

important dates for DECEMBER 2017

DEC 6 - WALKING WEDNESDAY

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



DEC 4 - ABUNDANCE PROGRAM BEGINS



DEC 8 - STEP DAY + PIZZA LUNCH



DEC 14 - HOLIDAY CONCERT @ 7:00 PM (GRADES 1-6)



HOLIDAY CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL @ 9:15 AM



DEC 19 - KINDERGARDEN HOLIDAY CONCERT @ 9:15 AM



DEC 22 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE WINTER BREAK



STEP Day December 8 (Room 303)

In the month of November, our focus was on **EMPATHY**. Over the past month, staff discussed this theme in the classroom, and students shared quotes over the announcements that were reflective. Character development at Whitney P.S. is about helping our students learn and practice positive character attributes which will help them not only to do their best, but to be their best. We have been looking out for student actions and language that demonstrated empathy both inside and outside the classroom.

Our next STEP day takes place Friday December 8th at 10:30 am. Room 303, one of our Grade Three classes, led by Mr. van Hoeijen, will be presenting and focussing on our December theme of **KINDNESS and CARING**. We will recognize those students who demonstrated empathy during the month of November at this assembly. The Spirit Day will be **Crazy Hat Day**.

Parents/Guardians are always welcome to join in on the fun and attend our assembly.

Walking Wednesday

Wednesday December 8th is our next Walk to School day. We encourage everyone to walk, cycle, scooter, or skateboard on this day. The class(es) with the highest percentage of walkers receives the Golden Shoe award!



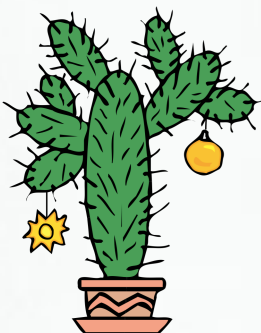
Winter Holiday Concert

This year's Winter Holiday Concert will take place on Thursday December 14th beginning at 7:00 pm. Students in Grades 1, 2, and 3, together with members of our Junior Choir and Band, will be performing in this year's concert. There will be a dress rehearsal beginning at 9:15 am on the 14th so that all students will have an opportunity to see the concert. If you are unable to attend that evening, you are welcome to join us for the dress rehearsal.

Kindergarten Concert

Our Kindergarten Holiday Concert will take place on December 19th beginning at 9:15 am in the gym. All three classes have been working with Ms. Werbitsky to create a special presentation and to celebrate the season. We hope you will join us.

Chris Rzepa



Please don't forget to let the office know if your child(ren) will be missing any school during the holiday season. You can call the safe arrival hotline at 416-393-9384 or you can email the dates you are going to be away to whitney@tdsb.on.ca

MISSING

Missing: a purple and black Madd Gear scooter with black skulls. It should have a piece of masking tape somewhere that says "Olivia G". Last left outside the school in the morning on Thursday Nov 16th (first day of parent teacher interviews)

Please let Allison Walker know if you mistakenly picked this up or leave it by the main doors where the scooters are parked so it can be returned to its owner. Thanks!



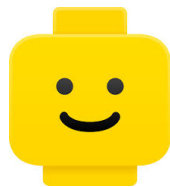
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Attention Parents!

We are about to start planning the **Winter Lunch Time Activities** and would love your input as to what your child might enjoy over lunch! The programs commence at the beginning of February and run for 8 weeks not including March Break or PA Days. With the cold weather upon us, this is a great way to keep the kids engaged over the lunch break.

Please send an email to janice_meredith@me.com to give us your two cents!

Thank you!



Susie & Janice

A NOTE FROM TOM:

We would like to request that if you are walking your dogs to school in the morning while dropping off your children, please do not tie the leash to the fence, leaving your dog unattended. Many dogs are digging by the fence causing the area to erode and creating gaps where students could get their foot caught or potentially get hurt in other ways.

Thank you for your consideration.



From the Parent Council



THE ABUNDANCE PROGRAM

This Year's Holiday Charitable Program Begins December 4th!!

With the help of Principal Rzepa, Whitney will have the opportunity to provide support and cheer to 7 families who need a little help over the holiday season. Class Parents will be distributing details of our needs on Monday, Dec 4th. Meanwhile here's an overview of the program:

The Abundance program provides support to families who need a little help over the holiday season. TDSB Social workers help to identify families who are in need in our schools across the city. Schools are given an opportunity to offer assistance and support.

This year, each grade at Whitney will support one family. You will be able to sign up to purchase an item from the list identified by the Social Workers and families receiving the support. No one is required to participate and no families should feel obligated to take part.

Class Parents will be assisting to create Google docs/worksheets to allow easy access to the lists and ability to sign up for certain items. Over the next two weeks, we will be collecting specific clothing items, food gift cards, and other wish list items. New items are requested and please send receipts in with these items/gift cards in case exchanges are necessary or a card is not able to be activated. Please wrap the gifts, if you are able. All items will be dropped off to the TDSB Social Workers and they will coordinate the delivery to each family.



This month and next month, the Character Traits we are focussing on are Empathy and Kindness and Caring, respectively. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to model these traits during this holiday season and give our students an opportunity to help others.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion. Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

Whitney Parent Council | December 2017 Spending Vote

Please be advised that a general meeting of the Whitney Parent Council (the "Council") has been called for **Tuesday, December 19th, 2017 in the Whitney Jr PS staff room at 5p**. A motion will be proposed with respect to spending a portion of the excess funds the Council currently has in its bank account.

Parents and teachers are invited to vote in person or to send in a vote by proxy (appended).

Current Financial Position

Historically, Whitney has started each school year with at least 100% of funding in place for the budget at hand. We are in the position of having excess funds above what is required to fund the remainder of the Council's 2017/2018 operating costs.

Surplus Funds available for special spend \$17,868 (Oct 31st)

Technology Resource Request (Motion)

Principal Rzepa initiated a consultative process with the Council and parents during the November General Council Meeting and outlined the following:

Whitney Jr PS currently has 30 Chrome books and a charging cart which is used primarily by the Grade 4 class to support many students with needs. We would like the other Grade 5 and 6 classes (and possibly the French classes) to have access to this more often. These 25 chrome books would support all three Junior classes (including Room 304, the new Grade 5 class which does not have a lot of technology). We are hoping to purchase these this year.

Notice of Motion

WHEREAS:

The Whitney Parent Council (the "Council") has amassed funds in excess of what is required to fund their annual budget (the "Excess"); The Excess currently amounts to \$17,868 (Oct 31st);

The Principal of Whitney Public School has developed a Technology Resource Request detailing items for school use, with a total cost of up to \$7,500, as set forth below;
The Council has provided a detailed list for consideration, set forth below;

Motion

Be it resolved that, in the fiscal year 2017/18, the Council be authorized to immediately spend up to \$7,500 of the Excess to fund Technology as recommended in the Technology Resource Request, as follows: 25 Chrome Books

Proxy Vote

Whitney Parent Council Meeting
December 20th, 2017

I, _____, teacher at Whitney OR parent/guardian of

- (1) _____ Classroom _____
- (2) _____ Classroom _____
- (3) _____ Classroom _____
- (4) _____ Classroom _____

hereby provide my proxy vote to the Whitney School Council Secretary as detailed below:

Motion 1

Allocate up to \$7,500 to fund Technology in the school as outlined in the Technology Resource Request.

Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____



WITTENBERG'S WALL



Girls Basketball (Travel Team)

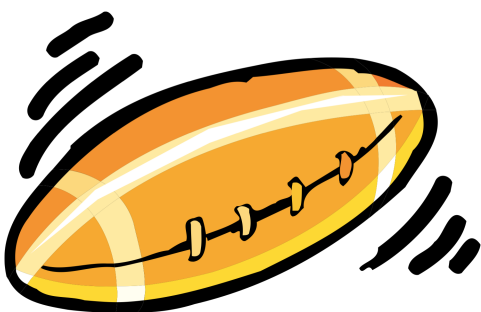
Congratulations to the members of the girls travel basketball team on an incredible season. The girls finished the season on a two game winning streak, defeating Bomore at home, and then travelling to Adam Beck and exacted revenge following a close loss at home. Unfortunately the girls did not qualify for the playoffs, but they have not played their last game! On Thursday December 7th, at 3:30, the girls will take the court one more time, and battle their parents!! Good luck to both teams (better start practicing parents!!)

Girls Basketball (Tournament Team)

Good luck to the girls tournament basketball team, when they take to the court on Wednesday December 13th for their one day of action. The girls will welcome Church St PS, Bruce St PS and Market Lane PS for a day of skills, drills and competition.

Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to the boys volleyball team on an incredible season. The boys finished the regular season with a 2-1 record, and their skill development went through the roof throughout the season. An enormous thank you goes to Allison, who did an incredible job teaching the boys and encouraging them to play well beyond their wildest dreams!



TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

<p>MONDAY December 4</p> <p>Hockey Tryout (3:30 - 4:30 pm @ Leaside Arena)</p>	<p>TUESDAY December 5</p> <p>Girls Volleyball Tryout (7:30 am)</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY December 6</p> <p>Boys Basketball Tryout (7:30 am)</p>	<p>THURSDAY December 7</p> <p>Girls Basketball (Tournament Team) Practice (7:30 am)</p> <p>Girls Basketball Travel Team vs Parents (3:30 pm)</p>	<p>FRIDAY December 8</p> <p>Girls Volleyball Tryout (7:30 am)</p>
<p>MONDAY December 11</p> <p>Girls Volleyball Tryout (7:30 am)</p> <p>Boys Basketball Practice (3:30 pm)</p>	<p>TUESDAY December 12</p> <p>Girls Basketball (Tournament Team) Practice (7:30 am)</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY December 13</p> <p>Boys Basketball Practice (7:30 am)</p> <p>Girls Basketball Tournament Team Tournament (8:45 am - 3:00 pm)</p>	<p>THURSDAY December 14</p> <p>Girls Volleyball Tryout (7:30 am)</p>	<p>FRIDAY December 15</p> <p>Girls Volleyball Tryout (7:30 am)</p>

