

# Whitney Word

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## school dates for **may**

- 12** Tuesday  
**Track and Field Meet, Birchmount Stadium**
- 18** Monday  
**Victoria Day—No School**
- 20** Wednesday  
**Panoramic Photo**
- 21** Thursday, 7pm  
**The Main Event—Toronto Lawn**
- 25** Monday  
**EQAO Testing Starts**

## school dates for **june**

- 2** Tuesday  
**Track and Field South Conference Finals**
- 5** Friday  
**PA Day—No School**
- 9** Tuesday  
**Track and Field City Finals**
- 12** Friday  
**SPA Day**

## from the principal



### TALENT SHOW... BIG SUCCESS!!

What a spectacular evening! Thank you to all the teachers, **Ms. Mandel, Ms. Hargrave, Ms. Hall, Ms. Diniz and Ms. Carmona** for their hard work and countless lunch and morning rehearsals in preparation for last night's Talent Show! The kids were so awesome...so talented and seemed so comfortable performing in front of such a wonderful and supportive audience! A big thanks to all other staff and parents involved, caretakers as well as in the office!

At Whitney...where the talent and fun never stops!!

**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.



Exciting news for one of our students in grade 2 Room 205!

Over 1500 pieces of work were submitted by students across the TDSB to **Urban voices /L'echo de la ville 2015**. Audrey P.'s poem was selected to be published in this years collection of poetry and illustrations. We are very proud of her accomplishment, as is she. Congratulations Audrey!



**Autumn Winds  
Cool leaves float around  
Birds chirp in the autumn breeze  
Crisp winds make spirals**



### SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, LONG BOARDS and BIKES

This is a very important reminder for all students who bring their scooters, skateboards, long boards and bikes to school. Scooters, skateboards, long boards and bikes may be used to **get** to school, but are **NOT** to be used on school property.



Students must walk their bikes onto school property and lock them up by the bike racks. Also, scooters, skateboards and long boards must be left outside under the overhang outside the main doors and not used between the hours of 8:30 and 3:45. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

As the warmer weather approaches (we hope), we want to remind students and parents of appropriate dress at school. Although there is no particular dress code required, there are a few simple rules to ensure a safe, inclusive and respectful atmosphere.

- Running shoes and comfortable shorts are required for gym class.
- Hats may not be worn indoors except for religious or cultural headwear.
- Messages and images on t-shirts must be appropriate for school. Please keep the messages POSITIVE!
- Midriffs and tummies should be covered and straps on tops must be at least two finger widths across with no bra straps visible.
- Very short shorts are not appropriate for school; please ensure that underwear is not visible.

**Debbie Stern**



# Playground Update

In addition to the playground improvements completed last Fall – the orange/green net climber (top of hill), basketball standards (east side of playground), baseball backstop and planting garden in the Kinder playground – a series of new upgrades will take place this spring, thanks to the generous support of Whitney families.

1) The TDSB crew will be on site again to add a few new pieces of play equipment at the top of the hill (two new spinners, replacement teeter totter, repaired yellow/blue net climber) - See below for pics of the new items. Once these are installed, the crew will complete the playing field (remove limestone, irrigate, lay down sod).

(2) Working with the Kinder teachers, we purchased several sturdy, heavy-use outdoor play items. This includes 10 trikes (small, medium and a taxi version), traffic signs and lights, an outdoor 4-sided easel, Octoplay, kid-sized gardening tools and a gym cart.

(3) The lovely thumb print tree recognizing all donors is in the main case across from the office. Engraving is underway on the boulder recognizing donors at the \$2500+ level.

(4) We are still working with the TDSB on two additional items for the kinder area, namely possible removal of the concrete planters to increase the play space and installation of a storage shed.

Thanks again for the generous support of so many Whitney Families.

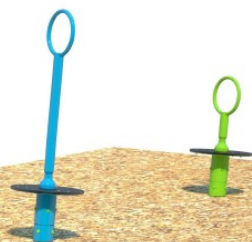
Whitney Playground Committee

**Marcia, Diana, Andrew, Sean**

**A HUGE thank you for our new kindergarten outdoor play equipment!**

We would like to thank the parent council and playground donors for the wonderful new outdoor equipment for our kindergarten students! The purchase of 10 new tricycles, outdoor planting tools, a storage cart and new traffic signs are amazing additions for our kindergarten outdoor play! Everyone is encouraged to come on by and check out our kindergarten students racing around the track of the school! It's a great sight to be seen!

**Debbie Stern**





# Whitney's Got Talent!



We would like to send out a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to all members of our Whitney's Got Talent team!

**Thank you** to all our performers for your tireless efforts, from practicing at home, to your incredible work on stage! **Thank you** to our seven hard working MCs for ensuring our show ran smoothly! **Thank you** to our 9 backstage helpers, for without all of you, we could not have done this show!

Lastly, **thank you** to all the parents, family members and friends who came to watch our students amazing talents!

We were so impressed with all of your hard work, dedication and pure talent!!!

**The Whitney Talent Show Committee**  
**(Ms. Hall, Ms. Mandel, Ms. Carmona, Ms. Hargrave and Ms. Diniz)**

*See more photos next page....*







## Auction Sneak Peek!

# WHITNEY MAIN EVENT

Thursday, May 21st  
The Toronto Lawn  
@ 7 PM

Parent teacher Social of the Year!

Super fun!

Great opportunity to mingle & support Whitney!

The evening includes a silent auction focused on experiences that make our Whitney community special.

Here's a sneak peek at some of the auction items!

### TEACHER EXPERIENCES

- \* Movie Night at Whitney
- \* Teacher / Principal for Half a Day
- \* Phys Ed Teacher for the Day
- \* Lunch with the Kinder Teachers
- \* Tour of all the Secret Places at Whitney!

### KIDS' FUN!

- \* Crafts, Movie/Pizza Night, Soccer for JK/SK
- \* Lego Party for Grade 2 Boys
- \* Pool Party for Grade 3 Girls
- \* Ball Hockey for Grades 5 & 6
- \* Minecraft Nirvana

### GROWN UP FUN!

- \* Wine Tastings
- \* Poker Night
- \* Shuck You! Oysters with the Experts
- \* Private Yoga Classes
- \* Round of Golf at The National Club

### TICKETS, SHOWS, ETC.

- \* Tickets to ONCE and KINKY BOOTS
- \* GOLD Toronto Maple Leaf Tickets
- \* Stratford Festival, Soulpepper!
- \* Apple iPhone 6 (Silver - 64GB)
- \* Ski Days at Osler, Alpine, Horseshoe

And much more...

Looking forward to seeing you there!

**THE WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL**





# WHITNEY MAIN EVENT

The parent teacher  
Social of the Year!

## The Toronto Lawn

44 Price Street  
Yonge & Summerhill  
Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm

RSVP by May 14<sup>th</sup>  
to the Main Office  
or  
to Vicky Reszetnik  
([vickyreszetnik@gmail.com](mailto:vickyreszetnik@gmail.com)  
or 29 Hudson Drive)

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Address is required to receive tax receipt.*

Tickets are \$100 per person. Attendees will receive a welcome beverage, two drink tickets, appetizers and finger food. Please note that a portion of the ticket proceeds goes directly to the school.

- Please accept our reservation(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ people @ \$100 per person.
- Sorry, we cannot attend, but enclosed is our contribution to the event.

**RSVP and Payment:** Please return form and payment by cheque to Whitney School Council to the Main Event bin in the office.



# Children's Mental Health Week

Each year, Ontarians mark the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Week. The week is about increasing awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health needs, decreasing stigma and understanding that help is available.

This year, the TDSB is celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, May 3 to 9 by focusing our efforts on a different theme each day! At Whitney, we have created some very special activities for next week. [Please click on the mouse to read the exciting schedule for next week.](#) If you would like to be involved and or support us in any way, please let us know!



## Mayfair 2015 - Under the Sea

This year's Mayfair in Rosedale Park is **Saturday, May 9th**. The traditional costume parade will start from Moorevale Park at 8:20 am... a chance to dress up as a fisherman, a scuba diver, your favourite crazy fish or whatever takes your fancy. The parade's arrival at the park marks the start of Mayfair!

Vouchers for the **Ride-all-Day Bracelets are on sale now through Wednesday, May 6th** for \$40 at Summerhill Market and Mooredale House. Bring your voucher to Mayfair where it will be exchanged for the Ride-all-Day Bracelet.



**Mayfair's Eve Preview** On **Friday, May 8th** all rides will be running from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, along with food and beverages. As a bonus, kids can redeem their ride-all-day vouchers at the park on Friday and use their bracelets both days!

The Friday evening festivities have become a Mayfair highlight for local families! Let the kids have some rides, then enjoy gourmet Summerhill ribs, plus our full BBQ menu and a drink in the Beer Garden, all to the cool sound of our jazz band... come back Saturday for races, games, bouncies, all the Mayfair attractions - and more rides! Full details at [www.mooredale.com](http://www.mooredale.com)



Join us on **May 2nd**, between 11am to 4pm at 53 Division's Annual Open House, 75 Eglinton Ave W. There will be BBQ, Snacks and Drinks; Various TPS Units including: Mounted, Marine, Police Dogs, ETF; Vintage Police Car Display, Court Services, Tour of 53 Station



# wittenberg's wall

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## Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team played a great game against Frankland last week, but the ball didn't bounce our way. Great saves from Harry, blistering shots from Dylan and Sam just weren't enough, as the team from Frankland won 1-0. The boys play their final regular season game on Monday at Ossington Old Orchard. Good luck boys!



## Girls Soccer

Congratulations to the members of the girls soccer team on an amazing performance against the Withrow Wildcats. The girls dominated the play, but found themselves down 1-0 midway through the second half. Our Wildcats were not deterred though, working hard, making some great passes, and after a fortunate bounce, Lilah found the back of the net. Despite a mad finish at both ends, the girls left the field with smiles on their faces with a 1-1 tie. The girls have next week off, before rounding out the season with two games the following week.



	<b>MONDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>TUESDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>WEDNESDAY MAY 6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY MAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>FRIDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>7:45 – 8:30</b>	Relay Teams Grades 3-6	Relay Teams Grades 3-6	<b>Grade 4/5 and 6 Ultimate Practice</b>	Relay Teams Grades 3-6	Relay Teams Grades 3-6
<b>10:05 – 10:20 (morning recess)</b>	Running, Triple and Standing Long Jump	400m / 1500m	Running, Triple and Standing Long Jump	400m/1500m	
<b>12:00 – 12:30 (lunch)</b>	Hurdles	100/200/800m	Hurdles	100/200/800m	Hurdles
<b>1:55 – 2:10 (afternoon recess)</b>	Shot Put		Shot Put		
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>	<b>BOYS SOCCER @ OOOPS</b>	<b>GR 6 ULTIMATE @ ROSEDALE</b>	<b>GR 6 ULTIMATE @ ROSEDALE</b>	<b>GR 6 ULTIMATE @ OOOPS</b>	