

Whitney Word

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school dates for december

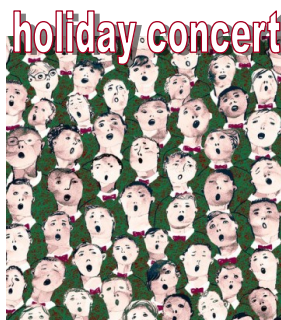
- 1** Monday, 8am
Choir Rehearsal
- 4** Thursday
SPA Day, Theme: Caring and Kindness
- 5** Friday
PA Day
- 8** Monday, 10am
Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal
- 9** Tuesday, 7pm
Holiday Concert Celebration



SPA DAY Thursday December 4th @ 10:30am

Please join us on **Thursday December 4th** for our final SPA day of 2014! The theme will be "Kindness & Caring" presented by Mr. Gadsden's grade 3/4 class. The spirit theme for the day is "**P.J.'s and Stuffedies**". So, wear your coziest pyjamas and bring your favorite stuffie creature!

from the principal



On **Tuesday Dec. 9th** at 7pm, our grade 1, 2 and 3 students, together with members of the Junior Choir, Strings and Band, will be performing in this year's Winter Concert. All students will have the opportunity to see the concert at the dress rehearsal on **Monday Dec.**

8th at 10am. Due to space limitations in our gym, as well as fire safety restrictions, we ask that those students who are not participating in the concert, including pre-schoolers, NOT attend the evening concert on Tuesday. We also ask that you consider asking extended family members to attend the concert dress rehearsal on Monday Dec 8th as an alternative.

Pre-schoolers and school age children for whom no other arrangements can be made will be supervised in Room 208 during the evening performance on Dec. 9th. If you do require childcare, please call Allison in the office at 416.393.9380 or [email](mailto:allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca) her by Thursday Dec. 4th. Also, if your child is not able to attend the concert for any reason, please let our music teacher, Ms. Vlassis know as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you at the concert!

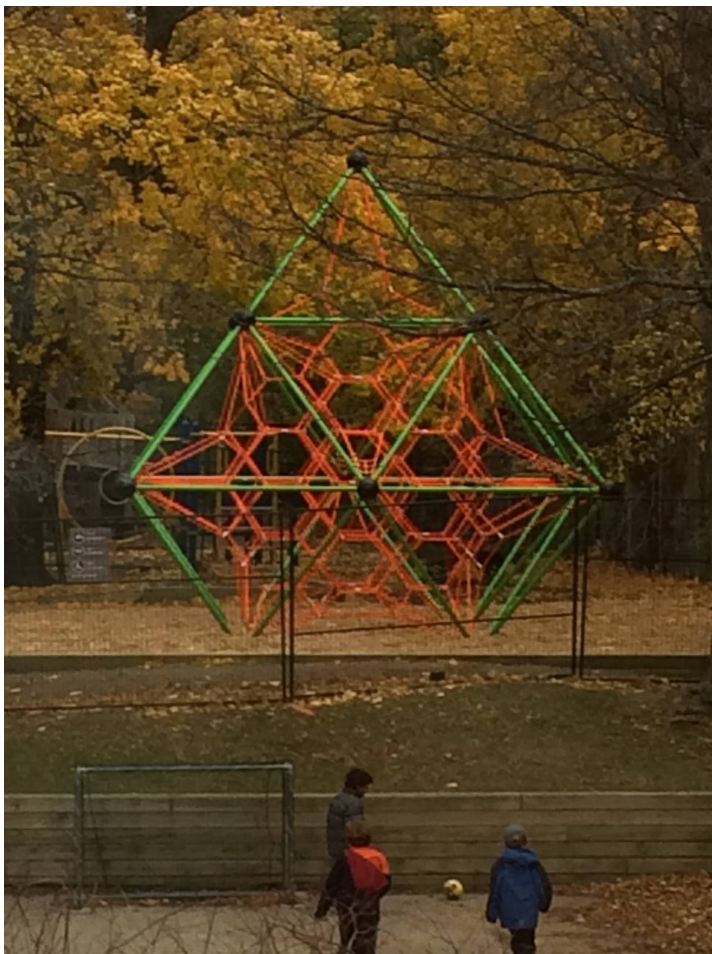
Want to report a student absence? Want to know when the deadline is? Need a copy of a field trip form?

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.

Playground News

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of the new and exciting rope climber! Over the past week, all students have been instructed by Mr. Wittenberg as to “safe play” on the climber during gym class. **Please note that the rope climber has been recommended for ages 5+, therefore, our kindergarten children will not be trained on the climber at this time.**

Over the next few weeks, we will be opening the climber to grades 1-6, one class at a time during each recess before we determine how we will add it to the current playground schedule. I also wanted to also inform you that the older big wooden climber is currently closed due to some necessary safety improvements. We will let you know as soon as these fixes are complete.



Yard Duty 3:20-3:35pm

This is a reminder that from 3:20 -3:35pm, there is one teacher supervising the schoolyard. It is important to note that this teacher’s responsibility is to make sure that all students are either picked up or have left for the school day safely.

If, at 3:35pm, a primary student (gr. 1-3) is not picked up, a teacher will bring the student(s) to the office to make arrangements for pick up. We ask that during this period of time (3:20-3:35pm), if your child wishes to use the playground equipment that they are supervised by a parent/guardian. . It is not possible for the teacher to supervise students on the playground equipment as well as being present and available in the yard.

As well, **please note that the rope climber is for children age 5+ and therefore we do not recommend it’s use for kindergarten students.**

After 3:35pm, there is no teacher on supervision duty and it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to supervise their own children.



**KEEP
CALM
&
FOLLOW
THE RULES**

Communicate with others on the equipment

Leave the green bars alone
(they are very slippery when wet)

I will have 1 hand and 1 foot on the ropes at all times

Make responsible choices (use common sense)

Be aware of hands and feet (look before you step)

Exit the climber safely when the bell rings

Respect everyone and everyone’s right to play

your school council

It's time for our Annual Give and a little goes a long way! In donating to our Whitney School Fund at this time, you create the foundation to support science in the school, classroom technologies and advancements, the arts, math programs such as Mathletics, literacy events like Battle of the Books and contributions to our handsome library, athletic supplies and team support, health and wellness, and our wonderful school spirit events. Our students enhancements would not exist without your financial support. Please give generously.



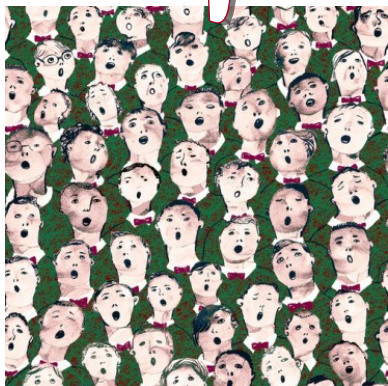
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Volunteers Needed!

To lend a helping hand, or to learn more, please contact the person below, or email the school council at whitneypscouncil@gmail.com.

	Time Commitment	Description	Contact
Art Room	2 – 4 hours per month Timing can be flexible	Help to organize and design the art room. A fun job for someone who enjoys being involved with the visual arts!	Carole Mandel Carole.Mandel@tdsb.on.ca
Parking	TBD	Address safety concerns raised by traffic congestion and illegal parking around Whitney during drop-off and pick-up	Andy Filipiuk andy.filipiuk@nbc.ca

holiday concert



The Whitney Choir should have received their choir shirts at Friday's rehearsal. For those who could not attend on Friday, they can pick up their shirt at Monday's rehearsal. The shirts are the property of the school but the children can take them home. Please remember to wear the choir shirt and black pants or skirt for the night of the concert. The concert will take place on Tuesday, December 9 at 7pm in the school gym.

We have three more rehearsals before the concert: **Monday, December 1** at 8am, **December 8** at 8am and a dress rehearsal with the whole school on Monday, December 8 during school hours. The students are excited to show you what they've learned this term.

Carmen Tang & Deirdre Fulton

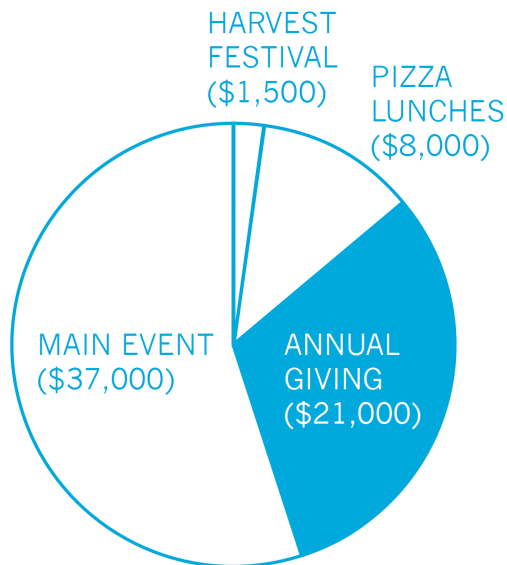
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WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL
2014-2015 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Why?

Whitney students benefit from enhancements that are not funded by the TDSB and would not exist without your financial support.

Each school year, we fundraise for the next year to ensure continuity of programming for Whitney students.



Who?

$$\text{\$67,000} \div 280 \text{ people} = \text{\$240}$$

annual budget

enhancements per student per year

How?

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

DONORS WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE WHITNEY WORD.

Online: www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/whitney-school-council

By cheque: to "Whitney School Council"

Campaign ends January 30, 2015.

What?

Your donations support...

Science and Technology: Visiting scientists, support software, special workshops, technology wish list (e.g., computers & iPads)

The Arts: Kindergarten music, visiting artists, dance & movement, choir, Director's Cut, school concerts, band & strings

Numeracy: Jump Math, Mathletics

Literacy: Visiting authors, Battle of the Books, French supplies, library supplies

Athletics: School teams, gym supplies

Health & Wellness: health promotion, healthy relationships, healthy sexuality, Terry Fox Run

School Spirit: Spirit Assemblies, Grade 6 art project and graduation, teacher recognition

And much more..!



HOT LUNCH



Winter Menu



Order Form

The Hot Lunch Program is available for Grades 1-6. The winter menu and order forms were sent home this week with your child. If that copy did not make it home, it is available here. Please return completed order forms and cheques by Friday, December 12th.

Please forward all questions about the menu and invoicing directly to Tricia Tait at tricia@thelunchmom.com. If you are unable to meet the Dec 12th deadline, don't worry, you won't have to pack a lunch. Send Tricia a note so she has the correct numbers for the first week we're back at school.

Carmen Tang

Too cool to wear a winter hat? Not when it is a Whitney touque! We have a few left for sale (purple seems to be the colour of the season!). Available from Allison in the Office.

\$10 each

(cheques payable to 'Whitney School Council')



yo yo yo

let it snow snow snow



community service (gr 4,5,6)

"In a gentle way, you can shake the world." Mahatma Gandhi

Whitney School has a long tradition of giving back. One of the ways in which students have participated in outreach is through a community service assignment. Students in grades four, five and six participate in this assignment usually every other year. Here is the assignment the students have been asked to complete:

Community Service Assignment

Due: End Of January 2015

In some of our classes, we have been discussing and writing about people who have made a difference in the lives of others. In current events, some of us have read about Malala and how she spoke out in favour of education for girls in her country of Pakistan. On Remembrance day, we thought about soldiers and others who were heroes in times of war. No matter how young or old we are, we can make a difference in the world simply by taking small steps. Considering that this time of year is about giving, you are expected to take a small step to make a difference in the lives of those around you and/or in your community by doing some form of community service.

Examples:

- Shovel snow for an elderly person living in your community.
- Donate gently used to a holiday food drive.
- Donate non-perishable food to a shelter.

You may choose to do this community service on your own, with your family, with a friend or as a small group of friends. **Remember: this is about YOU making a difference in the world around you.**

Once you have completed your Community Service, complete a reflection on your experience and if appropriate, include pictures of your work.

Community Service Reflection

On a separate sheet, write or type detailed answers to the questions/prompts about the community service activity that you completed.

At the top of your paper write or type the following:

- The community service activity you performed
 - The date you participated
 - The place the community service occurred
 - The people/organization involved with the community service
1. Describe the community service that you provided in and your specific responsibilities and accomplishments.
 2. Carefully describe your initial feelings before you started the activity and then explain how you felt afterwards.
 3. Describe what you feel you gained from this experience.
 4. What did you learn about yourself and your relationship with the community.
 5. Would you volunteer again? Why or why not?

Dancing Around the World

This year, in order to enhance our dance program as well as expose our students to different cultures and traditions, Whitney P.S. will be “dancing around the world”! beginning with the fantastic production of **Bboyizm** on November 27th which focused on

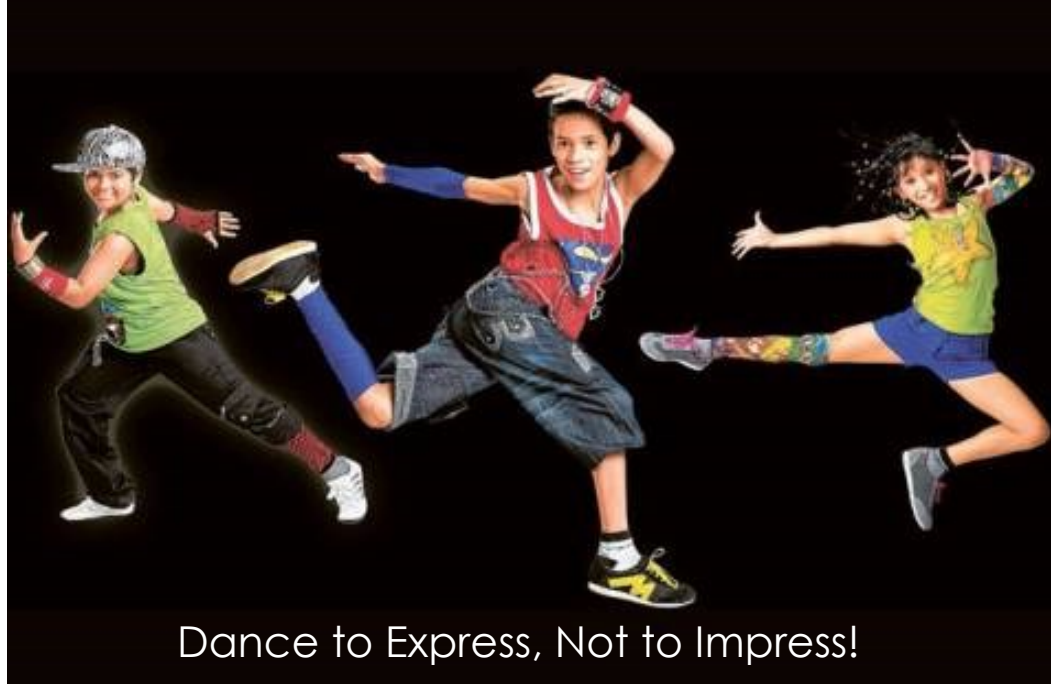
the evolution of dance, rap, hip hop from the 1970’s to present day! It was a highly interactive performance that had both teachers and students alike showcasing their cool new dance steps!

In January 2015, we will welcome dancers from the Shiamak Dance Theatre for a week of Bollywood Style Dancing! Students will receive dance training, knowledge of fundamentals and styles and techniques.

All of the students in grades four to six will once again have their knowledge of the classical ballet world extended through participation in the **YOUdance** program offered through a partnership with the National Ballet School of Canada and the TDSB. Students will receive an hour long lesson with a dance educator from the Ballet School in the gym. In February, they will attend a performance of the Ballet School professional students at the Betty Oliphant Theatre in February.

In April 2015, we welcome Tribal Vision Dance, a dance troupe from the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. Stereotypes are to be met head on in this high energy dancing and singing performance offering an engaging look at First Nations culture. This particular dance entitled 'Visions of Turtle Island' is also a multi media performance. Our grade three students will further participate with their teachers in a special workshop where they will learn more about First Nations music and pick up some of the basic steps and moves involved in hoop dancing. Prologue continues to be a wonderful partner with the TDSB!

Please look for up dates and more information about our special dance programs in future Whitney Words.



Dance to Express, Not to Impress!



mabel's labels

Whitney has launched a campaign with the well known Canadian company, **Mabel's Labels**.

The campaign is entirely online - just click on the link to order your labels.

The best part is that Whitney receives 20% commission on every order!

mabelsfundraising.com/f/40438

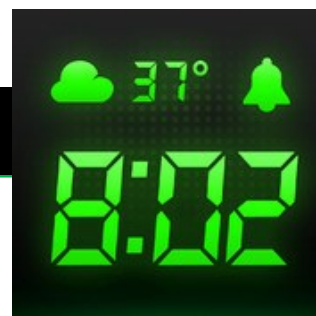
wittenberg's wall

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Basketball

Congratulations to the members of the girls basketball team on an amazing 22-15 victory over the Valley Park giants! The average height of the Valley Park girls was 6'2, but this didn't frighten our talented bunch. The Whitney girls came out like gang busters, opening up a huge lead, and playing rock solid defense. The girls didn't let up until the final buzzer, and have now advanced to the Conference semi-finals which will take place on Tuesday December 2nd at Withrow. Good luck girls!!



MONDAY

Boys Basketball practice
7:30am in the gym

Girls Volleyball tryouts (gr 4, 5, 6)
3:30 - 4:20pm in the gym

TUESDAY

Girls Basketball practice
7:30am in the gym

Girls Basketball semi finals at
Withrow (leaving Whitney @ 3pm)

WEDNESDAY

Girls Volleyball tryouts (gr 4, 5, 6)
7:30am in the gym

Hockey tryouts
12-1pm at Leaside Arena

THURSDAY

Boys Basketball practice
7:30am in the gym

FRIDAY

PA Day



Whitney Hockey Team

The first tryout for the coed grade 4, 5 and 6 hockey team will take place on Wednesday December 3rd from 12-1 at Leaside Memorial Gardens. Please make sure to bring your \$10 to Mr. Wittenberg before the tryout.