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school dates for december

- 8** Monday, 8am
Choir Rehearsal
- 8** Monday, 10am
Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal
- 9** Tuesday, 7pm
Holiday Concert Celebration
- 12** Friday
Winter Hot Lunch Form Due
- 19** Friday
Last Day of School

school dates for january

- 5** Monday
First Day Back to School

from the principal

holiday concert



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 at 10am as an alternative.

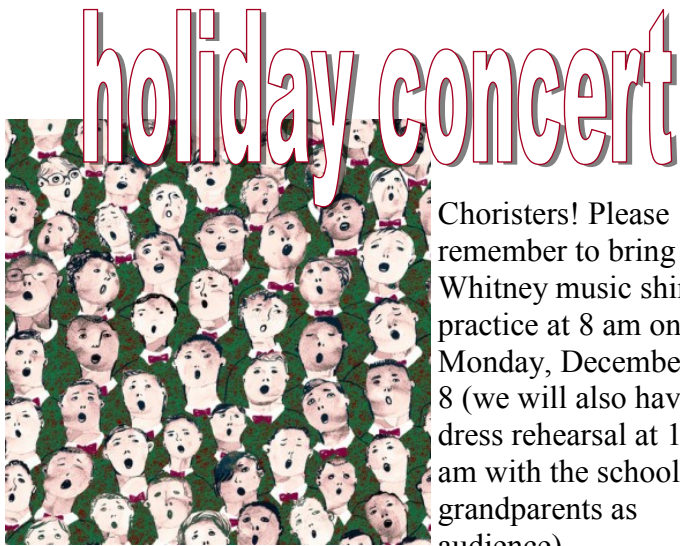
If your child is not able to attend the concert for any reason, please let our music teacher, Ms. Vlassis know as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you at the concert!

Debbie Stern

your school council

It's time for our Annual Give and a little goes a long way (see next page)! 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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Choristers! Please remember to bring your Whitney music shirts to practice at 8 am on Monday, December 8 (we will also have a dress rehearsal at 10:00 am with the school and grandparents as audience).

- 1) The children who don't have a shirt will be given one on Monday at the 8am practice
- 2) Choir members need to wear black pants/skirt on Monday for the rehearsal
- 3) All shirts must remain in the Music Room to ensure we have them for the concert the night of Tuesday, December 9th.

On Tuesday Dec 9th, please arrive at 6:30 pm to the Music Room wearing black pants or black skirt .

Carmen Tang & Deirdre Fulton



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

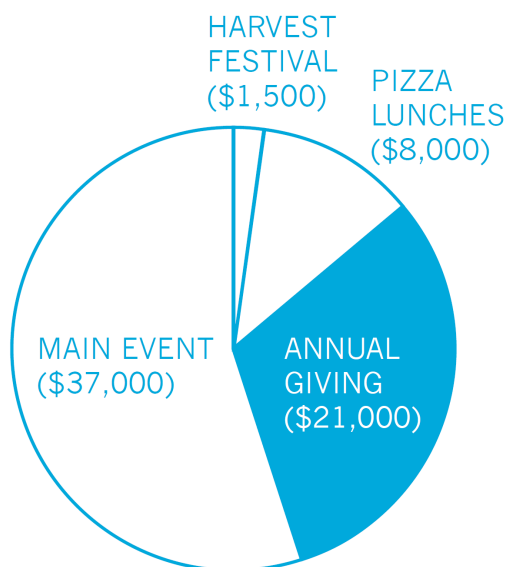
A little goes a long way...

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..!



whitney's 2014 holiday charity vote

During an exciting SPA assembly on Thursday morning, we reviewed the three choices for our charity holiday vote this holiday season and the results are in!

The Red Door: 116 votes
Eva's Initiatives: 47 votes
Children's Book Bank: 25 votes

Our 2014 recipient...The Red Door!



reddoorshelter.ca

Since 1982, the Red Door has provided services for families and individuals who need safe and supportive emergency shelter. In the early 80's there was only one other shelter operating in Toronto. Responding to the growing need for shelter space for homeless families, the Red Door was opened in the basement of the Woodgreen United Church by a group of volunteers. We have now grown to be one of the largest family shelters in the city, providing shelter and support to over 500 families every year. Red Door Family Shelter is a non-profit registered charity serving the GTA with 156 beds in two locations. The City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario provide the basic operations funding. Donations and private fundraising allow us to present programs for our residents that go beyond food and shelter; programs that make life a little easier while at the Red Door and that offer tools to achieve long-term objectives. The Red Door Shelter helps keep families together by providing services for the whole family and they assist each family in establishing a stable life beyond the shelter.

Thank you in advance to **Grace Asemota, Meric Koksal Kembar and Amy Westin**, who will be spearheading collection and delivery of the donations. Class parents will be in touch with instructions on donations.

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](#). 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')



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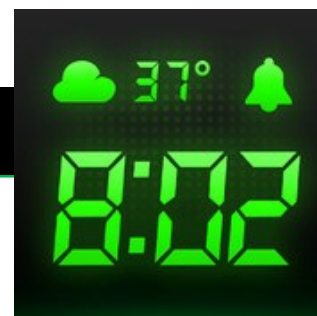
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Basketball

Congratulations to the members of the girls basketball team on one of the most exciting basketball seasons in Whitney history. The girls played an incredible semi final game against a very strong squad from Palmerston. It was a back and forth game that didn't end in regulation time. The game entered a second overtime period before Palmerston, on a last second shot, finally beat our mighty girls. Thank you to all of the families for supporting the team throughout the season. Finally, a HUGE thank you to the girls for making this such a wonderful season. Your skills individually and as a team went through the roof from the first tryout to the final buzzer of the semi finals!



MONDAY

Hockey tryouts

3:30-4:30pm at Leaside Arena

TUESDAY

Girls Volleyball practice

7:30am in the gym

WEDNESDAY

Boys Basketball practice

7:30am in the gym

THURSDAY

Girls Volleyball practice

7:30am in the gym

FRIDAY

Boys Basketball practice

7:30am in the gym



Whitney Hockey Team

Thank you to all of the students who came to the first tryout at Leaside Arena on Wednesday. The second tryout will take place on Monday December 8th from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Please make sure you organize a ride to the game. A big thank you to **Mr. Packham** for lacing up his skates and joining a wobbly Mr. W on the ice!