

# Whitney Word



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### 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!

## school dates for march

- 14** Monday  
**March Break Starts**
- 21** Monday  
**School Returns**
- 29** Tuesday  
**Battle of the Book Starts**

## school dates for april

- 4** Monday, 8am  
**Choir Practice**
- 12** Tuesday, 7pm  
**Presentation: Concussions with Dr. C Tator**
- 21** Thursday 7pm  
**Whitney Talent Show (Grade 4/5/6)**

## school dates for may

- 5** Thursday May 5, 7pm  
**The Main Event, Toronto Lawn**

from the principal

## Happy March Break



On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all families in the Whitney community a happy and safe holiday!

The March Break runs from **Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will see everyone back on **Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>**.

If your child will not be returning on the first day back following the break and you have not already done so, please email [Allison](mailto:allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca) in the office at to let her know your plans.

**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.

A graphic for 'Battle of the Books' featuring two red boxing gloves on either side of a central stack of colorful books. The title 'Battle of the Books' is written in large, white, bubbly letters with a green outline, positioned over the books.

# Battle of the Books

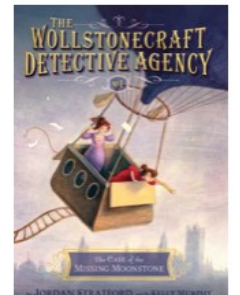
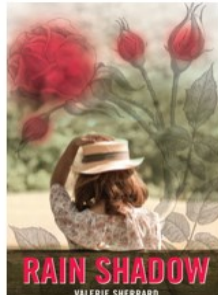
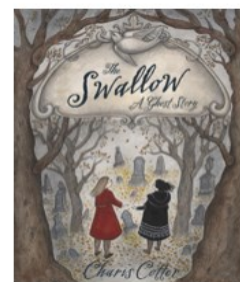
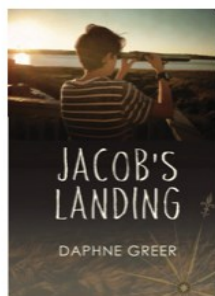
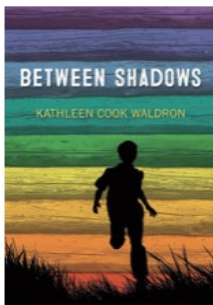
Battle of the Books is an enrichment book competition for kids in grades 4-6. Children who are interested in participating form teams of 4 and, amongst their team, read 10 Silver Birch fiction books (see titles below). A set of these books will be available in each junior classroom in addition to the library, which will have 2 copies.

Starting **March 29th**, teams compete against each other in a 'game show' format answering factual questions about the books. Our wonderful parent volunteers are reading the books and compiling lists of questions for each book. i.e. What grade was Harry Potter in when he arrived at Hogwarts? The 'battles' generally take place in the mornings before school at 8:00 a.m. (in the library, computer room and French room) and will run for approximately two weeks ending with a final 'BATTLE' assembly between the top two teams.

Parents, please encourage your Grade 4/5/6 kids to participate in this year's Battle of the Books. The battles are lots of fun and the benefits are many • the momentum created by reading (up to) ten books encourages further reading • encourages 'book talk' amongst friends - imagine! • encourages deeper reading of books • opportunity to have fun with friends around books!

Note: In case there are some keen Grade 3 students who want to get ready for next year - another list of books has been created called the Silver Birch [Express](#). This list is a combination of fiction and nonfiction, aimed at Grade 3-4 reading level.

Parents can also contact [Kathy Clarke](#) if they have any questions.



**Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**7pm**

**Whitney Jr. Public School**  
119 Rosedale Heights Dr.

**RSVP**  
**whitney@tdsb.on.ca**

## **What Every Parent Should Know about Concussions** **The Importance of School Based Programs for Concussion Education,** **Management and Prevention**

Many children and adolescents sustain concussions, and schools are now taking steps to educate students and their parents about concussion management and prevention. Fortunately, with good management most students respond well. This talk will cover the essentials of diagnosis and treatment of concussions and provide tips about prevention.

**A small donation to Parachute Canada would be greatly appreciated [www.parachutecanada.org](http://www.parachutecanada.org)**

### **Dr. Charles H Tator, PhD, MD**

Since the early 1970s, Dr. Charles Tator has had a resounding impact on spinal cord injury research, prevention and treatment, and on training our next generation of leading surgical scientists. An eminent scientist, neurosurgeon, professor and administrator, his laboratory was the first in Canada to study acute spinal cord injury from a basic science perspective. Dr. Tator's research transformed our world's understanding of spinal cord injury and, in 1978, he developed one of the first experimental models of spinal cord injury in small laboratory animals.

Dr. Charles Tator is currently the Project Director of the Canadian Sports Concussion Project at the Krembil Neuroscience Centre, Toronto Western Hospital. From 1983 to 1988, he was head of the neurosurgery division at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and served as director of the Toronto Hospital Neurosciences Centre. From 1990 to 1999, he was associate director of the Playfair Neuroscience Unit at the Toronto Hospital and he was chairman of the neurosurgery division at the University of Toronto from 1989 to 1999.

He founded Think First Canada/Penser d'Abord, an injury prevention foundation, and served as its president. In 2013, he published *Concussions and their consequences: current diagnosis, management and prevention*. Dr. Tator was named to the Order of Canada in 2000. He was named to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame in 2009 and in 2003 and he was inducted into the Terry Fox Hall of Fame.



## Kindergarten Volunteer

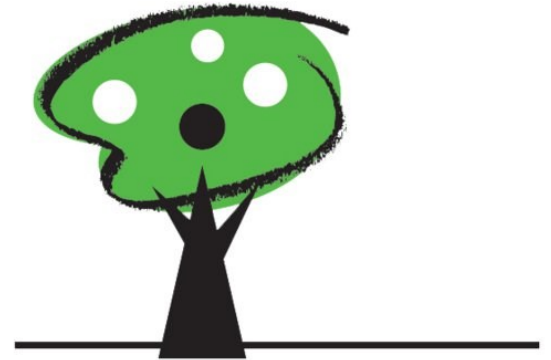
Please welcome our newest volunteer, Lynn Buckle to our kindergarten classrooms. Lynn is a semi-retired speech-language pathologist who worked for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. She has graciously offered to volunteer in our classrooms to work with both individual and small groups of students on their oral language and early literacy skills. Students who require either enrichment and or a boost with letter recognition and naming, letter sounds and sight words will enjoy and benefit from having Lynn in the classroom.

The Integra Program of the Child Development Institute, in partnership with the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, is presenting an online

workshop to help parents navigate the school system. The course is called **Partnering with Schools for Student Success**, and promotes a collaborative approach to advocacy, based on knowledge and understanding of both sides.

The course is moderated by Kate Cressman, Community Education and Engagement facilitator with the Integra Program of the Child Development Institute, and Diane Wagner, Public Policy & Education Consultant at LDAO.

This course may be of particular interest to families in service at Integra or on the waitlist for Integra services. Please see the information.



**INTEGRA**

Improving the Lives of Children & Youth with Learning Disabilities



Partnering with School Flyer  
attached flyer for more

## Whitney & Nelson Mandela Park Choirs @ City Hall





# WHITNEY BOOK SALE Coming Soon

Grade 6 Grad  
Fundraiser  
Book Sale  
Whitney  
Public School

**April  
11- 15**

Books for all  
ages can be  
purchased for  
\$1 during this  
exciting book  
sale event.  
Teachers will  
be taking their  
classes to the  
sale!

Details to  
follow.



## The Whitney Jr. P.S. Talent Show

Come one, come all! All Whitney parents are invited to the Whitney Jr. P.S. Talent Show on **Thursday April 21st** at 7pm where all students in grade 4, 5 & 6 have been invited to participate. At 9am on that same day, we will be having our dress rehearsal, where any parents and extended families who are unable to make the evening show are invited to attend.

After students have filled out their Audition Forms, Ms Werbitsky & Ms. Hall will set aside a time for a 'try out'. Some dancers, singers, comedians, guitarists, gymnasts & pianists have already auditioned, but we are hoping to see more acts in March & early April.

We hope that all parents will be able to come to our annual talent show on Thursday April 21st!



**Choir Notice:** Choir is cancelled March 21st & March 28th and will resume on Monday April 4th at 8am. Choir will be performing at the Whitney Jr. Talent Show on Thursday April 21st.

*save the date*

**WHITNEY  
MAIN  
EVENT**

***GUESS WHAT I AM?***

**20502160**

Phone number?  
Debbie's birthday?  
# of jelly beans you can fit in a car?



Nooooo...party of the year is around the corner!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE MAIN EVENT**

**Thursday May 5th, 2016  
The Toronto Lawn @ 7pm**

Stay tuned for more!  
We look forward to seeing you there!

The Whitney School Council

# wittenberg's wall

sports. house leagues. wildcats



## Whitney Wildcat Hockey

Congratulations to the 19 members of the Whitney hockey team on a most impressive season. Our mighty Wildcats had not been to the playoffs in many years, but this year's crew put on quite the show (nothing like the Maple Leafs!). After finishing first in their regular season pool, with a record of 4-0, our boys and girls hit the ice in the quarter finals against a great team from Balmy Beach. After a cautious first period, the score was tied 1-1. The parents in the stands and the coaches on the bench, when we took a tripping penalty early in the 2nd period...but this was the TSN turning point. Being down a player seemed only to open up the ice for our fearless skaters, as they scored an unprecedented 3 short handed goals! This broke the game wide open, and we won the game 12-2!!!

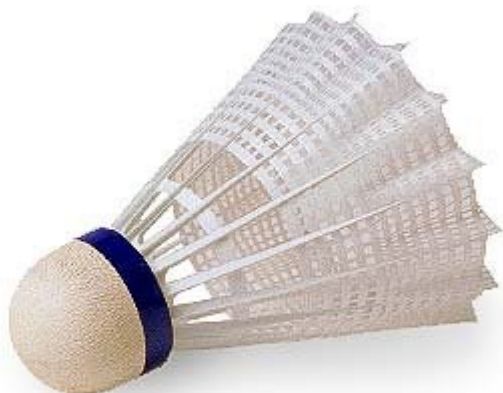
The team advanced to the conference semi finals for the first time since the early 2000s! This game was against a phenomenal team from Duke of Connaught. Unfortunately the bounces didn't go our way this game, despite the brilliant goal keeping from Wes.

Thank you to all of the families who supported the team throughout the season! Also, a big thank you to **Mr. Packham** for all of the great coaching he does!



## Drop-In Badminton

Starting on Monday morning, students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to come to the gym for drop in badminton. The doors will open at 7:30 a.m., and you can come play badminton for an hour. If you are a choir member, you are more than welcome to come from 7:30 - 8:00. See you on Monday!



# at a glance

# two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

## Monday 7—Friday 11

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>7:30</b> Drop in badminton  <b>3:20pm</b> Coed Volleyball (grade 4/5/6)	<b>7:30am</b> Grade 6 Badminton	<b>7:30am</b> Grade 4/5 Badminton	<b>7:30am</b> Grade 6 Badminton  <b>3:30pm</b> Coed Volleyball (grade 4/5/6)	<b>7:30am</b> Grade 4/5 Badminton

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