

Whitney Word

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school dates for **october**

- 1** Wednesday, 5-7pm, Schoolyard
Whitney's Harvest Fest
- 2** Thursday
Photo Day
- 3** Friday, 10:30 am
SPA Day Assembly
- 7** Tuesday
Cross Country Meet at Ashbridges Bay
- 13** Monday
Thanksgiving (No School)

**Get Your
Pizza
Form In!**

What is the **SPIRIT** for our first SPA day? It's...
SPORTS DAY!!

Students are encouraged to wear their favourite team jersey or T shirt; or come dressed up in some other sporty outfit! (Example: scuba diving, karate, ballet, hockey, tennis...)



from the principal



On **Friday October 3rd**, immediately following morning recess @ 10:30 a.m., Whitney will hold its first SPA day of the year! On this day, we will recognize those students who demonstrated our theme of respect during the month of

September and Ms. Mandel's grade 5 class will introduce our new theme for October – **RESPONSIBILITY.**

Each month, as you know, we focus on a different TDSB building character theme where all students come together in an assembly forum to celebrate, show their spirit and recognize one another. This model is based on the belief that positive attention contributes to and reinforces a person's self-esteem.

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

Debbie Stern

Want to report a student absence? Want to know when the deadline is? Need a copy of a field trip form?

Save yourself a call and program allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca in your smartphone and email Allison in the office for any of your Whitney School needs.

On Tuesday, September 23, we hosted the first Whitney School Council - General Council Meeting of this year. We had a good turn-out and discussion was insightful.

The Co-Chairs, Principal and Treasurer each gave their reports and the governance of the Council explained. We also spoke about the Whitney School Council's annual budget, the educational enhancements that we fund and how we fundraise. Our operating budget for this school year is \$67,000 and has been funded from parent donations in the 2013/2014 school year. Each year, we fundraise for the upcoming year. This enables us to plan ahead and ensure continuity of enhanced programming for Whitney students. Our three key fundraising events are the Annual Giving Campaign (which will be starting soon) Pizza Lunch, and the Main Event (for those new to Whitney, the Main Event is our school's social evening, fundraiser and silent auction with parents and teachers in May).

We reviewed, discussed and passed a Teacher Resource Request proposal linked from the February Spending vote to release up to \$7,350 of excess funds to purchase 10 Apple iPad4s, 10 iPad4 cases and an iPad4 charging cart for the purposes of enrichment of Whitney's JK and SK students. We will be interviewing the Kindergarten teachers, in particular for distribution in the Whitney Word, about iPADS as a teaching tools in the classroom.

We restated from Curriculum Night that volunteers are needed and welcome. There are many ways to lend a hand at varying levels of time commitment, and we welcome any and all help - especially for next week's Oct 1st Harvest Fest. Please do not hesitate to contact us also if you have an interest in volunteering in any way.

For your information, our meetings are minute'd and are available in the office. They are also circulated in the Whitney Word ahead of every meeting.

Marcia Moffat and Jalyn Anderson
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your school council



neighbourhood news



MOOREDALE TALKS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7:30 PM

CAM COLLYER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR,
EVERGREEN

Where do our kids play today? The same places as their parents did as children? Do they roam freely? Are you worried about the trends?

Childhood is swiftly and alarmingly moving indoors, supervised, sedentary and with a strong dose of screen time – it's an international phenomena and a cause of great concern to the health, education and planning fields. Research is revealing the wide range of benefits from regular outdoor time in the natural world including increasing physical activity, pro-social behaviour and the motivation to learn and even mitigating attention disorders.

Come and hear some inspired examples of what communities, parents and schools are doing in response, to create places and programs that are nurturing for children and good for their communities.

Mooredale members: \$10 / Guests: \$15

Please call Mooredale at 416.922.3714 or email Carrie Scace at carriescace@rogers.com to reserve a seat for the evening.

Whitney's Halloween Costume Drive



we want your costumes!

We are excited to run a Hallowe'en Costume Drive **Sept 29 - Oct 3** at Whitney. We will be donating clean costumes to the United Way (no toy guns or knives please).

Please place the costumes in the box in front of the Main Office.

We will also have a collection area during Harvest Fest.

Thank you for your support and helping extend the fun of Hallowe'en throughout the community.

Jennifer Steckel Elliot



Whitney's 2014

Delicious food, including Summerhill Market burgers and hot dogs, smoothies, and baked goods

Artist: Lauren G., Grade 5

Face painting, wacky hair, button making and more!



Bouncy castle, demolition obstacle course, chef challenge, fire truck, sign the Whitney plow

WRISTBANDS \$10.00

TICKETS \$1.00

Provides unlimited access to... Toy Story Bouncy, Demolition Obstacle Course, Chef Challenge, Hockey Slapshot, Kick & Score Soccer & Fire Truck.

Also, free guess at the Animal Jelly Bean Guessing Jar and signature on the Whitney snow plow!

FOOD:

- Burger \$6.00
- Hot Dog \$4.00
- Vegan Burger \$6.00
- Baked Item \$1.00
- Baked Package \$5.00
- Popcorn Bag \$1.00
- Giant Freezie \$2.00

DRINKS:

- Smoothie \$2.00
- Coffee \$1.00
- Juice \$1.00
- Water free

- Wacky Hair & Face Painting \$2.00
- Buttons \$1.00
- Whitney Hat \$5.00
- Whitney Mug \$2.00

Terry Fox Run 2014



Donate Directly Online Here



Terry Fox Run Pledge Sheet

It was a glorious morning for our 24th annual Terry Fox Run on Sept 18th. The volunteers (parents, grandparents, teachers) helped to keep the students safe on the route especially with all the road construction in the neighbourhood this year.

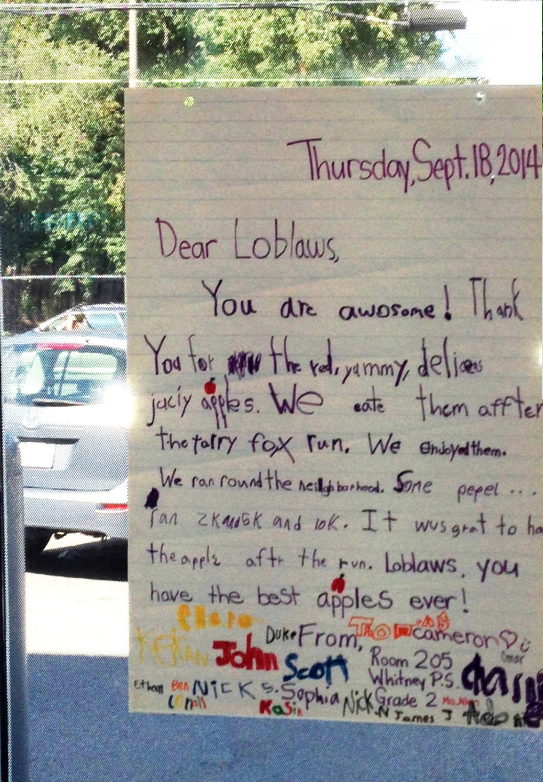
The Whitney community is amazing and donations for cancer research are coming in. We'll be collecting your donations until **October 15th** (see **links above**). Thank you very much.

A big thank you to **Loblaws** (Moore and Bayview store) for donating over 300 apples for the students to enjoy after the run/walk.

The morning would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of **Shelley Moretti** and her crew. They put the event together from beginning to end.

MANY THANKS for continuing to support Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope.

**Patti Ann Allen
and Brad Gadsden**





Lunch Time

Activities

All lunch time activities will be running this term, with the exception of French and Glee which have been cancelled due to low enrolment. Please note that the Famous Painters Class has been moved to Thursdays at lunch.

Classes will begin the week of **September 29th** and will run for 8 weeks. If a class falls on Thanksgiving or PA day, an additional class will be added at the end of the session. Please remind your child(ren) about their activity the morning of each class. In addition, during the first week of classes Allison will include information about what lunch activities are taking place that day and in what room.

Children are to quickly eat lunch in the gym, where they will be picked up by the instructor.

We hope they have fun!

Diana Parsons and Janice Meredith



Class Lists (Revised)



After Four

Activities

After Four Registration is still open. Please continue to the next page to see the entire list of programs available for your child(ren) to enjoy in the comfort of Whitney Public School, during after school hours, run by Mooredale.

Mooredale membership is required and can be processed as part of your registration.

Online Registration: Sign up [here](#).

If you have any questions about the programs, feel free to contact Eric Musselman at Mooredale: T: 416-922-3714 ext. 105 or by [email](#).

Please Note:

Students who take part in the After 4 program can meet the Mooredale Hostess, Jessica, at the following places:

Monday / Kangoo Fitness: Outside the gym

Tuesday / LEGO: In front of Room #203

Wednesday / Karate: Outside the gym

Thursday / School Play: Outside the gym

Jessica will pick up any students enrolled in the aftercare program. She will take attendance and watch the students in the time between school dismissal and the start of the program, and then stay at the end of each program to ensure that every student is picked up.

Eric Musselman, Program Manager, Mooredale

▶ Whitney Public School - After 4 Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Kangoo Jump Fitness Grades 1-6 3:40 - 4:40 pm Max 23	Lego Engineering (Gr 1-3) Robotics (Gr 3-6) 3:40 - 4:50 pm Min 5 Max 14	Karate Grades 1 - 6 3:40 - 4:45 pm Min 8 Max 20	School Play Grades 1 - 3 3:40 - 5:30 pm Min 8 Max 30

Kangoo Jumps Kids Fitness

Monday, 3:40 - 4:40

Grades 1 - 6 (child must be min 50 lbs)

Gym

September 22 - November 24 *No Class Oct 13

9 Classes, \$189

You might have heard about Kangoo Club Canada on tv or seen the fitness classes offered at gyms. Using low impact exercise rebound boots, Kangoo Club instructors lead children in a variety of exercise activities using thie specially designed boots which provide amazing health and fitness benefits, while putting 80% less impact on joints than normal jogging. Most importantly, they are fun to use! The boots help improve balance, coordination, body posture, endurance and self-esteem. This fun and enjoyable workout challenges both the body and mind in one of the most interactive, innovative ways around. Kids are having so much fun that they don't even realize that they are exercising!



Lego Engineering

Grades 1 - 3

Lego Robotics

Grades 3 - 6

Tuesday, 3:40 - 4:45 pm

September 23 - December 16

13 Classes, \$286 - Engineering / \$312 - Robotics

Come build, tinker, and create using lego in new and creative ways! Younger grades love being able to build and engineer their lego creations, while older children will enjoy the challenge of bringing their robot to life. Students can use this experience as a stepping stone for future competition in the fast growing Lego League. Unleash your inner creativity and join us Tuesdays for the coolest club in the school!



Karate

Wednesday

3:45 - 4:45 pm

***Returning students to 5:15**

Grades 1 - 6

September 24 - December 17

13 classes, \$273

James Greer returns to teach Karate for white belts and beginners. Trained as a second-degree black belt, James designs and teaches karate programs specifically for children. Students will be introduced to the principles of self-discipline, self-control, leadership and teamwork in addition to learning traditional Okinawan Karate. A karate gi (uniform) is required and can be purchased through the instructor at a reduced rate. *PLEASE NOTE: Returning students stay until 5:15.*



School Play

Thursday

3:45 - 5:30 pm, Grades 1 -3

September 25 - December 12 *No Class on Oct 9th and 16th

10 classes, \$240

Play performance at the end of the season

This term Stefani Kleinberg will be running a production of **Cinderella** at Whitney. Stefani Kleinberg is a director, writer, singer and actor. A graduate of the theatre program at Queen's University, she received her Bachelor of Arts Honours before moving to Berkeley California where she attended Berkeley Digital Film Institute. Children will explore a variety of performance platforms through fun filled games and exercises to do with theatre and film techniques. The program runs for ten weeks and concludes with two 45 minute performances, one for the school and the other for friends and relatives.

“This (lack of physical exercise) really is the big public health concern of our time, or our generation. How our communities are shaped, how we move around and the impact it has on the leading causes of death and illness in our society is something that all health organizations are coming to grips with”

~ Toronto Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David McKeown
Build exercise into communities: Doctors
 Toronto Metro. Thurs May 18, 2014



WHITNEY SCHOOL YEAR DATES & EVENTS 2014-2015

First Day of School	Tuesday September 2	P.A. Day Parent/Teacher Interviews	Friday February 13
Welcome Assembly	Thursday September 4	Family Day	Monday Feb 16
Terry Fox Run	Thursday September 18	March Break	March 16 to 20 (incl)
Curriculum Night	Thursday September 18	Good Friday	Friday April 3
Photo Day	Thursday October 2	Easter Monday	Monday April 6
Thanksgiving (no school)	Monday October 13	"The Main Event" School Fundraiser*	Wednesday May 6
Remembrance Day Assembly	Tuesday November 11	Victoria Day	Monday May 18
Progress Reports go home	Tuesday November 11	P.A. Day	Friday June 5
P.A. Day Parent/Teacher Interviews	Friday November 14	Play Day*	Monday June 22
Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	Monday December 8	Final Reports go home	Tuesday June 23
Holiday Concert Celebration	Tuesday December 9	Gr. 6 Graduation Day	Wednesday June 24
Winter Break Holidays	December 22 to Jan 2 (incl)	Last Day of Classes	Thursday June 25
P.A. Day	Friday January 23	P.A. Day	Friday June 26
First Term Reports go home	Tuesday February 10	*subject to change	



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR, 2014-2015

Month	Number of Instructional Days	Number of Professional Activity Days	Number of Scheduled Examination Days	1 st Week					2 nd Week					3 rd Week					4 th Week					5 th Week									
				M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F					
August 2014								1	4	5	6	7	8						11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
September 2014	21			1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30								
October 2014	22					1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31					
November 2014	19	1		3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28										
December 2014	14	1		1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31							
January 2015	19	1				1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30					
February 2015	18	1		2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27										
March 2015	17			2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31								
April 2015	20					1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30						
May 2015	20							1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29					
June 2015	18	2		1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30								
July 2015						1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31					
TOTAL	188	6																															

PA Professional Activity Day
 B Board Designated Day
 H Statutory Day
 FD First Day of School for Students
 LD Last Day of School for Students



school hours

Morning Session **8:42 am**
 Morning Recess 10:05 – 10:20 am
 Lunch 11:30 – 12:32 pm
Afternoon Session **12:35 pm**
 Afternoon Recess 1:55 – 2:10 pm
Dismissal **3:20 pm**

Kindergarten hours

Supervised play in kinder area 8:45 -9:00
Class begins **9:00 am**
 Morning session ends 11:30
 Lunch 11:30-12:30
 Supervised play 12:30-12:45:
Afternoon class begins **12:45 pm**
School ends (p/u in kinder area) **3:15 pm**

school calendar 2014/15

The official school year calendar for the Toronto District School Board runs from September 2, 2014 to June 26, 2014, incl.

First day of classes for all students is *September 2, 2014.*

The last day of class for elementary students is *June 25, 2014.*




Holidays & Professional Activity (PA) Days

Labour Day	September 1, 2014
Thanksgiving	October 13, 2014
Board-wide PA Day	November 14, 2014
Board-wide PA Day	December 5, 2014
Christmas Break	December 22-Jan 4 2015, inclusive (last day of school: Dec 19; school resumes Jan 5)

PA Day (Elem. only)	January 23, 2015
Family Day	February 13, 2015
Mid-Winter Break	March 16 to 20, 2015 inclusive
Good Friday	April 3, 2015
Easter Monday	April 6, 2015
Victoria Day	May 18, 2015
PA Day (Elem. only)	June 5, 2015

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MONDAY

Primary Cross Country Practice (grades 1, 2 and 3)

7:45am @ Rosedale Park

Boys slo pitch one day tournament at Eglinton Park

Girls Slo Pitch Practice 3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

TUESDAY

Girls' Touch Football practice – students can meet me at school at 7:15 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Drop-in Cross Country practice all grades 7:45 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

WEDNESDAY

Boys' Touch Football practice – students can meet me at school at 7:15 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Girls slo pitch tournament at Christie Pitts

Junior Cross Country Practice (grades 4, 5 and 6)
7:45 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

THURSDAY

Girls' Touch Football practice – students can meet me at school at 7:15 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Drop-in Cross Country practice all grades 7:45 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

FRIDAY

Boys' Touch Football practice – students can meet me at school at 7:15 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Cross Country Practice (all grades) 7:45 am @ Rosedale

LAST CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE BEFORE THE BIG MEET!!!

CROSS COUNTRY The boys and girls on the cross country team will be competing at Ashbridge's Bay on **Tuesday October 7th**. There will be a bus departing Whitney with the grades 1, 2 and 3 students at 8:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to meet the team down at the park. The bus will then return to the school and pick up the students in grades 4, 5 and 6. The first race begins at 10:00 a.m.

