

# Whitney Word

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## school dates for february

- 22** Monday, 8am  
**Choir Practice**
- 23** Tuesday  
**Whitney Choir Performs at City Hall**
- 23** Tuesday, 6:30-7:30pm, Library  
**Whitney School Council General Meeting**
- 24** Wednesday  
**Pink Shirt Day**
- 26** Friday, 9am & 10:30am  
**John Dunn: Explorer, Photographer, Lecturer**

## school dates for march

- 2** Wednesday, Young People's Theatre  
**"Good Night Moon" - JK/SK**
- 4** Friday, 10:30am  
**SPA Day, Theme: Honesty**
- 14** Monday  
**March Break Starts**
- 21** Monday  
**School Returns**

### leaving early/returning late?

If your children are leaving early for the March Break or not returning to school by Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>, we ask that you send a note or email to Allison to let us know. Thank you for your cooperation as this helps us out with our automated safe arrival program!

## from the principal



### In Memory

It is with a profound sense of loss that we have learned of the passing of Trustee Sheila Ward. Sheila was a tireless advocate for the Whitney community and public education in general in the City of Toronto. She has been a School Trustee for more

than 20 years and has represented Toronto Centre Rosedale since 1997. She also served as Chair of the Board between 2003 and 2007.

On behalf of all the Whitney staff, our thoughts are with Sheila's family and friends at this time. In the days and weeks ahead, the TDSB will be looking at how best to celebrate Sheila's life.

**Debbie Stern**

Want to report a student absence? Email the school before 9am at [whitney@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:whitney@tdsb.on.ca).

Need to know a deadline? Lost 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 home and email program.

# Whitney School Council General Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2016  
6:30-7:30pm in the 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, held four times during the school year. Class Parents serve as a vital conduit of news and information for many Whitney parents. The attendance of a representative from every class in the school will benefit the parent community as a whole.

## Meric Koksai and Marcia Moffat

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WSC November 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes



WSC Budget 2015-16



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### Executive Slate

**Co-Chairs:** Meric Koksai & Marcia Moffat  
**Vice Chairs:** Vicky Resznetnik, Jill Spidle & Jane Vokes  
**Treasurer:** Elizabeth Knox  
**Co-Secretaries:** Ashley Rutledge & Alexis Wise  
**Whitney Word Editor:** Martha McClew  
**Technology Chairs:** Andrew Pollock & Paul Pelton  
**General Liaisons:**  
Lisa Clark, Grace Asemota & Mistine Lauzon  
**Principal:** Deborah Stern

# DRAFT Agenda

Welcome *Marcia Moffat*

Motions to Approve Agenda  
& Past Meeting Minutes (November 24 2015) *Marcia Moffat*

Treasurer's Report  
YTD 2015/2016 Income Statement and Financial Position  
*Elizabeth Knox*

Proposed Addition to Executive Slate for 2015/2016  
and Motion to Approve  
*Marcia Moffat*

Chairs' Report  
*Meric Koksai and Marcia Moffat*

Principal's Report  
*Deborah Stern*

Other Business

Motion to Adjourn  
*Marcia Moffat and Meric Koksai*

## Whitney & Nelson Mandela Park Choirs Sing Together

In celebration and recognition of the achievements and contributions of African-Canadians, Mayor John Tory has invited various student groups to his 1<sup>st</sup> Annual City Hall Black History Month celebration.

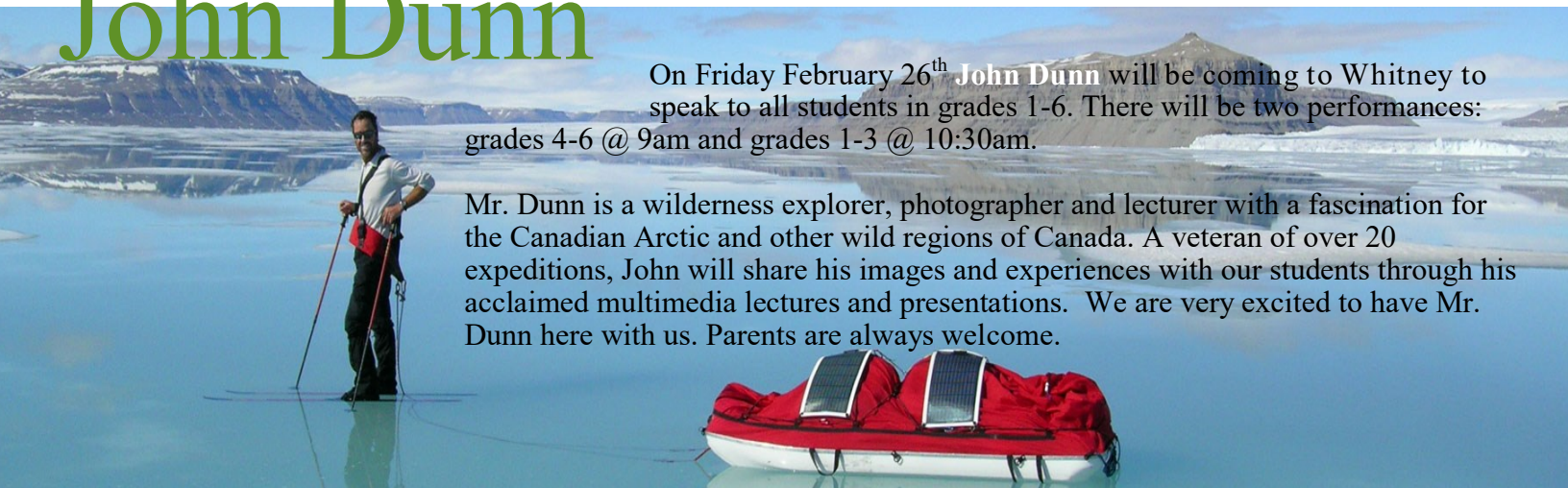
On Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am, the Whitney P.S. choir will head down to City Hall and sing alongside the Nelson Mandela Park P.S. choir in celebration of Black History month. **Ms. Anne Werbitsky** will be accompanying these two choir groups for the morning. We are very excited to be a part of such a wonderful event!



## John Dunn

On Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> **John Dunn** will be coming to Whitney to speak to all students in grades 1-6. There will be two performances: grades 4-6 @ 9am and grades 1-3 @ 10:30am.

Mr. Dunn is a wilderness explorer, photographer and lecturer with a fascination for the Canadian Arctic and other wild regions of Canada. A veteran of over 20 expeditions, John will share his images and experiences with our students through his acclaimed multimedia lectures and presentations. We are very excited to have Mr. Dunn here with us. Parents are always welcome.



### Valentine's Staff Appreciation Lunch

THANK  YOU

On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for the wonderful staff appreciation lunch last Thursday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> — made for a “sweetheart” of a day! The salads and sandwiches were outstanding! Special thanks to the Whitney School Council Executive for their organizational acumen. The staff truly appreciate all that our parents do!!

**NOTHING IS  
REALLY LOST  
UNTIL YOUR MOM  
CAN'T FIND IT.**

Please take a look at our lost and found on the 2nd floor tables and claim any items that include clothing, boots, shoes and lunch bags. Students will be reminded to take home items (especially lunch bags) over the next week. Any unclaimed items will be packed up on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> and donated.

HELP US END BULLYING ON FEB.24TH

**KINDNESS** IS ONE SIZE *Fits All*

**#PINKSHIRTDAY**

Our school will participate in Pink Shirt Day, a bullying prevention initiative, on **Wednesday, February 24th**. We are encouraging all our students to show their support for this movement and celebrate diversity by wearing pink. Together, as a school and community we have the power to unite against bullying.

Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when two Grade 12 students at a Nova Scotia school saw a younger student bullied for wearing a pink shirt. The student was teased and called homophobic slurs. The Grade 12 students intervened but wanted to do more, so they bought pink shirts, and so did two of their friends and two of their friends. A few days later, just about everyone at the school showed up wearing pink.

**Stand up against bullying, and if you'd like wear a pink shirt on Wednesday!**

# GOODNIGHT MOON

On Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, all of our JK/SK students will be heading down to the Young People's Theatre for an exciting performance of "Goodnight Moon". One of the best ways for children to feel cherished and loved is to cozy up with a classic story! The Great Green

Room appears before your eyes in this delightful family musical that stays true to the beloved book. Children and families can enjoy the surprise and joy of Bunny's imaginative detours on the way to dreamland. This magical musical is packed full of singing and dancing!

Join Bunny in the fun of jumping cows, dancing bears and the Cat and the Fiddle, in a room where every corner springs to animated life! Goodnight Moon is a truly timeless theatre experience everyone will enjoy.



# Gregg LeRock

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## “C’est super bon!”

On Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Junior classes went to see **Gregg LeRock** in concert with their teachers. Everybody had a rocking time! Gregg LeRock, a former teacher himself, sang through a set of songs about perseverance, being responsible, and his hero Terry Fox, all in catchy, French verse! The students were already familiar with several of his songs, and got to hear some new ones.

Gregg LeRock’s concert was like being at an actual rock concert – it was high energy, loud and engaging! Everybody got to get up out of their seats and participate, and many students got to sing and dance on stage along with Gregg. It was a unique experience that the students won’t soon to forget!

*Today my class went on a field trip. When I say” field trip“ I don’t just mean a nice trip to the zoo, I mean a concert. Electric guitars, drums and everything. It was really fun . The concert was by a guy named Gregg LeRock. I thought it was very fun and loud. We all squished into the Randolf Theater and danced and sang along to his songs. We knew some of his songs from French class, but some were very new. I thought it was a great experience because I had never been to a concert as a field trip before.*

*My favourite part of the trip was when he brought up some kids to dance on stage. I thought it was funny even though I wasn’t picked. He sang lots of songs and I was surprised how good he was live on stage. My favourite song he sang was a song called “Terry Fox”. This was a song we had already known. I think this field trip was really fun and I hope maybe we can learn some new Gregg LeRock songs in class.*

**By Beats T., Room 307**

As a gift to all our grade 6 peer mentors, we purchased these beautiful peer mentor hats...cozy and warm for winter! Thank you for all you do!

**Ms. Stern, Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Wittenberg,  
Mr. Conway, Ms. McGee  
and Ms. Miller**



# wittenberg's wall

sports. house leagues. wildcats



## Girls Volleyball (Grade 4/5)

Congratulations to the members of the girls grade 4/5 volleyball team on an amazing season. The girls traveled to Balmy Beach PS to play in a half day tournament against Norway, Balmy Beach and Adam Beck. The girls started the tournament a little nervous, but quickly got their groove on, hitting some amazing serves, diving after shots, volleying the ball into open spaces, and even using their heads to bump it back to their opponents! Team Canada was scouting our girls and were incredibly impressed with what they saw! At the end of the three matches, the girls finished in 2nd place and advanced to the conference quarter finals.



On Wednesday afternoon, the girls made their way to Chester PS to open up the playoffs. Unfortunately the bounces did not go Whitney's way in the quarter final round, but the girls kept their heads up high, and everyone was very proud of their outstanding accomplishments from the past season. Way to go girls!

## Coed Volleyball (Grades 4/5/6)

Once again, Whitney will be putting together a coed volleyball team. Tryouts will take place on Monday and Thursday after school. Tryouts are open to any boy or girl in grade 4, 5 or 6.

## Whitney Wildcat Hockey

Congratulations to the members of the Whitney hockey team on finishing up a perfect regular season. The boys and girls played their final game against Oriole, and won 8-4. The team is now moving into the playoffs, with a first round game against Balmy Beach. Good luck!



# at a glance

# two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

## Monday 22—Friday 26

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
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## Monday 29 — Friday 4

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