

# Whitney Word

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## school dates for january

- 26** Monday, 8am  
**Choir Rehearsal (Weekly)**
- 27** Tuesday, 6:30pm  
**Kindergarten Information Night**
- 27** Tuesday  
**Lunchtime Activities Final Sign-Up (see pg 7)**
- 30** Friday  
**Annual Giving Campaign Ends**



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## school dates for february

- 4** Wednesday, 8am  
**Whitney Musical Theatre Practice (see pg 4)**

## from the principal



Wow! Bollywood...here comes Whitney! On Thursday January 22nd, Whitney held its first Bollywood Dance Show and what a spectacular event it was!

A huge thank you to **Carole Mandel** for her leadership in organizing and planning this fantastic show. The students did an amazing job! To all the teachers, **Tom and Allison** for their continued support and the Whitney parents for providing this amazing enrichment opportunity! WE are so lucky and not to mention SO talented! Thank you again!!

**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](mailto:allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca) in your smartphone and email Allison in the office for any of your Whitney School needs.

# What's Happening in...



# Room 308

## 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](mailto: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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**Registration will occur between  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 13th.**

### Our Visit With Dr. Carolyn Bennett

Last Friday Dr. Carolyn Bennett, Member of Parliament for St. Paul's, came to talk to the grade five students at Whitney. Dr. Bennett told us about what she does as a MP. She is a great speaker and we learned a lot from her visit. One thing we learned is about her work as the Liberal Party Critic for Aboriginal Affairs. She really enjoys meeting people all over Canada. Dr. Bennett told us that the Aboriginal People do not like being grouped into one group as there are many, many different groups. Before Dr. Bennett was a Member of Parliament, she was a family doctor in Toronto and she brought about two thousand babies into the world. Having Dr. Bennett at Whitney was a great way to finish off our social studies unit on government in Canada.

**Jaqueline E. and Grace P. in Room 308**



# The Whitney Peace Room



The Whitney school climate is by and large one of kindness, caring, learning and fun. Our student surveys show that most of our students feel safe and connected when at school. But everyone is entitled to a challenging day and sometimes we need a chance to catch our breath. To this end, Whitney is creating a safe place for calm reflection in our Peace Room. This room is located in the room next to the Mrs. Stern in the school office.

Thanks to the generosity of both staff and parents, our Peace Room is starting to come together, but there

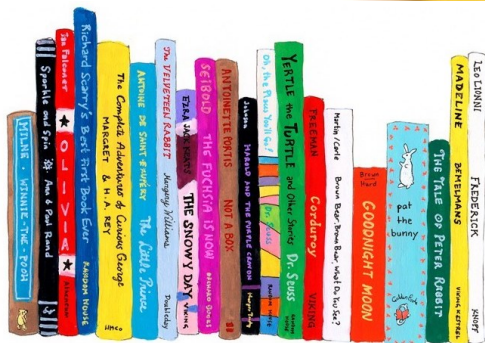
is still room for more! So far, we have basic seating with a place to write and draw. We have soft lighting, a few pieces of inspiring artwork, and an aquarium that needs fish! The colour palette we are looking for is a mix of lemon-whip yellow (for happiness) and smoky grey (for calm).



## Items we would welcome include:

- One yellow beanbag chair
- A combination of grey and soft yellow cushions and pillows
- Plants and flowers for the window sill
- Squeezable stress balls for restless hands
- Our bookshelves are empty! Positive reading for grades 1-6
- Small stereo and collection of calming music and sound

If you are interested in contributing to this valuable initiative, please contact [Joe Conway](#) or [Allison Walker](#).





# MUSICAL THEATRE

**SING! DANCE! ACT!**

January 21, 2015

Dear Parents:

Students in grades 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Whitney Musical Theatre Ensemble. We will meet on **Wednesdays: 8:00-8:40**. The first practice will be on **Wednesday, February 4** at 8:00 a.m. in room 204.

All students who love to perform are encouraged to join us! We will be preparing 3 scenes from different Musicals for a performance in the spring. There will be auditions held for vocal solos in late February. Students will be learning all solo lines together as a group, and then decide whether they would like to audition. I will post a sign-up sheet for auditions, which will take place on **Friday, February 27**.

Enthusiasm, kindness and a commitment to the ensemble are essential! Each member of the Whitney Musical Theatre Ensemble must attend all practices regularly. Your child should plan to arrive 5 minutes early, wearing appropriate attire for dance. (sweat pants and a t-shirt, leggings etc.) If your child is going to be late or absent from rehearsal, please notify me by email: (Stacie.Carmona@tdsb.on.ca) Students who miss 2 rehearsals without a written explanation from a parent or whose behaviour is not appropriate will be asked to leave the ensemble.

I am requesting that you and your child complete the section at the bottom of the letter and return it to me, or put it in my box **no later than Friday, January 30**.

Sincerely,

Stacie Carmona

Music Teacher

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to participate in the Whitney Music Theatre Ensemble. I understand that attendance will be taken at rehearsals and that I must provide Ms. Carmona with an explanation if I have to be late or absent for a legitimate reason such as illness. I also understand that a high standard of behaviour is expected from me during rehearsals and performances.

Student Signature

Room No.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

# A little goes a long way...

WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
2014/2015 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

## Progress Update

\$17,000 Raised

\$21,000 Goal

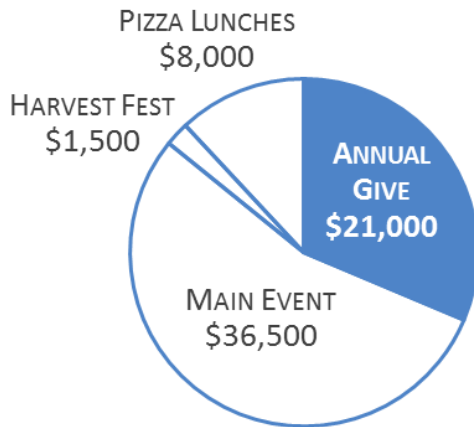
**Last Day to Donate: Friday**

## 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](http://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.

	<b>2014/2015 Budget</b>
<b>Science &amp; Technology</b>	
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>
<b>The Arts</b>	
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>
<b>Numeracy</b>	
Mathletics (Grades 1-6)	3,400
Jump Math (Grades 3-6)	2,000
	<u>5,400</u>
<b>Literacy</b>	
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>
<b>Athletics</b>	
Gym supplies (all grades)	1,250
School teams (Grades 4-6)	750
Gardens, Schoolyard (all grades)	500
	<u>2,500</u>
<b>Health &amp; Wellness</b>	
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>
<b>School Spirit</b>	
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>
<b>Teacher and Principal Allocations</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<u><u>\$ 66,750</u></u>

# Thank You!



# Lunch Time Activities

Thank you to all those who joined us on Monday night to register for Winter Lunch Activities. At this time, it looks like all classes will run, with the exception of Chess, which needs a few more children to register to run. A class list is attached.

If you haven't already signed your child up for one of the many fun lunch time activities, now's your chance! Fill out a form at the school office or send an email to [Diana.m.parsons@sympatico.ca](mailto:Diana.m.parsons@sympatico.ca) with your child's name, an emergency contact name and #, and what class they want to join. The registration deadline is Tues, Jan 27th as classes will start the week of February 2 and run for 8 weeks.

We hope your children have a wonderful time!  
**Diana Parsons and Janice Meredith**

**Guitar / Ukulele** - This program offers budding musicians a chance to try their hand at classical guitar or the recently popular Ukulele with experienced music teacher Glen Richardson. No experience is necessary. Glen is able to teach beginners as well as those students who have been with him in previous sessions to advance their playing skills. If a student requires a rental, please contact Snider Music at [416-483-6927](tel:416-483-6927) prior to the beginning of the session.

**Pop Up Books** - From creating your own characters to deciding the plot line, in this program you will create your own pop-up book from beginning to end! Students will explore the art of creative story building - we will imagine, write, draw, compile, and even bind our own books. Every student will have the opportunity to share their publishing debut in a group setting at the close of the program. Become a published author today!

**Superhero Art Challenge** - What would a superhero look like if you were to create one? In this course, students will design and construct brand new superheroes and create the coolest and most interesting gadgets for their special powers. They will use fun materials to create capes, masks, shields, belts, and even adventurous 3D scenes. Drawing a comic strip is another wonderful way to showcase their talents.

**Little Kids Big Art** - Little kids find art interesting through a playful and fun process. What makes their creativity shine through? It is the vibrant colours, cool textures and patterns, imaginative sculptures, interesting shapes, and whimsical paintings. Children will explore hands-on art and crafts, using both traditional, fun and exciting materials. This course is all about taking one step closer to art, being together with their classmates, and loving art!

**Whose Line is it?** - We'll get you laughing in no time! Take a break and explore improv, comedic acting and stand-up comedy – there's nothing better! Learn to write, workshop and perform your very own comedic routine in this program led by industry professionals. We'll write jokes on the fly and turn even the most boring topics into hilarious material. The program will culminate in a mini-show for friends and family! Will you have your audience howling in their seats?

**How to be a Fashionista** - Create one of a kind design, develop your style, and experiment with different materials without mastering the sewing machine. This course allows the students the opportunity to make fun and creative clothing and accessories. Students will learn how to measure, cut, alter and make interesting patterns, knots and stitches. They will feel like a fashionista wearing their own creations.

**Chess** - Would you like to learn one of the oldest and most exciting games in the world? This course will teach you the basic moves of all the pieces and you will also discover special moves like Castling, pawn promotions, and en passant captures. Opening and ending strategies will be discussed and you will learn how to do a checkmate. Play like a King! Be a leader, join the crowd and sign up today!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Guitar/ Ukulele</b> Gr. 3-6 \$130 Room 203	<b>Superhero Art Challenge</b> Gr. 2-4 \$125 Room 304	<b>Little Kids Big Art</b> Gr. 1-3 \$115 Room 304	<b>Whose Line is it?</b> Gr. 3-6 \$130 Room 203	<b>Chess</b> Gr. 2-4 \$90 Room 212
<b>Pop Up Book Making</b> Gr. 2-4 \$140 Room 304			<b>How to be a Fashionista*</b> Gr. 1-6 \$120 Room 304	

\* How To Be A Fashionista has been moved to **Thursday**.



# wittenberg's wall

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## wildcat hockey

Congratulations to the boys and girls on the hockey team on an incredible and dominating victory in their final game of the season. The players came out skating faster than Sidney Crosby, and had the team from West Prep seeing double, sometimes even triple, as the Wildcats swarmed their zone. Sam opened the scoring five minutes into the game with a quick snap shot low to the blocker side. The West Prep goalie played an

unbelievable game, as our Whitney

Wildcats peppered him with close to 30 shots. Sam doubled our lead, with an outstanding wrist shot to the top corner which had the thousands of fans gasping in awe! There was little our opponents could muster, as our players played a complete game from the opening face-off to the final buzzer.

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, guardians and families who supported the team throughout the entire season. It was the most successful season for a Whitney hockey team in nearly 10 years, as our boys and girls finished with a 2-2 record. Another big thank you goes out to **Mr. Packham and Ms. Lyon** who coached the boys and girls and encouraged them all the way through.

## TUESDAY

Girls Volleyball practice  
7:30am in the gym

## WEDNESDAY

Boys Basketball practice  
7:30am in the gym  
Boys Basketball game  
Whitney @ Withrow 3:45pm

## THURSDAY

Girls Volleyball practice  
7:30am in the gym

## FRIDAY

Boys Basketball practice  
7:30am in the gym

## girls volleyball

Following a day of incredible Bollywood dancing, the grade 6 girls welcomed Hawthorne to Whitney for some after school volleyball. The girls from Hawthorne came out strong, and despite a valiant effort from our team, we came up just short. A couple of highlights from the game included some great digging by Naomi and Keeley, and a rocket of a round-house serve from Livie! The girls will get back to practicing next week on Tuesday and Thursday morning.