

Whitney Word

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school dates for **january**

- 13** Tuesday
Lice Check (a.m.)
- 14** Wednesday, 6pm
Lunchtime Activities Lottery Deadline
- 19** Monday
Bollywood Dance Costumes Due at School
- 19** Monday, 6pm
Lunchtime Activities Registration Night
- 22** Thursday, 2:30pm, Gym
Shiamak Bollywood Dance Program
- 27** Tuesday, 6:30pm
Kindergarten Information Night



All items that were on display beside the lost and found bin ALL DECEMBER...have been bagged up and will be donated to goodwill on Friday January 16th. Any parents wishing to look through the items can contact Allison.

from the principal

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all Whitney families! With the start of a new year, I hope all of you were able to get some much needed and deserved rest over the holiday, and found some time to spend with family and friends. We begin again!



This month, as a part of our character education program, teachers will be recognizing students who demonstrate

TEAMWORK. Teachers will be talking about the elements of teamwork including using the skills and strengths of all members, working toward a common goal, taking a small part in a large job and working together.

Thank you to **Ms. Robinson's** grade 3 class for a wonderful assembly today! They did a terrific job introducing our character theme of Teamwork!!

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.

Weather Guidelines

Whitney Public School

According to the TDSB Operational Procedure PR519 Severe Weather: School Procedure:

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety. Conditions warranting indoor recesses:

(a) Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold.

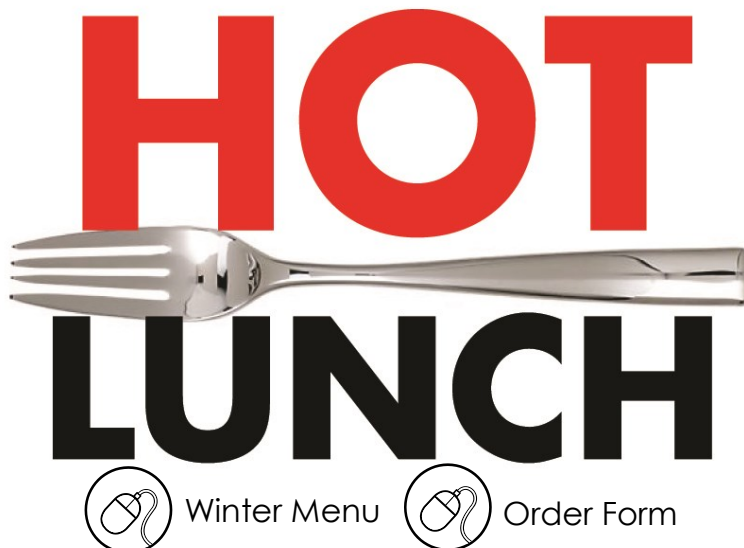
(b) Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28°C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite. When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -28°C , recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing.

(c) Humidity, Heat and Smog Alerts: The City of Toronto issues heat alerts and heat emergencies based on the daily forecast from May to September. Alerts are posted on the Web site www.toronto.ca/health or by calling (416) 338-7600. Staff and students should be vigilant about their level of activity and should take frequent breaks for water in order to remain adequately hydrated.

Other conditions:

Weather conditions change during the day. When necessary and if the weather is questionable, the school principal will consult the Environment Canada's www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca or Toronto Public Health Web sites for information.

During extreme weather conditions, parents and students may wait inside the front foyer of Whitney P.S. up to 15 minutes prior to the entry or dismissal bells.



The Hot Lunch Program is available for Grades 1-6. The winter hot lunch program has already started but if you did not get your form and cheque in before the end of school, it's not too late. Please return completed order forms and cheques to the office as soon as you can.

In the meantime, send a note directly to Tricia Tait so that your child can be added to the list immediately and you won't have to pack a lunch.

Please forward all questions about the menu and invoicing directly to [Tricia Tait](#).

Carmen Tang



Welcome our New Music Teacher – Stacie Carmona

Please help me to welcome Stacie Carmona as our new music teacher at Whitney P.S. Stacie has provided music education in a variety of positions, including vocal, musical theatre and instrumental band. She has her Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Music as well as additional qualifications in vocal music.

Recently, she held a long term occasional position at Bedford Park Public School in both grade 2 and grade 6. Stacie is also an instructor of private vocal and beginner piano for children as well as running a musical theatre camp during the summer. Stacie will join the Whitney team from January to June 2015.

Hello choristers! This is a reminder to return your washed choir shirts back to the music room if you haven't done so already. The shirts are property of Whitney and we will need them for the spring concert. Please return your shirts as soon as possible.



Our current music teacher, Ms Carmona, is going to run the choir for the spring term. Watch this space for her sign-up form, which should appear in the next couple of weeks. Please note rehearsals may be on a new day. I will help Ms Carmona only if she needs it so don't expect to see my face at rehearsals anytime soon! You will be in great hands this term.

Carmen Tang

Kindergarten

WHITNEY P.S. KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT 2014

Tuesday January 27th 6:30–7:30pm

CALLING ALL NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS TO WHITNEY If you have a child who will be entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2015 OR you are new to Whitney P.S. and just want to hear about our outstanding program for Senior Kindergarten, then this is your night!

Please join us on **Tuesday January 27th, 2015** to hear about our Junior/Senior kindergarten program for next September 2015. If you know of a neighbor with children ready for JK in September 2015 please pass on this information to them.

Children who will be four years old by December 31, 2015 (born in 2011) may enter Junior Kindergarten this September 2015.

Registration will occur between February 2nd and February 13th.



SHIAMAK DANCE EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAM AT WHITNEY P.S.

On January 15, 16, 19, 20 and 21 all Whitney students, JK-6, will take part in the Shiamak Dance Program during regularly scheduled gym classes.

The Shiamak Theatre Dance Company was originally formed by Mr. Davar Shiamak in India. Davar trained at the Pineapple Dance Studios and the Guildford School of Acting and Dance in the UK. Further training and education for Davar took place at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Centre, Broadway Dance Centre, the London Contemporary Dance Theatre. Davar and his Company have had a lasting effect on contemporary Indian Dance where the program makes traditional dance both fun and modernized.

The program is provided to educate and empower children with knowledge of various dance styles, the fundamentals of dance technique, aspects of musical theatre and stage performance. This dance program also helps students to de-stress, stay active, and improve posture. This complete performing arts experience further enables students to overcome stage fright, become more confident, improve team spirit and feel a great sense of achievement. Each dance session includes a warm up and isolation exercises, dance activities, choreography and a cool down. The company is known worldwide and has performed in other TDSB schools and local private schools across the GTA.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for the final dance performance on **Thursday January 22nd at 2:30 in the gym.** The show will run approximately 30-45 minutes in length.

In order to complement each type of Bollywood dancing, students are asked to wear costumes ONLY for the final performance. Please send your child with their costume on **Monday Jan 19th** for approval. Individual classroom teachers will store them in the classroom for performance day.

Costume List

Please note: The costumes the children wear for the performance cannot be in anyway restrictive in terms of the children's movement.

JK/SK Ms. Seigel, Ms. Karadimas, Ms. Siddiqi

Bollywood Rock and Roll

Boys: colourful shirts and dress black pants

Girls: sparkly, frilly tank tops with jeans

Everyone: please wear running shoes or black shoes

Grade 1 & 2 Ms. Hargrave, Mr. Conway, Ms. Allen

Bollywood Hip Hop

Everyone: hoodies and sweat pants (white on top, black on bottom) and running shoes for everyone.

Grade 3 Ms. Robinson & Ms. Hall

Bollywood Salsa

BOYS: black t-shirts and black pants

Girls: black leggings over shiny skirts and black tank tops

Everyone in running shoes

Grade 3/4 & 4/5 Mr. Gadsden & Mr. van Hoeijen

Bollywood Folk Dance

Boys: blue denim jeans and blue t-shirts

Girls: long flowing skirts (not restrictive and not longer than ankle length) in a shade of red with black tank tops

Everyone: long chiffon scarf in a shade of yellow to be worn around the waist or around the head.

No shoes.

Grade 5 & 6 Ms. Mandel and Ms. Diniz

Bollywood Bollywood

Girls: sequined colourful tank tops, denim skirts over leggings

Boys: denim shirts and blue jeans

Everyone: please wear black shoes

A little goes a long way...

Progress Update

\$10,000 raised

\$21,000 GOAL

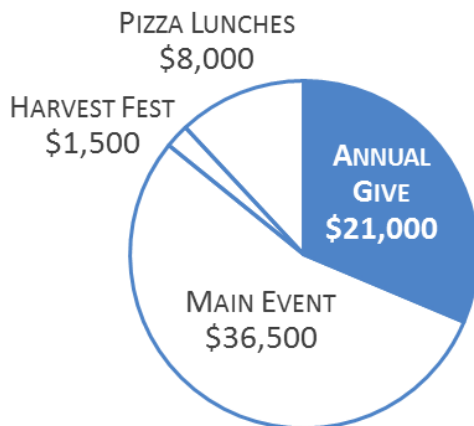
WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL
2014/2015 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Why?

We fund educational items that are not funded by the TDSB. These would not exist without donations from Whitney families.

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

Here is our net revenue from last year:



What?

Parent donations pay for:

Science & Technology: Visiting scientists, technology purchases (e.g., computers, iPads)

The Arts: Music, choir, band & strings, visiting artists, performing arts, Director's Cut

Numeracy: Jump Math, Mathletics

Literacy: Ontario readers, visiting authors, student agendas, books for library, French, Battle of the Books

Athletics: School teams, gym supplies

School Spirit: Holiday concert, Grade 6 legacy project & graduation, Spirit Assemblies

Health & Wellness: Programs and workshops

And much more!

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \$67,000 & \div & 280 & = & \$240 \\ \text{annual budget} & & \text{students} & & \text{enhancements per student per year} \end{array}$$

How?

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

By cheque to "Whitney School Council" together with information below

Name: _____

Date: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____

Email (for charitable tax receipt): _____

DONATIONS ARE FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE.
DONORS WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE WHITNEY WORD.



**Campaign ends
January 30, 2015**



Annual Budget

Here's what our Whitney students receive.

These items are 100% paid for by fundraising and donations.

Today, we ask you to help **your child's school, Whitney**, so we can continue to fund an enhanced educational experience for Whitney students.

If all families reading this gave **\$240 per child**, we wouldn't need to worry about fundraising for the rest of the school year.

	2014/2015 Budget
Science & Technology	
Visiting Scientists (all grades: 2-3 times per year)	\$ 6,800
Support Software (programs, apps, content for computers, iPads, Kobos)	3,700
Computers, iPads, cases, charging cart (\$8,900 special spend of 2013/2014 budget surplus)	-
	<u>10,500</u>
The Arts	
Music (all grades), Junior Choir (Gr 4-6), Band & Strings (Gr 5-6)	7,500
Performing Arts, Dance & Movement (all grades: 2-3 times per year)	4,500
Visiting Artists (all grades: 1-2 times per year)	4,000
Director's Cut (Grades 1-6)	4,000
	<u>20,000</u>
Numeracy	
Mathletics (Grades 1-6)	3,400
Jump Math (Grades 3-6)	2,000
	<u>5,400</u>
Literacy	
Ontario readers (Grades 2-6)	2,000
Visiting Authors (all grades: 2-3 times per year)	1,500
Book purchases for Library, Battle of the Books, French	1,500
Student agendas (Grades 3-6)	1,000
	<u>6,000</u>
Athletics	
Gym supplies (all grades)	1,250
School teams (Grades 4-6)	750
Gardens, Schoolyard (all grades)	500
	<u>2,500</u>
Health & Wellness	
Health promotion (all grades: lice check 2-3 times per year)	1,500
Healthy relationships (all grades: anti-bullying, mindfulness, yoga)	1,000
Healthy sexuality classes (Grade 6)	1,000
	<u>3,500</u>
School Spirit	
Grade 6 legacy project and graduation	2,500
Holiday concert, Spirit Assemblies, Terry Fox Run (all grades)	900
Teacher recognition, coffee for staff room	650
	<u>4,050</u>
Teacher and Principal Allocations	
Classroom Allocations (teacher's discretion - typically used for classroom supplies)	9,500
Principal's Fund, Outreach, Kindergarten information night	3,850
	<u>13,350</u>
Administration - book keeping, office supplies, bank charges	1,450
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	<u><u>\$ 66,750</u></u>

Thank You!



Lunch Time

Activities

We are gearing up for the Winter session of Lunch Time Activities. Registration night will take place on Monday January 19th starting at 6:00pm in the Teacher's Lounge at Whitney Public School. If you would like a lottery number for registration night, please send an email to:

whitneafterfour@gmail.com

(one per family)

before Wed January 14th@ 6:00pm. You will receive an email after that date with you your lottery number and instructions. Activities will begin the week of February 1st and will run for 8 weeks.

Please follow these links for a full program chart with class descriptions and a second document outlining general information and the registration form.

Please check with the school for scheduling conflicts (such as band and strings), as once the class starts, no refunds can be issued.

We hope your children have a wonderful time in these activities,

Diana Parsons and Janice Meredith



Winter Lunch Time Activities Chart



Winter Lunch Time Activities Reg



After Four

Activities

After Four Registration is open and spaces are filling up quickly! Please continue to the next two pages 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.

If you have not registered yet, please click the registration link and make sure you secure a spot in the program so that your child does not miss out!

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

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

For those who have registered, we hope that your children enjoy the great programs this Fall term.

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](#).

▶ Whitney Public School - After 4 Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
TENNIS Grades JK - 6 3:40 - 4:45pm, Gym Min 6 Max 24	BASKETBALL Grades JK - 6 3:40 - 4:45pm, Gym Min 6 Max 24	KARATE Grades 1 - 6 3:40 - 4:45pm, Gym Min 8 Max 20	SCHOOL PLAY - THE LION KING Grades 3 - 6 3:40 - 5:15pm, Gym Min 8 Max 25
CARTOON-IT! Grades 2 - 6 3:40 - 4:45pm, Rm 304 Min 6 Max 15	LEGO ENGINEERING Grades SK - 3 3:40 - 4:45pm, Rm 304 Min 4 Max 10	LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD Grades SK - 6 See page 11 for details	LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD Grades SK - 6 See page 11 for details
	VIDEO GAME DESIGN Grades 3 - 6 3:40 - 4:45, Conference Room Min 4 Max 10	BABYSITTING COURSE Grades 5 & 6, Rm 304 3:40 - 5:00pm	
	GLEE Grades 3 - 6 3:40 - 5:15, Rm 203 Min 5 Max 12		

All Whitney After 4 programs are off the week of March Break - March 16 - 20

BABYSITTERS TRAINING

Grades 5 & 6

Thursday, February 6 - March 6

3:40 - 5:00 pm

5 Classes, \$95

This course is designed to teach babysitting, leadership and first aid skills in a fun and informative way. Students learn how to care for infants, toddlers and older children, what questions to ask parents, how to give first aid and what to do in emergencies. Activity book activities, role-playing and hands-on practice teach skills and build confidence. Each student should bring a doll/stuffed animal to the course. Each student will receive a copy of our award winning publication, "What Every Babysitter Should Know" handbook, and upon successful completion, a St. John's Ambulance Babysitter's attendance certificate.

for over 20 years now. She has a degree from OCADU, Sheridan College Animation and Western. No experience is necessary to take this course. To see more of Laurie's work: www.lauriestein.com

GLEE

Grades 3 - 6

Tuesday, January 13 - March 31

3:40 - 5:15 pm

11 classes, \$231

Ever wondered what Glee club is really like? Glee is all about bringing out the inner singer, dancer and star inside all of us. A fun, exciting and modern way to develop your on stage talents. Students will transform popular and catchy tunes into amazing stage numbers! Students will get to perform in a fun atmosphere while learning harmonies, pitch, theatrical dance, musical expression and providing self confidence in all areas. Led by Stefani Kleinberg (see her bio under 'School Play'), Glee is sure to put a smile on your face and put a song in your heart.



BASKETBALL

Grades JK - 6

Tuesday, January 13 - March 31

3:40 - 4:45 pm

11 Classes, \$231

Instructors from TAC Sports provide a positive and secure environment where students can learn basketball skills and develop confidence. In addition, instructors will focus on leadership training with every child, with an emphasis on sportsmanship and positive self-talk. Children will be coached in ways that are appropriate for their age and skill level - from beginner to more advanced players.



CARTOON-IT!

Monday, Grades 3 - 6

3:40 - 4:45 pm

January 12 - March 30 *No Class February 16

10 classes, \$210

Almost every child is born a cartoonist. At the age of two they know how to reduce a drawing to a few simple lines. Laurie Stein teaches cartooning and all the tricks to create characters that come to life. The children will learn how to draw using the Disney method, starting with shapes to build the final drawings. They will learn to draw animals, people, cars and scenes based on this method.

Laurie has drawn the characters for the Mayfair posters and flyers



LEGO ENGINEERING

Grades SK - 3

Tuesdays, January 13 - March 31

3:40 - 4:45 pm

11 Classes, \$242

All new projects for the winter semester! Come build, tinker, and create using lego in new and creative ways. Younger children love being able to build and engineer their lego projects. 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!

LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD

Grades JK - 6

Wednesday and/or Thursday

3:35 - 7:35 pm

January 21 - February 26

6 classes, \$390 with Rental, \$370 without Rental

***Optional catered Dinner provided by Summerhill Market: add \$144**

Please see [page 11](#) for full program details.

KARATE

Grades 1 - 6

Wednesday, January 14 - April 1

3:40 - 4:45 pm *Returning students to 5:15

11 classes, \$231

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

Grades 1 - 6

Thursday, January 15 - April 2

3:40 - 5:15 pm

11 classes, \$231

Play performance at the end of the season

This term Stefani Kleinberg will be running a production of **The Lion King** 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. Her major focused on acting and directing for film and stage where she procured a diverse portfolio of independent and professional film, performance and photography credits. 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 eleven weeks and concludes with two 45 minute performances, one for the school and the other for friends and relatives.



TENNIS

Grades JK - 6

Monday, January 12 - March 30

*No Class February 16

3:40 - 4:45 pm

10 Classes, \$220

Instructors from TAC Sports provide a positive and secure environment where students can learn tennis skills and develop confidence. In addition, instructors will focus on leadership training with every child, with an emphasis on sportsmanship and positive self-talk. Children will be coached in ways that are appropriate for their age and skill level - from beginner to more advanced players. Junior tennis raquets and tennis balls will be provided.



VIDEO GAME DESIGN

Tuesday, Grades 3 - 6

3:40 - 4:45 pm

January 13 - March 31

11 Classes, \$286

Instead of just playing video games, come and learn how to make your own! Join Christopher MacDonald and his team from AFTERFOUR as they guide introduce students into the exciting cyber-world of game making. Game making is an exciting chance for students to create and choreograph their very own game to take home and play on their Windows PC*. As well as leading to a better understanding of game design and programming, this course develops children's computer skills and logic.

* optional conversion to Apple-compatible software: \$30



LEARN TO SKI AND SNOWBOARD

Wednesday & Thursday

4 - 10 years

January 21 - February 26

Whitney Public School: Pickup 3:35 pm, Drop off at 7:30 pm

Mooredale: Pickup at 3:50 pm, Drop off at 7:50 pm

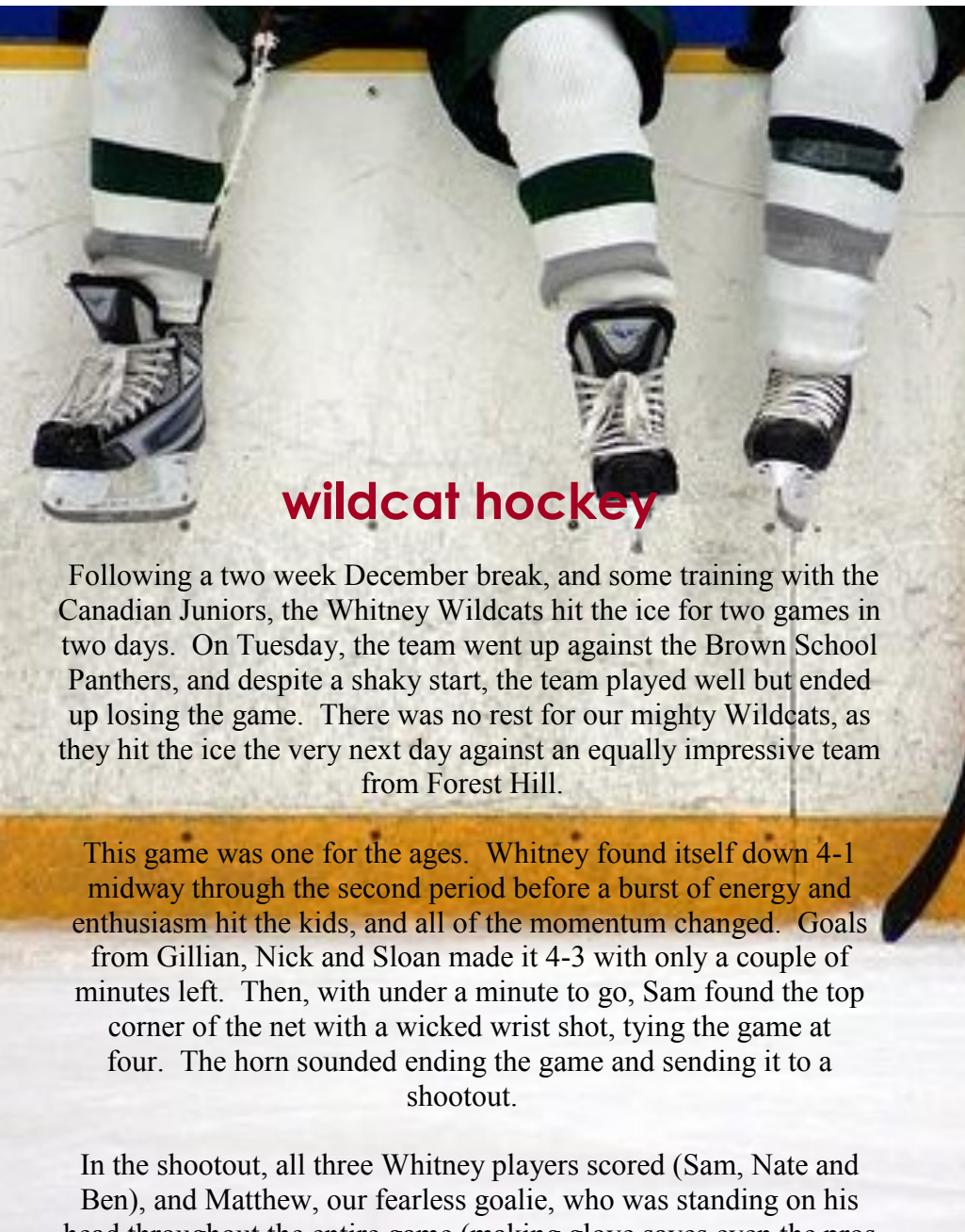
Earl Bales Ski & Snowboard Centre

6 classes, \$390 with rental, \$370 without rental

*Catered Dinner provided by Summerhill Market: add \$144

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wildcat hockey

Following a two week December break, and some training with the Canadian Juniors, the Whitney Wildcats hit the ice for two games in two days. On Tuesday, the team went up against the Brown School Panthers, and despite a shaky start, the team played well but ended up losing the game. There was no rest for our mighty Wildcats, as they hit the ice the very next day against an equally impressive team from Forest Hill.

This game was one for the ages. Whitney found itself down 4-1 midway through the second period before a burst of energy and enthusiasm hit the kids, and all of the momentum changed. Goals from Gillian, Nick and Sloan made it 4-3 with only a couple of minutes left. Then, with under a minute to go, Sam found the top corner of the net with a wicked wrist shot, tying the game at four. The horn sounded ending the game and sending it to a shootout.

In the shootout, all three Whitney players scored (Sam, Nate and Ben), and Matthew, our fearless goalie, who was standing on his head throughout the entire game (making glove saves even the pros can only dream of) closed the door on two of the three Forest Hill players!

The team is back on the ice on Tuesday in a big game against Rosedale. Good luck team!



TUESDAY

Girls Volleyball practice

7:30am in the gym

Whitney Wildcats Hockey

game 12pm vs. Rosedale

@ Forest Hill Arena

WEDNESDAY

Boys Basketball practice

7:30am in the gym

THURSDAY

Girls Volleyball practice

7:30am in the gym

Girls Volleyball game

vs. Davisville (depart WPS 3:20)

FRIDAY

Boys Basketball practice

7:30am in the gym

girls volleyball

The grade 6 girls volleyball team will play its first game of the season after school on Thursday against Davisville.

The grade 4/5 girls volleyball team will be playing a one morning tournament on **Thursday February 12th** at Whitney. Practices for the girls will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.