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important dates for
the next few weeks:

MONDAY MARCH 19 -
KISS N RIDE BEGINS



FRIDAY MARCH 30 -
GOOD FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL

MONDAY APRIL 2 -
EASTER MONDAY - NO SCHOOL



from the principal

Naw Ruz

Naw Ruz (New Day), marks the Iranian New Year. It is the first day of Farvardin, the first month of the Iranian solar year. Naw Ruz is celebrated rather like the Christian Easter, with many symbols indicating spring and renewal. On the day of Naw Ruz, families gather in new or freshly cleaned clothes, and their tables are decorated with fruit, cakes, coloured eggs, and other treats. We send our best wishes to all Whitney families and staff who are celebrating Naw Ruz.

Chris Rzepa



Don't forget to mark your calendar and book your babysitter for the annual **Whitney Main Event** coming up on Thursday May 10th at the Toronto Lawn and Tennis Club! Always a fun night with parents and teachers. Log on to the cashless system to get your tickets!!

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>

Whitney Kiss and Ride Drop-Off begins after the March Break!

To address safety/ traffic concerns at drop off time around the school, we are going to begin a Drop-Off (Kiss and Ride) program every morning beginning after the March Break.

We will have staff, parents, guardians, and Grade 5 and 6 students assisting with this project. We will slowly phase this in/work out how to best implement this and have it be in full effect as of April 3rd, the Tuesday after the Easter/Passover weekend.

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 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 8:25am – 8:42am daily.** We have some volunteers but welcome additional individuals to step forward to assist. If we had 10 parents/guardians available, we could have one person and a back-up for each day.
- If you live within walking distance of the school, please consider walking.

We have been in touch with the Police of 53 Division and they encourage the following:

- do not park or stop on the North 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

March is Greek Heritage Month

The TDSB will be celebrating Greek Heritage during the month of March.

This year's theme is: "*Hellenic Kallos - Inspiring the Mind, Body & Soul*".

On **Saturday, March 24th from 3pm to 5:30pm** will be the Closing Event at East York CI. These events will feature music, dance, art, food, demonstrations, cultural displays and special presentations from TDSB elementary and secondary students and community members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Closing Event

Saturday, March 24

3 to 5:30 p.m.

East York CI, 650 Cosburn Ave, East York

For additional resources to use during Greek Heritage Month, please click on the following link: https://bit.ly/GHM_TDSB or follow us on Twitter @TDSB_GHM



Aristotle (grade 1) and George (JK) Koukodimos looking amazing in their traditional Greek gear!



WITTENBERG'S WALL



Grade 4/5 Division 3 Boys Basketball

Congratulations to the members of the division 3 boys basketball team on an outstanding performance at Selwyn PS on Tuesday before the break. The boys worked their skills in the morning, and then played three games in the afternoon. Despite the scoreboard not being in our favour, the boys played tremendously well, and improved their skills throughout the entire day! As requested by the boys, a game against the parents will be in the near future!

Rowing Club

Thanks to some amazing donations from our Whitney community, the Whitney Rowing Club has taken full flight! Any student in grade 3-6 will now be able to test their skills on one of our ergs, and start their Olympic training for down the road (please don't forget about your coaches when you make it to the Olympics!!). Please check the Weeks at a Glance to see your time to row!

Parents vs Kids Hockey Game

It was a pretty tight game, but the parent team may have been disqualified for having a ringer!!



TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY
March 19

Grade 3 Rowing Club
(8:00 am)

Grade 6 Badminton Practice (3:30 pm)

TUESDAY
March 20

Grade 4/5 Badminton Practice (7:30 am)

Grade 4 Rowing Club
(12:00 pm)

WEDNESDAY
March 21

Grade 6 Badminton Practice (7:30 am)

Grade 5 Rowing Club
(12:00 pm)

THURSDAY
March 22

Grade 4/5 Badminton Practice (7:30 am)

Grade 6 Rowing Club
(3:30 pm)

FRIDAY
March 23

Drop in Badminton
(8:00 am)

MONDAY
March 26

Grade 3 Rowing Club
(8:00 am)

Grade 6 Badminton Practice (3:30 pm)

TUESDAY
March 27

Grade 4/5 Badminton Practice (7:30 am)

Grade 4 Rowing Club
(12:00 pm)

WEDNESDAY
March 28

Grade 6 Badminton Practice (7:30 am)

Grade 5 Rowing Club
(12:00 pm)

THURSDAY
March 29

Grade 4/5 Badminton Practice (7:30 am)

Grade 6 Rowing Club
(3:30 pm)

FRIDAY
March 30

NO SCHOOL

