

Whitney Word

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school dates for june

- 9** Tuesday
Track and Field City Finals
- 10** Wednesday
Freezie Sale—Grade 6 Fundraiser
- 11** Thursday, 8:15am, Kinder Playground
Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- 11** Thursday, 8:30-11:30am
Bike Rodeo, Grades 1-3
- 12** Friday
SPA Day
- 12** Friday, pm
Visiting Author Michael Wade, Grades 3-6



from the principal

This Friday, let's celebrate with everything that's great about Whitney P.S. Show your Whitney spirit by wearing blue and yellow! We will be handing out "integrity" certificates! Our peer mentors and SK students will be presenting our final theme of the school year, "**Perseverance!**"

Do's and Don'ts

Sunscreens & Sunburns

The sun is high in the sky and we're looking at some hot and sunny weather over the next three weeks! June is a time when the school heats up and students spend more time outside to cool off, so we're asking parents to please send students to school **with sunscreen on**. Also, we are asking parents to keep sunscreen in your child's back-pack so they can apply a second layer, if needed throughout the day. Thank you!



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.



your school council

Whitney School Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2015
6:30-7:30 pm, Library

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AGENDA

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to Approve Past Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs' Report

Principal's Report

Treasurer's Report

Proposed School Budget for 2015/2016

Motion to Approve 2015/2016 Budget

Special Spending Vote

2015/2016 Council Executive Slate

Motion to Elect 2014/2015 Council Executive

Other Business

Motion to Adjourn



[Notice of Motions 1-3 and Proxy Vote Form](#)



[Council Meeting Minutes Feb 18, 2015](#)

2014/15 spending

A general meeting of the Whitney School Council (the "Council") has been called for Tuesday, June 16, 2015, in the Whitney Library, at which time three (3) motions will be proposed with respect to spending a portion of the excess funds the Council currently has in its bank account. Parents and teachers are invited to vote in person or to send in a vote by proxy (appended).

Current Financial Position

We are in the position of having \$22,400 of excess funds above what is required to fund the remainder of the Council's 2014/2015 operating costs.

Also, historically, the Council has started each school year with at least 100% of funding in place for the budget at hand. In the 2014/2015 school year, we raised net revenue of approximately \$61,000 and expect to generate a further \$8,000 from Pizza Lunches, for a total of \$69,000, which will fully fund the upcoming 2015/2016 school year's anticipated operating budget.

Spending motions

teacher resource request (three motions)

Principal Stern initiated a consultative process with Whitney teachers and staff, culling a comprehensive list of items geared towards enhancing the educational experience for all students.

A formal Teacher Resource Request was then submitted to WSC and summarized as follows:

Technology – 3 refurbished computers, 29 memory upgrades, 7 computer monitors; gym sound system; 10 Apple mini iPads & protective cases	\$ 9,000
Furniture and Fixtures – 100 assembly chairs	\$ 2,200
Literacy – Leveled Readers & other literacy/social studies enhancement materials	\$ 3,000
Total (including all taxes)	\$14,200

teacher resource request descriptions

Please see below for additional details on the Teacher Resource Request Motions.

We look forward to seeing you on

June 16 or receiving your proxy by 1pm on June 16, 2015.

Whitney School Council

1

Technology

Total Cost: **\$9,000**

A. Computers and computer monitors (Estimated Cost: \$2,400). Purpose: To purchase 3 refurbished computers to replace older Dell 520 computers, upgrade 29 computers with 2gb of data (making them windows 7 compatible), and purchase 7 classroom monitors.

B. School Sound System (Estimated Cost: Up to \$3,400). Purpose: To purchase a new sound system for the gym that could replace the aging microphone and sound system. It will be used for assemblies, presentations, SPA days and school wide performances, including the Holiday Concert, Talent Show and after four drama performances. Currently, the Council rents sound system for the Holiday Concert and Talent Show at a cost of \$400 - \$500 per rental. Purchasing an updated sound system is a more cost-effective solution in the long run.

C. 10 Mini iPads and protective cases (Estimated Cost: \$3,200). Purpose: To build on our initial investment in Apple iPads, to purchase 10 min iPads for in-classroom academic support and enhancement, student documentation & assessment. These would be charged by our October 2014 investment in an iPad charging and syncing cart capable of charging up to 30 iPads/mini iPads. This investment brings our total number of iPads & mini iPads up to 26.

2

Furniture and Fixtures – Assembly Chairs

Total Cost: **\$2,200.**

Purpose: To purchase 100 stackable assembly chairs to replace our older and mix-matched chairs for school performances. Acquiring these chairs will benefit the school, in that we will not have to remove chairs from classrooms for any whole school performances as the new chairs will remain the gym area under the stage (cost \$22 including tax per chair)

3

Literacy – Leveled Readers & other literacy/social studies enhancement materials

Total Cost: **Up to \$3,000.**

Purpose: To enhance and enrich our library of leveled primary readers as well as the social studies inquiry based curriculum.

"And then it happened" is coming to Whitney!

Next Friday afternoon, Michael Wade is coming to Whitney to do 2 workshops with students in Grades 3 to 6. He is offering signed copies of his books for a substantial discount! All students in Grades 3 to 6 have been given order slips to fill out if they wish to purchase books. As we are such good readers, and may well purchase a lot, it would be great to have the orders by Monday or Tuesday at the latest so he can have an idea of how much to bring. Please have your child bring in the form and a cheque (payable to Books for Boys Inc.) or cash to Mrs. Roberts.



"Slow Down Kids at Play" lawn signs will be available across from the office on a first come, first served basis for \$5.00. Please drop your money off with Allison.

The Grade 6 class is holding their final fundraising event for their graduation party. It's a FREEZIE sale!! Jumbo size freezies to be sold at afternoon recess next **Wednesday June 10th**. \$2 each!! Get 'em while they last!



Amani

Room 308 and the Amani Children's Home



The Amani Children's Home is in Moshi, Tanzania. Amani, which means 'peace' in Swahili was founded by Tanzanians and over the past decade has rescued hundreds of children from the perils of life on the streets. Children are driven away or leave their homes for a combination of factors including poverty, abuse, neglect, and family crisis often brought about due to illnesses such as HIV/Aids. As we at Whitney can only imagine, once on the streets, children face many dangers including hunger, exploitation and often become addicted to sniffing glue and petrol. Amani provides healthy food, education, counselling and medical care for every street child who turns to help from the Amani Home. When possible, children are reunified with families.

For the past number of years, I have been involved in different ways with the Amani Children's Home. This involvement has included fund raising with my students and having a past director of the Home visit in my classroom. This year we had a party to celebrate our fund raising efforts. My students have also corresponded as pen pals with the children at the Amani Home. There is always huge excitement in the classroom when the letters and art pieces arrive at Whitney, some of them in Swahili, some translated into English by the teachers at Amani. Here are a few comments about our Amani pen pal friends by Jaqueline, Nicole and Carmen.

While Whitney's involvement with Amani has always been a worthwhile cause, this year there is a special reason to fund raise as a grade five student, Nate (and his family, including Henry (gr 3) and Sadie (gr 7), will be visiting the Amani Children's Home this month during a family trip to Africa. Nate and his family will spend time at the Home where they will meet some of the kids and the staff and also give them our donation. The family has already pledged a most generous amount towards our fund raising efforts in addition to what our class raised.

Here is a comment from Nate about our party:

"Room 308 had a party for the Amani Children's Home. Ms. Mandel and many parents provided treats and pizza and we all brought in some money. We raised over \$1000! This amount can provide desks and chairs for one classroom at Amani. At the party we had 'a guess the number of jellybeans contest', a quiz about Africa and extended recess. Prizes were given out such as \$20 iTunes card and \$5 gift cards to Scoops!"

"When I get a letter and drawings from my friend at the Amani Children's Home, I feel happy that these children are trying so hard and taking time to write letters to us all the way from Africa."

"The children at Amani are very good artists. They send us pictures of lions, giraffes and other wild life and also Mount Kilimanjaro."

"The kids at Amani send us words in both English and Swahili and they are good teachers. I have learned that 'Jambo' means hello and 'Karibu' means welcome."

You can find out more about the Amani Children's Home at amanikids.org.

Carole Mandel

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Track and Field

Congratulations to the 11 Whitney students who competed at the South Conference Finals on a sunny Tuesday at Birchmount Stadium. The stands were packed, the crowds were excited and boisterous, and our athletes didn't disappoint! Here are some of the incredible results from our boys and girls:

Beate - 1st in 80m dash and 6th in 60m hurdles

Sam - 1st in 800m

Russell - 7th in 200m

Noah - 8th in 800m and 9th in running long jump

Jaqueline - 8th in shot put

Lily - 8th in standing long jump

Charlie - 12th in 1500m

Robbie - 14th in 400m

Avery, Beate, Mackenzie and Sophie - 12th in 4x100m relay

Good luck to **Beate and Sam** who will be competing at the city championships on Tuesday June 9th at Birchmount Stadium!!

Grade 4/5 Ultimate Frisbee

Good luck to the members of the grade 4/5 and 6 ultimate frisbee teams who will be going into battle against their parents next week. The 4/5s will play on Wednesday June 10th (first pull at 3:45). The 6s will play on Thursday June 11th (first pull at 3:45). Both games will take place at Rosedale Park.

One request....

To the boys and girls on the two teams, please take it easy on the parents!!

