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school dates for january

19 Monday
Bollywood Dance Costumes Due at School

NOTE: See Page 3 for costume changes for the classes of:
Ms Hargrave, Mr. Conway, Ms. Allen, Ms. Mandel & Ms. Diniz

19 Monday, 6pm
Lunchtime Activities Registration Night

22 Thursday, 2:30pm, Gym
Shiamak Bollywood Dance Program

22 Thursday
Choir Forms Due (see page 2)

23 Friday
PA Day

26 Monday, 8am
Choir Rehearsal (Weekly)

27 Tuesday, 6:30pm
Kindergarten Information Night

30 Friday
Annual Giving Campaign Ends



Donate Directly Online Here

from the principal

FLU SEASON SAFETY TIPS



Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting

their annual flu shot. Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others.

Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school. The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by: **reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating; reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough; watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever; informing the school if your child is ill; keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.**

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.

Kindergarten

WHITNEY P.S. KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT 2014

Tuesday January 27th 6:30–7:30pm

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. If you will be able to come out on this evening, please email Allison at to confirm your attendance.

Please phone the Whitney P.S. office at 393-9380 to make an appointment with Allison Walker, our office administrator. Registration will begin on Monday February 2nd and run to Friday February 13th. Children who will be four years old by December 31, 2015 (born in 2011) may enter Junior Kindergarten this September 2015.

On registration day, please bring:

- Child's birth certificate/passport
- Child's OHIP card
- Child's record of immunization
- Two of the following as proof of residency – valid Ontario Driver's License, bank statement/household bill, purchase agreement/lease

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February 2nd and February 13th.**



Whitney Choir 2015

I am looking forward to beginning work with the Whitney Junior Choir! Children in grades 4,5 & 6 are eligible to participate and rehearsals will take place on: Mondays: 8:00 – 8:40a.m.

(January 26- March 31) and will move to Tuesdays: 8:00- 8:40 a.m. (April 7-May 12) There will be 2 rehearsals on Tuesdays at lunch time during May. The dates are Tuesday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 12. These extra practices will allow for rehearsals with our choir accompanist before the Spring performance.

A beautiful voice is not a requirement for this choir, but enthusiasm and a commitment to the choir are essential! Choir practices must be attended regularly by all members and as rehearsals will begin promptly, your child should plan to arrive 5 minutes early in order to organize his/her music, etc. If your child is going to be late or absent from choir, please notify me by email: stacie.Carmona@tdsb.on.ca

Students who miss three (3) rehearsals without a written explanation from a parent or whose behaviour is not appropriate will be asked to leave the choir.

I am requesting that you and your child complete the section at the bottom of the attached letter and return it to me or put it in my box **no later than Thursday, January 22.**

Sincerely,
Stacie Carmona
Music Teacher



Choir Form

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: black sweat pants or other black

pants, **bright, coloured shirts on top**, 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: **bare feet**

Ms. Mandel and the Whitney School Arts

A little goes a long way...

WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL
2014/2015 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Progress Update

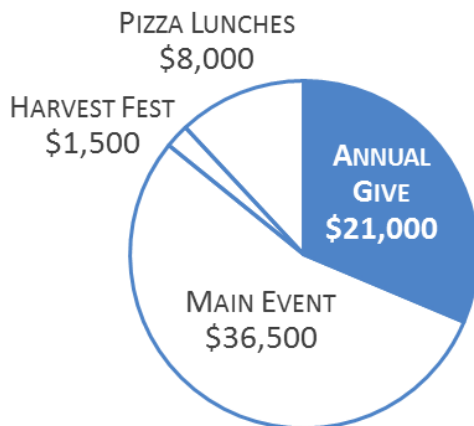
\$15,000 Raised
\$21,000 Goal

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!



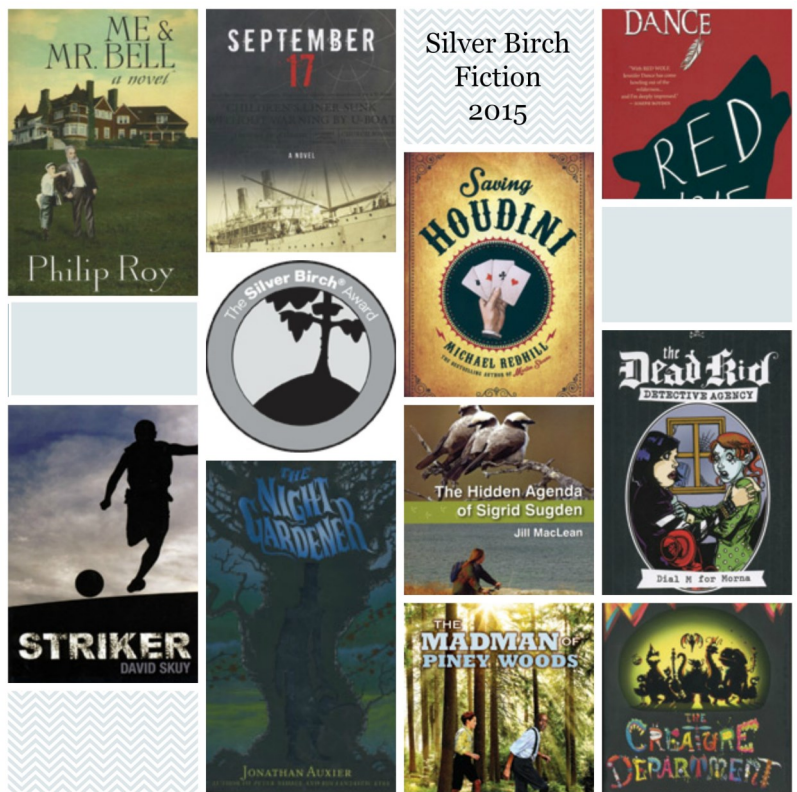
Whitney's Fifth Annual Battle of the Books Reading Competition will be introduced to the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students Tuesday, January 20th with a friendly mini match between some of our teachers!

Battle of the Books is a reading program for students in grades 4-6. Children who are interested in participating form teams of four and, amongst their team, read ten (10) Silver Birch fiction books (see titles right). A set of these books will be available as of January 20th in each junior classroom in addition to two copies in the library.

Starting March 30th, teams compete against each other in a 'game show' format answering factual questions about the books i.e. *What grade was Harry Potter in when he arrived at Hogwarts?* The 'battles' generally take place in the mornings before school at 8am in the library and will run for approximately two weeks, ending with a final 'BATTLE' assembly between the top two teams.

Parents, please encourage your Grade 4/5/6 children to participate in this year's Battle of the Books. The battles are lots of fun and the benefits are many:

- the momentum created by reading (up to) ten books encourages further reading
- encourages 'book talk' amongst friends - imagine!
- encourages deeper reading of books
- opportunity to have fun with friends around books!



The Creature Department by Robert Paul Weston; Dial M for Morna-The Dead Kid Detective Agency by Evan Munday; The Hidden Agenda of Sigrid Sugden by Jill MacLean; The Madman of Piney Woods by Christopher Paul Curtis; Me & Mr. Bell by Philip Roy; The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier; Red Wolf by Jennifer Dance; Saving Houdini by Michael Redhill; September 17: A Novel by Amanda West Lewis; Striker by David Skuy

Students should tell their teachers who the four people are on their team and teams must be entered by January 23rd. If any student is interested in participating but having difficulty finding a team please ask them to speak to their teacher and we will make every effort to get them on a team. Parents can contact Kathy Clarke (xyzkathy@rogers.com) if they have any questions.

Note: In case there are some keen Grade 3 students who want to get ready for next year...another list of books has been created called the [Silver Birch Express](#). This list is a combination of fiction and nonfiction, aimed at Grade 3-6 reading level. There are some wonderful titles this year.



Lunch Time

Activities

Just a reminder of the upcoming Lunchtime Activities Registration night on Monday January 19th at 6pm in the Staff Room (second floor room "201"). Regardless of whether or not you have requested a lottery number, please come out to register for the array of great classes offered this Winter. Please below for a list of classes.

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.

The weather has kept the students inside during the lunch hour a few times already and the exciting line up of Lunchtime Activities this season will be a fun, engaging and productive alternative to the inside blahs (or for those that prefer to stay warm!)

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

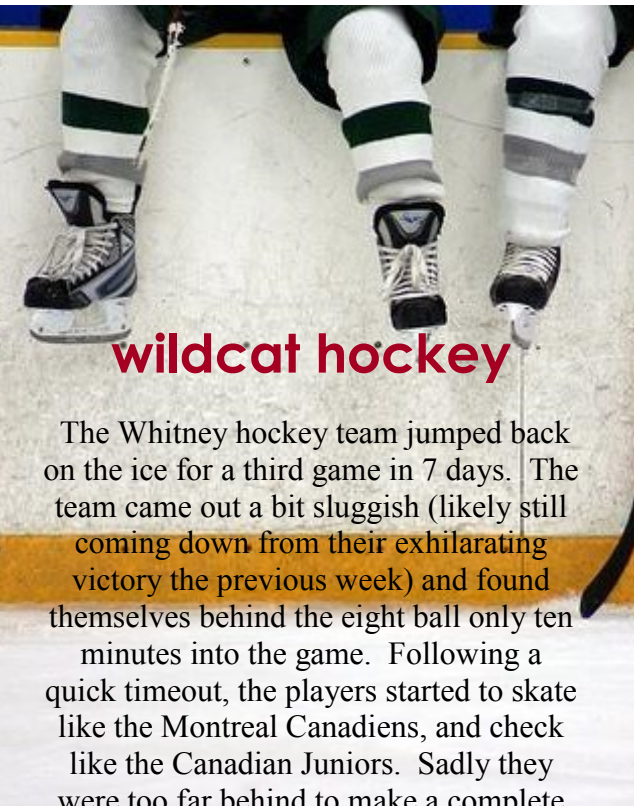
Earl Bales Ski & Snowboard Centre

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

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

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sports | house leagues | wildcats



wildcat hockey

The Whitney hockey team jumped back on the ice for a third game in 7 days. The team came out a bit sluggish (likely still coming down from their exhilarating victory the previous week) and found themselves behind the eight ball only ten minutes into the game. Following a quick timeout, the players started to skate like the Montreal Canadiens, and check like the Canadian Juniors. Sadly they were too far behind to make a complete comeback, but the fans, coaches and most importantly the players were pleased with the way they played. Only one game left in the season, which will take place on Tuesday at Forest Hill Arena.



girls volleyball

Congratulations to the girls on the grade 6 volleyball team on an exciting first victory of the season. The girls traveled up to Davisville to face a tough squad in the Dragon's Den. The girls came out flying and bumped, volleyed, spiked and served their way to an impressive 3 set victory. The girls are back on court next Thursday when Hawthorn comes to Whitney. Way to go girls!!

TUESDAY

Girls Volleyball practice
7:30am in the gym
Whitney Wildcats Hockey vs.
West Prep hockey game
12-1pm @ 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. Hawthorne @Whitney 3:45pm

FRIDAY

Sleep In!!