

Whitney Word

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school dates for february

- 2** Monday, 8am
Choir Rehearsal (Weekly)
 - 4** Wednesday, 8am
Whitney Musical Theatre Practice (see pg 4)
 - 6** Friday
SPA Day— Character Trait: Fairness
 - 6** Friday
Annual Giving Campaign Ends
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Donate Directly Online Here
- 10** Tuesday
Report Cards Go Home
 - 13** Friday
PA Day
 - 16** Monday
Family Day—No School
 - 18** Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm
Whitney School Council General Meeting

from the principal

FAIRNESS

Please join us for our next SPA Day on an unusual day— Friday Feb 6th. Our character trait is **Fairness** and our assembly will be led by Room 306, Ms. Hall’s grade 3 class.



To add to the fun our theme is “**Be a Different Person for the Day!**”

Come dressed up to look like a friend, a famous person, or a character from a book, video game, movie or T.V. show.

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.

important communique

**your
school
council**



Dear Whitney Parents,

As many of you know, there were news articles yesterday about the potential closure of under-utilized schools in the TDSB. Specifically, this refers to schools operating at under 65% capacity, which includes Whitney at 63%.

We investigated this and would like to share three key points:

(1) The list published is not a list of schools closing. It is simply one calculation of school utilization and is one of many factors considered. For example, other important factors include:

- School enrolment trending such as the year-over-year increases that we are seeing in Kindergarten enrolment
- Review of boundaries and capacity of neighbouring schools
- Other school uses, such as the Whitney Child Centre. Note that the 63% figure includes only TDSB enrolment, and so does not include students at the Child Centre, which leases space from the TDSB.

(2) Any school closures are preceded by a comprehensive and consultative evaluation process.

(3) Whitney has not been contacted for any such evaluation process by the Committee Chair, the Superintendent of the Region or the Board itself.

We have a vibrant school with plenty to offer for families in our community. Thanks to each of you and to our staff for your ongoing and valued contribution to Whitney.

Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat
Co-chairs Whitney School Council

your school council



**Whitney School Council
General Meeting**
Wednesday, February 18, 2015
6:30-7:30 pm, Library

We welcome the participation and input of all parents at every WSC meeting. A minimum of 20 parents is required for any vote to pass.

We respectfully request that all Class Parents attend General Meetings. Class Parents are a vital conduit of information for so many Whitney parents.

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The 2014-15 WSC Executive Slate

Co-Chairs:
Marcia Moffat & Jalyn Anderson
Vice-Chair: Jane Edwards
Vice-Chair: Amy Westin
Treasurer: Elizabeth Knox
Secretary: Sandra Ross
Technology: Andrew Pollock
and Paul Pelton
Past Chair: Robin Porter
Principal (Ex Officio):
Deborah Stern

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AGENDA

Welcome & Chair's Report
Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat

Motions to Approve Agenda & Past Meeting Minutes (November 18, 2014)
Marcia Moffat

Treasurer's Report
Elizabeth Knox
*YTD Income Statement
and Financial Position*

Principal's Report

Spending Proposal

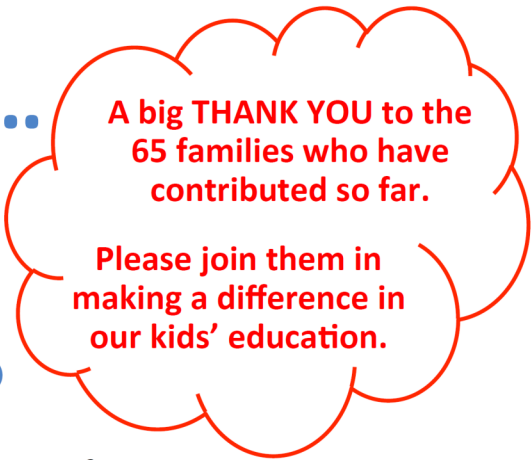
Committee Reports

Other Business

Motion to Adjourn
Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat

A little goes a long way...

WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL
2014/2015 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

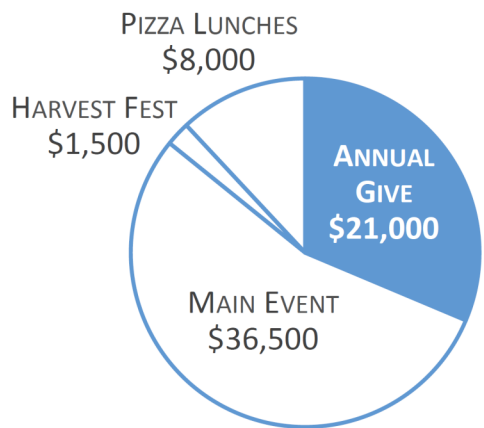


Why?

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!

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 \$67,000 & \div & 280 & = & \$240 \\
 \text{annual budget} & & \text{students} & & \text{enhancements per student per year}
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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 extended to February 6

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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!



The Whitney Lunch Activities are set to begin the week of Monday, February 2st. We are pleased to say all classes will run. Classes will run for 8 sessions.

Please remind your child about the activity in the morning before school and ask him/her to quickly eat lunch in the gym. The instructor will pick up the children in the gym and take them to the assigned classroom. Please note the new classroom assignment for both Pop Art Book Making and Little Kids Big Art.

We hope your children have a wonderful time!

Diana Parsons and Janice Meredith

Lunch Time Activities



Lunch Time Activities Class Lists

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Guitar/Ukulele Room 203	Superhero Art Challenge Room 304	Little Kids Big Art Room 212	Whose Line is it? Room 203	Chess Room 212
Pop Up Book Making Room 212			How to be a Fashionista* Room 304	

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

The Whitney Peace Room

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](#).



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boys basketball

Congratulations to the members of the boys basketball team on one of the most exciting basketball games ever played in school history. The boys traveled down to the Danforth to do battle with a highly ranked team from Withrow. It was a back and forth affair, with both teams exchanging the lead. The game came down to the last 30 seconds with the score tied at 37. Following a phenomenal defensive stand, the Whitney boys had the ball with four seconds left and in-bounding the ball from half court. A timeout was called to add to the drama. Noah, Matthew and Ryan set up a perfect picked fence, as Josh threw a perfect lob pass to Sloan. Sloan took it to the hoop, and was fouled on his shot, sending him to the free throw line with only 1 second (not 1

minute!!!) on the clock. His first shot clanked off the rim and missed. It all came down to this one shot. The fans in the gym were so quiet you could hear a pin drop. Sloan stepped back up to the line, and with Queen's "Under Pressure" playing in his head, he drained the 2nd free throw to send Whitney to a 38-37 victory!!

The boys will be playing two games next week. On Monday they will play against Bowmore (back in the Withrow gym), and on Wednesday will travel to Norway to finish their regular season.



MONDAY

Boys Basketball practice
7:30am in the gym (just the 6-2 team)

Boys Basketball game
Whitney v Bowmore
After school

TUESDAY

Girls Volleyball practice
7:30am in the gym

Girls Volleyball Game
Davisville v Whitney
@ home 3:45pm

WEDNESDAY

Boys Basketball practice
7:30am in the gym

Boys Basketball game
Whitney @ Norway
After school

THURSDAY

Girls Volleyball practice
7:30am in the gym

Girls Volleyball Game
Whitney @ Hawthorne
After school

FRIDAY

Drop in Badminton
(grade 4,5,6 students)
7:45am in the gym