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school dates for May

We have been informed by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) that given the ongoing job action (work-to-rule) by elementary teachers across the province, EQAO will **not** be sending assessment materials out at this time.

As a result, EQAO testing for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be postponed until further notice.

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**
- Thursday, 8:15am, Kinder Playground Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- Friday SPA Day

from the principal



Calling all Volunteers!

It's that time of year again, when the Whitney staff want to show their

appreciation to all of the volunteers that have helped us make the year run smoothly by hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

All volunteers are welcome, whether you helped out on a class trip, coached a basketball game or helped organize Scholastics in the classroom.

Please join us on **Thursday June 11th** at 8:15am out in the kindergarten playground and let us show you our appreciation and our thanks for making this year so successful!

See you there!

The Whitney Staff

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 <u>allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca</u> in your smartphone and email Allison in the office for any of your Whitney School needs.



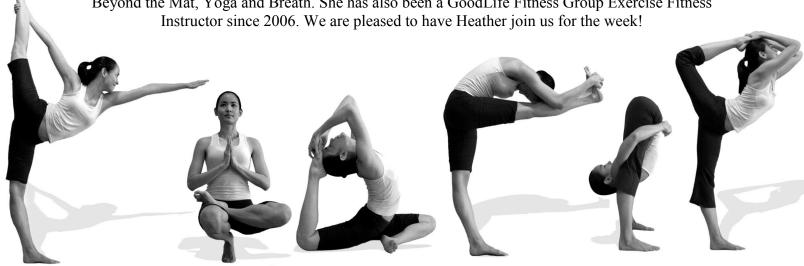
I just wanted to mention that the community left the school yard amazingly clean after the fireworks on Victoria Day.

This is the best I have ever seen it after fireworks! I didn't think any had been done but a mother told me that they had. A full clean-up was done afterwards and they even took away the used fireworks.

Thanks, Roddy

Yoga Instruction @ Whitney

We are very excited to offer a yoga program for all students next week during P.E. classes along with Mr. Wittenberg. **Heather Salluada** is a TDSB teacher and has taught P.E. for 5 years. As well, she is certified by Les Mills Bodyflow (tai chi, pilates, yoga), les Mills Bodyump certified and has attended many workshops including Misti Tripoli GROOVE, Meditation, Tai Chi, Yoga Beyond the Mat, Yoga and Breath. She has also been a GoodLife Fitness Group Exercise Fitness Instructor since 2006. We are pleased to have Heather join us for the week!



Rail Safety First Town Hall

Wednesday, 27 May 2015 7 to 8:30 PM

Train derailments involving dangerous goods have become extremely frequent in North America making headlines on an almost monthly basis. Millions of Canadians live, work or attend school within the 1km radius "blast zone". We need to act before the next derailment causes serious loss of life and devastating damage to our environment.

Rail Safety First invites you to attend this very important Town Hall to discuss rail safety and the need for increased government regulation to protect Canadians. For more details and to RSVP please click here http://www.railsafetyfirst.com/attendthetownhall/



Grade 4/5 Ultimate Frisbee

Congratulations to the members of the grade 4/5 ultimate team on their most outstanding season. The boys and girls on the team played a one day tournament last Friday, and came out ready to play! They started with a 13-3 victory over Dundas, but then had to play again right away against Deer Park. The Whitney crew found themselves losing at halftime, and a bit dejected following such an impressive opening game. The boys and girls regrouped though, ran on the field with great enthusiasm, and came out throwing brilliant backhands, formidable flicks and made some crazy catches, knocking off Deer Park 7-5. They then had a bit of a break before beating Davisville 10-1.

As tournament champs, the team had the opportunity to travel to Riverdale Park to play in the grade 4/5 south conference semi finals. Whitney was pitted against Hawthorne (a team that has had our number in soccer and volleyball this year!), and our 14 students didn't disappoint. Whitney jumped all over Hawthorne, and had the other team wondering if we actually had all 14 players on the field at once. At the end of the semi final, Whitney had won 13-2. This put the team into the South Conference Finals against a very strong team from Chester. This game did not start out as planned, as Chester quickly went up 2-0, and we were left wondering if we could really play with this team. By halftime, Whitney had brought the game level to 4-4, and the kids knew they had 20 minutes to demonstrate their incredible skills. Following a brief halftime talk, the Wildcat crew ran onto the field ready

to show Chester who was boss...and did they ever! Our Wildcats were flying all around the field, playing dominating defense and outrageous offense, winning the second half 6-0, earning the Conference Championship banner with a 10-4 victory! Congratulations to all 14 members of the team on an amazing season!

Thank you to all of the parents who supported the team throughout the season!

Track and Field

Last week I forgot to add Naomi to the list of incredible athletes we had competing at the track and field meet on May 12th. Congratulation to **Naomi** on finishing 8th in grade 6 girls shot put!

