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important dates for OCTOBER 9 - 20

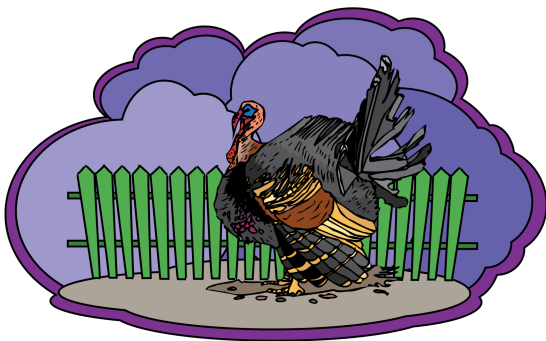
OCT 9 - THANKSGIVING MONDAY
(NO SCHOOL)

OCT 11 - VISITING AUTHOR

OCT 16 - LUNCH PROGRAMS BEGIN

COMING UP:

OCT 31 - HALLOWEEN PARADE



from the principal

A reminder that there will be no classes on Monday October 9th. We hope families enjoy the long weekend and the **Thanksgiving** holiday. We are very thankful to be part of such a wonderful Whitney community.

Diwali, or Deepavali, is the biggest and most colourful Hindu festival. Diwali means "rows of lighted lamps." This year, the five day festival begins October 18. It is celebrated in India, Malaysia, Singapore, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Nepal, and by Hindu communities all over the world. During Diwali, people offer prayers to the goddess of wealth, Lakshmi, seeking her blessings and a prosperous year ahead. People visit the homes of their friends and relatives, share sweets and burst crackers. To all of our families and friends celebrating Diwali, may you be blessed with good fortune, wealth, prosperity, and happiness. Happy Diwali 2017!

Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jewish people traditionally observe this holy day with an approximate 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services.

Sukkot is an eight-day holiday, with the first day celebrated as a full festival with special prayer services and holiday meals. To all families and staff observing, we hope you had a meaningful and easy fast.

To all of our families, enjoy each day.

Chris Rzepa



Editor's Note: Thank you to the parents who sent along photos to whitneyword@gmail.com Please continue to send along pics from any Whitney events throughout the year!

TDSB Islamic Heritage Month October 2017

October is Islamic Heritage Month 2017 (IHM) at the TDSB, and the academic theme of this year's IHM is "Reflect. Celebrate. Learn." There are many exciting events planned throughout October, giving students, parents and community members opportunities to learn about the rich culture and traditions of people of Islamic Heritage.

You can follow updates on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @TDSB_IHM.

Hallowe'en Parade

On the afternoon of Tuesday October 31st, students are invited to put on Hallowe'en costumes and take part in the Hallowe'en parade at school. We will walk outside on the track (weather permitting) or through the halls of our school beginning with our FDK classes along the second floor before winding our way up the third floor. It will begin at approximately 12:45 pm. Students should wear their costumes to school in the afternoon or bring them in the morning and put them on at lunch. We ask that props (like swords, weapons, etc...) be left at home for use in the evening. Parents/guardians are welcome to join us!

Cell Phones

We are asking that students who need to have phones at school for various reasons, not use them during the school day (unless they are being used for instructional purposes with the teacher). Phones should be turned off as students enter the school grounds and can be turned on and used again after 3:20 pm to communicate with caregivers regarding safe arrival home. Phones do not need to be used at lunchtime, in the hallways, or in washrooms. If parents/guardians/caregivers need to contact students during school hours, you are welcome to call the office at (416) 393-9380 and we will relay a message. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Chris Rzepa

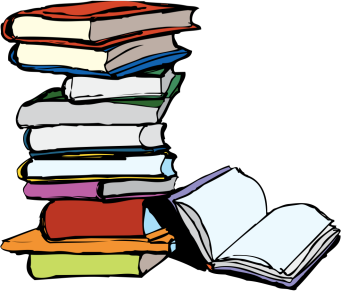
Principal



STEP DAY ASSEMBLIES

(10:30 am)

September 8	Respect	Room 302	6
October 5 Whitney Day – Blue and Yellow	Responsibility	Room 307	6
November 3 Moustache Day	Empathy	Room 308	4
December 8 Hat Day	Kindness & Caring	Room 303	3
January 12 Twin Day	Teamwork	Room 305	3
February 2 Sports Day	Fairness	Room 205	2
March 2 Crazy Hair	Honesty	Room 203	2
April 6 PJ Day	Co-operation	Room 206	1
May 4 Beach Day	Integrity	Room 202	1
June 1 Whitney Day – Blue and Yellow	Perseverance	Room 304	5
June 25	Awards Assembly	9:00 am	



Visiting Author

This Wednesday, Toronto author Susan Aguilo will be giving three different presentations to students in grades 1 - 6. Some of Susan's work include "Alexander and the Spear of Destiny", "Adventure in the Amazon", and "Mummy on the Nile". She recently launched her first tween novel, "The Earth's End" a 184 page fantasy fiction book.

If you wish to purchase an autographed copy of any of Susan's books please see the attached form. (Or look deep into your child's backpack as all students were given a form to take home!) I will be purchasing copies for the library so all students will have an opportunity to read Susan's books this year!

There is a bin in the office where you can drop off the form and cheque.

Whitney is looking forward to learning more about the writing process from Susan Aguilo on **October 11th!**

Heather Hall, Teacher Librarian

A bedtime adventure presents:
AN AUTHORS VISIT AT YOUR SCHOOL
October 11, 2017



Susan Aguilo
Author

Inspiring kids to take the Ordinary and Make it Extraordinary!

Stories, Learning, Interaction, Creativity, Fun etc...

Susan has a natural ability to inspire. With her high energy and friendly nature she has an easy way of demystifying the writing process, inspiring creativity and validating teachers. She makes writing real for kids!

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Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

SEND ORDER FORM & MONEY TO SCHOOL BEFORE OR ON THE DAY OF EVENT. IF ORDERING FOR MULTIPLE CHILDREN, WRITE THEIR NAME NEXT TO THEIR BOOK BELOW.

Soft cover Books

- ___ 3 Pack, \$25 (Mummy, Destiny & Amazon)
- ___ Alexander & the Spear of Destiny, \$10
- ___ Adventure in the Amazon, \$10
- ___ Mummy on the Nile, \$10
- ___ Adventure in Antarctica, \$10
- ___ The Earth's End (Novel), \$10

"I ♥ Reading" wristband, \$1

- ___ Black/Pink
- ___ Blue/Red
- ___ Lime Green/Blue
- ___ Purple/Green (Glow in the dark)
- ___ Turquoise/Orange (Glow in the dark)
- ___ White/Blue (Glow in the dark)
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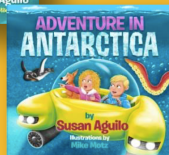
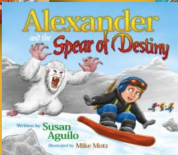
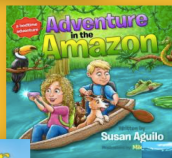
- ___ A bedtime adventure bookmark, \$1
- ___ Spear bookmark, \$1
- ___ Feed Your Imagination bookmark, \$1
- ___ Glow in the dark Pencil, 2 for \$1
(Blue, yellow, green, ruby, orange, white)

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO:
SUSAN AGUILO**

Cheque or Cash _____

TOTAL Amount \$ _____

Missed the event? No problem you can find me on my website at
www.abedtimeadventure.com



TERRY FOX RUN 2017

On September 26th, it was a sunny but very humid morning for our 27th annual Terry Fox Run. Despite the hot steamy weather conditions, we managed to carry on Terry's DREAM and Whitney walked / jogged through our neighbourhood streets. It showed, "Be Like Terry", at it's very best - **DETERMINATION, PERSEVERANCE, GOAL SETTING, PASSION.**

Thank you to the many volunteers who stood at points along the route to help keep our students safe, to the first aid van drivers, t-shirt sellers and water station attendants.

As in years past, our local Loblaws at Bayview and Moore kindly donated 300 apples for after the run. They were juicy and just the perfect size!

A very special shout out to [Shelley Moretti](#) (middle) and her team (Jenn Corbett, Charlene Klein, Jen Sievenpiper).

Shelley is a Grade 6 parent and this was her last year organizing and coordinating all the amazing volunteers. I cannot thank her enough and we'll miss her!

Lastly, thank you to all the students, teachers and parents who contributed to this event and purchased t-shirts . **We have raised over \$3300 in t-shirt sales only.** Pledges continue to come in to the office or click on the link to donate online. I'll have a total for you shortly!



Pledges welcome until October 24th:
<http://www.terryfox.ca/WhitneyJuniorPublic>

See you next September for the 28th annual Whitney Terry Fox Run!

[Mrs. Patti Ann Allen](#)

Ms Werbitzky's 2017 Terry Fox Report!

Whitney walks, Whitney runs, let's get together for a little fun...Terry Fox did it for you & me, let's live in a world cancer free!

Mr. Rzepa was very impressed with the organization of the 27th Terry Fox event and wanted to say a special thank you to Ms. Allen & Ms. Moretti, Tom & all the volunteers that made the event such a success.

Jack Langley & Lachlan Wismer were first to cross the finish line having completed 3 kilometres.

The kindergarten students were second to cross the finish line having completed approximately 1 kilometre. Ryan Miller found a cool bug along the way. Mike Weaver had trouble keeping up with his son, Owen, but managed to cross the finish line.

Peirce Donovan worked up a good sweat but completed 5 km. He was running for Terry FOX!

Jack Lutz felt really hot, tired & sweaty.

Ryan Lutz & Sam Huang saw a lot of Terry Fox signs.

Lilac saw lots of cars & houses and finished 2 kms.

Riley Hardy did 5 km....and went past Rosedale Park & she was tired!

Jean-Valery was a cheering volunteer on Roxborough. She said that there were lots of sprints & high 5's!

Ms. Jaffer drove around to make sure children were okay and she collected all the signs. Janice Loudon provided the water for the students who did not bring a water bottle.

Sam & James said that it was tiring but fun. They saw 3 pomeranians...white, orange & black.

Sahara & Holly completed 5 km & saw an elephant made out of a bush.

Sandra Ross had a spontaneous dance party with the runners Edger & Roxborough. She took the morning off work to help out with the Terry Fox walk.

Kieran Cornish liked the water stops! Finley Clarke was doing the 5km and ran through a sprinkler.

Angelina Howey completed her first Whitney Terry Fox run because this is her first year at Whitney.

Ms. Diniz walked 5km and she saw lot of friendly volunteers.

Tamer Jaffer walked 5km and enjoyed the beautiful blue sky.

Maya , Maddie & Lydia completed 5km and they saw lots of dogs, cats, one chipmunk & a monarch butterfly!

The last 3 participants Kate, Kalila & Noelle checked in at 10:47am and a volunteer gave them pink lemonade along the way.

Ms. Allen was running for Granny & Grumps and Terry Fox and told us that the day was spectacular and that it is her favourite day of the year!

In a heat wave, Whitney Junior Public School completed the 27th annual Terry Fox Marathon. Thanks for the charitable donations to help combat cancer. Terry Fox did it for you and me, Whitney students & volunteers continue the legacy!

Reporting from the finish line: Ms. Werbitsky



Whitney Lunch Programs

Digital Photography! Jewellery design!
Nasa Future Space Explorers! Chess and More!

Don't miss out! Whitney lunch time programs start the week of
October 16th.

Registration is up on the Whitney Cashless System:
<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

First come, first served and the class max sizes are HARD LIMITS! Once a program is sold out, we cannot make more room. If the program appears on your child's tab, your child is within the grade range and can be registered. Costs per program can be found on School Cash Online. If you have any questions, please email janice_meredith@me.com or susie24saba@gmail.com.

MONDAYS

DIY Toque Making (Gr 1 - 4) In this Designher Co. program you will design and create your very own character toque. Learning life skills, like hand sewing, you will make a toque that is perfect for you! We will supply the materials, the fun, and some ideas to spark your imagination. This session you will create 1 totally awesome character toque!



Young Explorers (JK/SK) This fun, hands-on Kinder Science program sparks imaginative learning! Children will engage in exciting hands-on activities, watch spectacular demonstrations, participate in inquiry-based discussions and take home experiments they have made themselves.

TUESDAYS

Great Minds (Gr 2 - 5) From Thomas Edison's light bulb filament to Sir Isaac Newton's revelation of gravity, the great minds of our time have shaped the way we look at the world. In this program, students will use a hands-on approach to learn about the great minds of history. Learn about Darwin's theory of evolution, explore Benjamin Franklin's famous kite experiment and re-discover Leonardo Da Vinci as an artist, a mathematician and an inventor! Maybe you will be the next Great Mind of the 21st century!

The Drawing Den (Gr 3 - 6) Budding artists wanted!! Children's Art Studio will take your child on a journey of self-discovery with drawing art. They will learn illustration techniques to construct art pieces based on observation and imagination. They will explore, investigate and refine their art-making techniques in these fun and open ended drawing classes.

Lunch Programs continued...

WEDNESDAYS

Digital Photography (Gr 3 - 6) Students will learn what it is to be a professional photographer, working with the world around them to develop the skills required to create a beautiful shot.

No Camera - no problem! *While we encourage students to bring their own to learn on, we will have cameras available for students to use and borrow.*

NASA Academy of Future Space Explorers (Gr 2 - 5) We've teamed up with NASA to take children on a voyage of discovery! With unique hands-on activities, amazing demonstrations, and fun experiments, this experience is



THURSDAYS

DIY Jewellery Making (Gr 2 - 6) Become an expert in our Designer Co. DIY Jewelry program! With the use of jewelry pliers and a wide variety of different materials, you will develop fine motor skills, dexterity, creativity, and imagination! Over the course of 8 classes you will design and create 6-8 fabulous pieces that you can wear or share!

School House Chess (Gr 2 - 6) Mad Science will introduce your child to the wonderful world of Chess. In our Schoolhouse Chess program, the world's most popular game is a blast! We bring the game pieces to life with vivid personalities and creative histories. Our imaginative characters accelerate the learning process and fascinate children. Students will improve their problem solving and critical thinking skills as well as their logic skills, memory, and pattern recognition. Time will be allotted each week for students to challenge their fellow players and



FRIDAYS

Lego Nexo Quest (Gr 1 - 3) Explore the infinite possibilities that LEGO® has to offer in this program based on the animated television series - LEGO® Nexo Quest! Get creative in this medieval yet futuristic world to build with LEGO® and help Clay, Aaron, Lance, Princess Macy and Axi protect the kingdom from Jestro, the Book of Monsters and their army of Lava Monsters. We can create our own stories, explore the world (and beyond) and let our imaginations run wild as we build and seek out adventure in LEGO® Nexo Quest together.

Line Dancing Fridays (Gr 2 - 6) Whitney's hip hop queen, Kharen, will be offering weekly dance classes. Each week the class will explore all styles of line dancing including contemporary, disco, country and caribbean. Dance Party Friday is the next best thing to Friday pizza parties!!!



Sign up now before
it's too late!

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

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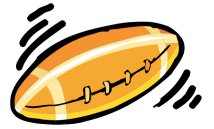
Kindergarten Families and Friends!

A big THANKS to all of the families and especially the children who made the move to their “new” classroom this past week. Our FDK reorganization has been completed and we are so happy to have Ms Mary back in Room 208 to work with Ms Mamann. Each kindergarten class now has 10 SK and 15 JK students. Each class has either 14 girls and 11 boys or 13 girls and 12 boys. Thank you also to the wonderful Kindergarten staff who worked hard to determine what would be best for our students. We have three excellent teams created and some happy kinder faces all around!





WITTENBERG'S WALL



This week's news:

Cross Country

Congratulations to the 110 Whitney athletes who competed in some pretty wet conditions down at Ashbridge's Bay on Tuesday! The students performed exceptionally well, and some have even advanced to the conference finals. Here are a few of the incredible results....

Grade 3 Girls - 1st Place Grade 6 Girls - 2nd Place

Ella S. - 2nd, Bella - 4th, Lucy P - 6th, Shanti - 11th, Leona - 12th, Ellie GS - 14th
Lachlan - 19th, Angus - 26th, Quinlan - 27th

Girls Soccer

The girls team has been playing some outstanding soccer of late. They started their season on a very warm day against Frankland. Unfortunately the ball didn't bounce our way in this game, but the girls regrouped the very next day and went into battle with the Withrow Wildcats (I'm pretty sure we are the original Wildcats!!). With one game under their belt, the girls looked better than TFC, as they moved the ball around the field, and kept the pressure on their opponents throughout the entire first half. At the start of the second half, Ore made an incredible move around the defense and smashed the ball to the top corner of the net!! Withrow attempted a comeback, but with an outstanding back row of Chloe, Jamie and Jessica, and the brilliant goalkeeping provided by Ella F, the game ended in a 1-0 victory!! Way to go girls!



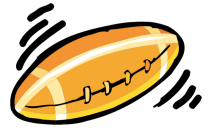
Boys Soccer

Good luck to the boys soccer team, as they are off to play a one day tournament on Wednesday October 11th at Deer Park. We will meet in the gym at 8:00 and shortly thereafter, walk over to Deer Park. The team plays at 9:10, 11:40, 1:20 and 3:00. Please remember to pack a lunch!

Wittenberg's Wall continued...



WITTENBERG'S WALL



Girls Football

Good luck to the girls football team, as they are off to play a one day tournament on Wednesday October 18th at Deer Park. We will meet in the gym at 8:30 and shortly thereafter, walk over to Deer Park. The girls play at 10, 11:15 and 1:15. Please remember to pack a lunch!

Boys Football

Congratulations to the members of the boys football team for their incredible performance at their one day tournament. The day started on the right foot for the boys, as they clashed with a strong team from Lord Dufferin PS. After getting their early game jitters out of the way, Dexter and Tyler C quarterbacked the team, and marched down the field, for touchdown after touchdown! By the end of the game, Whitney walked off the field with a 26-0 victory. There was no time to rest for the boys, as they had to play in a back to back situation against one of Whitney's biggest rivals (and Mr. W's alma mater), Brown PS. This game did not start the way we were hoping, as the Brown Panthers had a swarming defense, and some crazy fast wide receivers. At the half, Whitney was down 14-9. The boys re-grouped at halftime, and came out ready to shut down any attack Brown could muster. Late into the second half, still losing by 5, the boys drew up a trick play which worked to perfection, as Hudson was standing all alone in the end zone for a touchdown!! The defense stayed strong, and blanked Brown in the 2nd half, holding onto a 15-14 victory. There was one last game to play against newcomers to the grade 6 division, Hodgson. This game went back and forth, but late into the 2nd half, Whitney decided to flex it's huge muscles, as Taimur and Hudson pulled some passes down from the clouds, and the boys went onto a 28-16 victory! As tournament champions, the boys are now off to the conference quarter finals on Tuesday October 17th at Westwood MS. Good luck boys!



TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY October 9	TUESDAY October 10	WEDNESDAY October 11	THURSDAY October 12	FRIDAY October 13
<p>THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>Boys Soccer Practice (7:30 am)</p> <p>Girls Football Practice (3:30 pm)</p>	<p>Girls Football Practice (7:30 am)</p> <p>Cross Country Practice (8 am)</p> <p>Boys Soccer Tournament @ Deer Park</p>		<p>Boys Football Practice (8 am)</p> <p>Cross Country Conference Finals @ Ashbridge's Bay</p>
MONDAY October 16	TUESDAY October 17	WEDNESDAY October 18	THURSDAY October 19	FRIDAY October 20
<p>Boy and Girls Football Practice (3:30 pm)</p>	<p>Girls Football Practice (7:30 am)</p> <p>Boys Football Quarter-Finals 12 pm @ Westwood MS</p>	<p>Girls Football Tournament @ Deer Park</p>		

