

Whitney Word

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school dates for june

- 22** Monday
Play Day FREE BBQ Lunch for staff & students!
- 23** Tuesday, 1pm
Awards Assembly (all grades)
- 23** Tuesday, 2pm
Graduation Rehearsal
- 24** Wednesday, 5:30pm
Graduation Ceremony
- 25** Thursday
Last Day of School

from the principal



Have a Wonderful Summer!

To all our students, families and the staff at Whitney P.S., I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer vacation. I hope you are able to spend time with friends and family and perhaps do some reading, travelling or pursue some interest or passion.

Best wishes to all our graduates and to those students who will not be returning to Whitney in September. I wish you all much success and look forward to hearing about your future accomplishments.

Please make sure you are sun safe, street smart and water wise! Rest, relax, have fun and return to us safely on Tuesday September 8th!

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.

Farewell

...& THANK YOU

Carole Mandel

After many years at Whitney P.S., Carole Mandel is retiring. Ms. Mandel has worked in room 308 teaching all grades 1 through 6. She has been very involved in projects around outreach and social justice and has created a focus centred on Boys Literacy. She has brought to Whitney many outstanding visiting authors including Robert Munsch and Dennis Lee. As well, Ms. Mandel has been instrumental in infusing and leading the arts at Whitney. Among her many contributions to the school, the many painted murals you see around the building have been under her guidance and inspiration. We are very happy for Ms. Mandel in her decision to retire from teaching and we wish her all the best! Congratulations!!



I will be retiring at the end of the month after many years of teaching at Whitney. I have loved being a teacher at Whitney. It has been a privilege to teach such wonderful children and to get to know their equally wonderful families. Whatever I have been able to give to the Whitney community, it has been given back to me and then some. It is very, very difficult for me to say good bye, especially to my current group of caring and enthusiastic students. I extend a special thanks to the Whitney School Council for funding programs I have been fortunate to initiate and which are very dear to my heart including the visiting artists program and the grade six legacy project. Thank you to all, including colleagues past and present, for the support and encouragement over the years.

Carole Mandel

“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.”

Malala Yousafzai

Editor's Note:

Dear Parents and Staff,

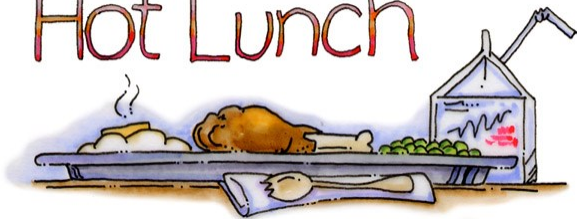
As Editor of the Whitney Word for the past six years I have received many kind comments from parents and staff about this weekly newsletter. But I do not work alone. I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with **Mary Ann Roberts** since the very beginning of my tenure as editor, leaning on her as my staff liaison, editor, trouble-shooter, advisor and “web guru”. Every newsletter and attachment was uploaded and managed by Mary Ann, regardless of the time of night or day of the week (too often on a weekend!). I will be forever grateful for her support, encouragement and sense of humour. Thank you, Mary Ann, for being my partner for the past six years—you will be missed.

Martha

Welcome

Please join me in welcoming **Anne Werbitsky** to Whitney P.S. as our half time music teacher! Ms. Werbitsky comes to us from Nelson Mandela Park where she has been teaching music to students in grades JK-6 for over 10 years. She also has many other years of teaching music...band, strings and vocal to JK-8 students in various schools across the TDSB. Ms. Werbitsky has her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music as well as her honours Specialist Qualifications in Music. We are very excited to have Ms. Werbitsky join the Whitney team in September 2015!

Hot Lunch



The owner of La Recolte Catering, who has been providing the food for our hot lunch program, is retiring after almost 50 years in the food service industry. Tricia Tait of The Lunch Mom has decided to open a new kitchen in Leaside and will provide the meals for our program. This kitchen will be 100% nut and seed free, and will be staffed with chefs and kitchen staff that hold the City of Toronto's Food Handler Certificate. There will be new servers at the school. The menu will remain very similar to what the students have been eating. The Lunch Mom will also have cake/cupcake delivery options for the next school year for children's birthdays. I will visit the new kitchen facilities this summer. We welcome parents to come and check out the kitchen in the Fall. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tricia at tricia@thelunchmom.com.

Forms will be handed out the first day of school. Hot lunch service starts September 14.
Have a great summer!

Carmen Tang



Mathletics Reminder

Students do have continued access over the summer months. The teachers can either open up all activities from the course just completed, to act as a revision over the summer months. All students will be "rolled over" to their new grade level at the end of August.



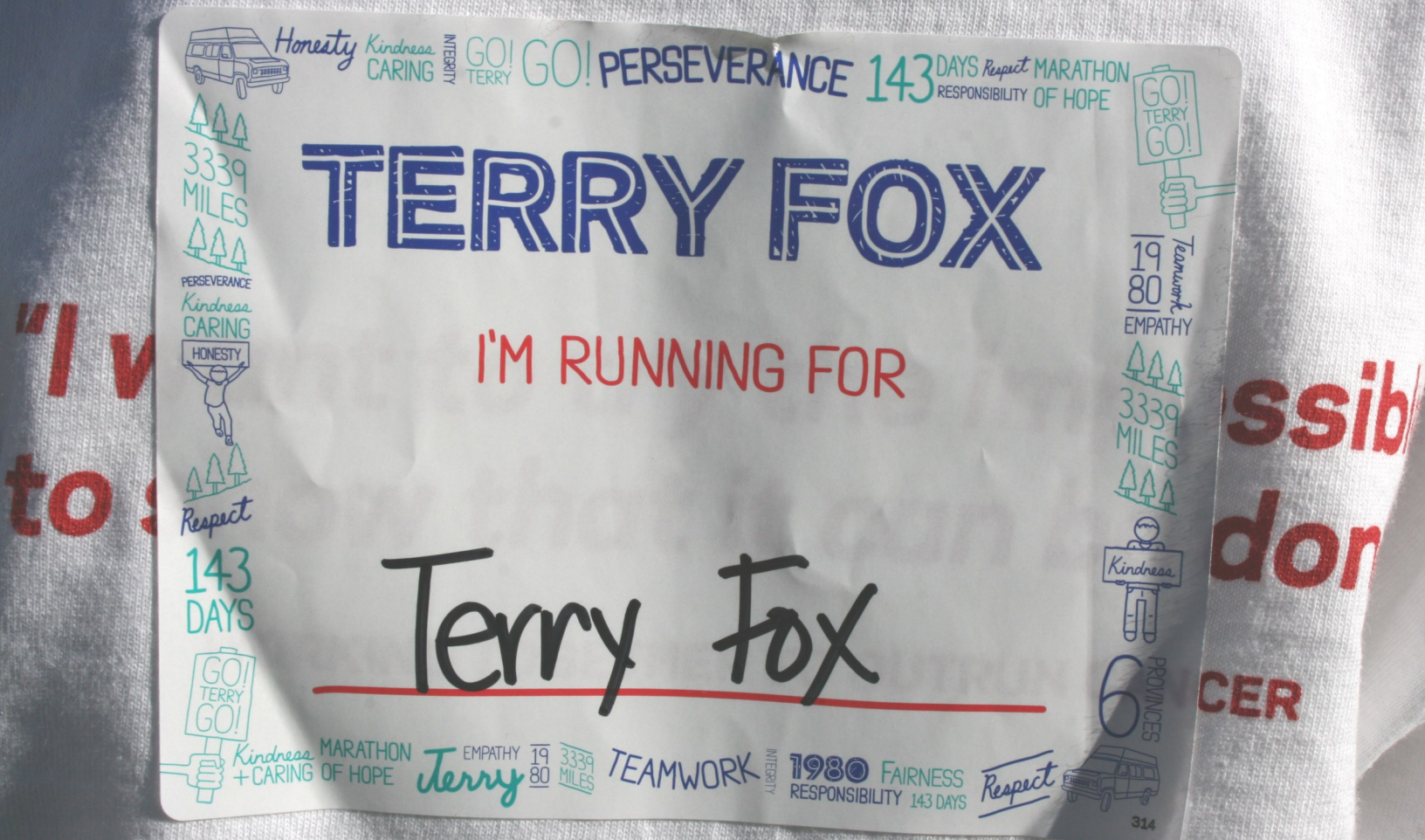
Reminder: Check It!



Yearbook Update

It came to our attention that the yearbooks distributed earlier this week were not the final version. Our printer is currently reprinting all the yearbooks and we will be distributing the "new and improved" version next week and students are welcome to keep the yearbook they already received.

If your child is away when the yearbooks arrive next week, we will keep them in the office for you to pick up when school starts again in September.



ANNOUNCING THE WHITNEY P.S. TERRY FOX RUN 2015

Dear Whitney Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers,

The date of the much anticipated Terry Fox Run has been finalized for September. As it is happening so close to the beginning of the school year, we are hoping to begin recruiting volunteers now. Volunteering for the run is great fun-adults are asked to take designated spots along the route, assist students in walking/running safely on the sidewalks and when crossing streets, and of course, cheer the students on.

Volunteers are required to take their designated spots immediately after morning drop off and remain in their spots until the last runner is accounted for (usually by 11 am). It is preferable that volunteers be able to make the rain date (if it becomes necessary to postpone the run).

Lastly, if anyone is interested in helping sell Terry Fox T-shirts on a few designated days prior to the run before or after school, that would be wonderful.

Please email [me](#) if you can help out and mark your calendars now. Without all our keen volunteers, the run would not be possible.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Shelley Moretti and Mrs. Allen



**SAVE THE DATE:
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24
(MORNING)**

**RAINDATE: SEPTEMBER 25
(MORNING)**

wittenberg's wall

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THANK YOU!

I simply cannot believe the end of the year is already here. It has been an action packed year with so many incredible memories. First, I would like to give a big thank you to Martha who has been amazing all year long putting together my weekly news on Wittenberg's Wall. I know without this publication, so many students would not know where to be and at what time (it's a great reminder for me too!).

Next I would like to thank all of the families who have supported our many student athletes this year. Whether you were driving to and from the games or practices, bringing snacks to the games, or just waking up your child to get them to tryouts and practices, it is greatly appreciated.

Finally I would like to thank all of the students who came out for any of the school teams this year. Without your hard work and dedication (not to mention willingness to wake up at absurd hours of the morning), not one of the teams would have happened this year. To the grade 6s, good luck in grade 7 and please make sure to keep on trying out for teams, and to let me know how it's going!

I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer and let's hit the ground running in September!

Cheers...Asher

