trying out for Soccer or Flag Football are highly encouraged to participate in Cross-country. Building stamina and speed are important skills that transfer to these sports perfectly! Cross Country is open for Grades 1-3 (Primary) and Grades 4-6 (Junior).

We will also begin our tryouts for Soccer and Flag Football over the next two weeks. These tryouts are open to students in Grades 4-6 (Junior).

TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY
September 10

TUESDAY
September 11

WEDNESDAY
September 12

THURSDAY
September 13

FRIDAY
September 14

**Primary Cross
Country Practice**
(7:45 am - 8:30am)

**Junior Cross
Country Practice**
(7:45 am - 8:30)

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(7:45 am - 8:30 am)

**Junior Cross
Country Practice**
(7:45 am - 8:30 am)

**Co-ed Flag Football
Tryouts** (3:30 pm -
4:30 pm)

**Co-ed Soccer
Tryouts** (3:30 pm -
4:30 pm)

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September 21

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Country Practice**
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**Primary and Junior
Cross Country
Practice @ Rosedale
Park**

**Girls Flag Football
Tryouts** (3:30 pm -
4:30 pm)

Boys Soccer Tryouts
(3:30 pm - 4:30 pm)

**Boys Football
Tryouts** (3:30 pm -
4:30 pm)

Girls Soccer Tryouts
(3:30 pm - 4:30 pm)

*Meet at Whitney @
7:30 am to walk over
to Rosedale Park*

As we set off on another exciting year of Whitney athletics please encourage your children to take part in all the wonderful opportunities that Whitney has to offer. It is a great honour to wear the Whitney colours and one that many students aspire to.

Encourage them to follow their passion for sport and remind them that tryouts are an important part of gaining experience, building character and growing as athletes. By coming to tryouts with a positive attitude and working hard, they stand to gain so much more than making or not making the team.

Let them know how proud you and all the Whitney coaches are that they are accepting this challenge!

