

# Whitney Word



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## school dates for **may**

- 17** Tuesday and Wednesday  
**Dental Screening**
- 19** Thursday, **1:45pm**, in the Schoolyard  
**School Panoramic Photo Day**
- 30** Monday  
**EQAO Starts for Grade 3 and Grade 6**



from the principal

summer attire

As the warmer weather approaches (we hope), we want to remind students and parents of appropriate dress at school. Although there is no particular dress code required, there are a few simple rules to ensure a safe, inclusive and respectful atmosphere. Running shoes and comfortable shorts are required for gym class. Hats may not be worn indoors except for religious or cultural headwear. Messages and images on t-shirts must be appropriate for school. Please keep the messages POSITIVE!

Midriffs and tummies should be covered and straps on tops must be at least two finger widths across with no bra straps visible. Very short shorts are not appropriate for school; please ensure that underwear is not visible.

**Debbie Stern**



## Dental Screening

Reminder: The dental screening will be May 17th and May 18th. If parents do not wish their child/ren to be screened, please email [Allison](mailto:Allison). If you have already emailed her, Allison has taken your name off the list— no need to email again.

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.

Dear Parents,

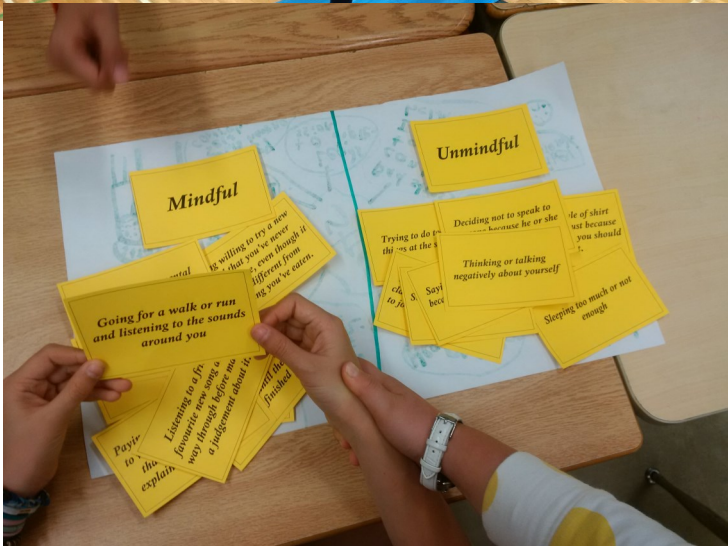
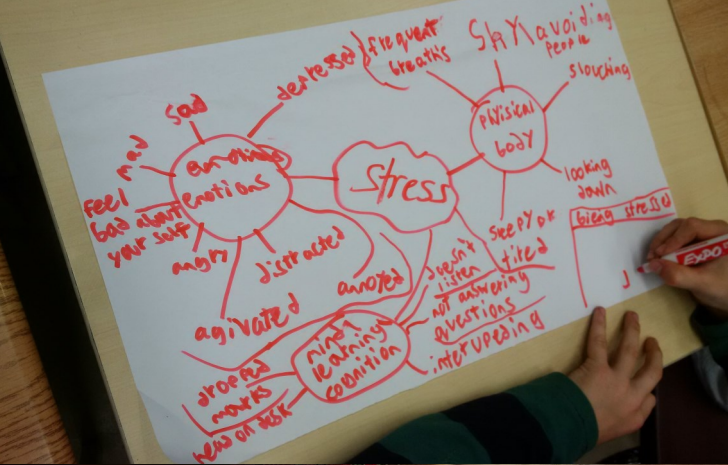
As you know, our fellow Canadians in the Fort McMurray area have been hard hit this past week. Our thoughts are with all of those affected by the wildfires, and we wanted to encourage the Whitney community to support the current emergency efforts and ongoing relief efforts that will be required in the next many months. The federal and Alberta governments are matching all donations to the Red Cross for the Fort McMurray relief efforts.

Donations can be made through this [link](#).

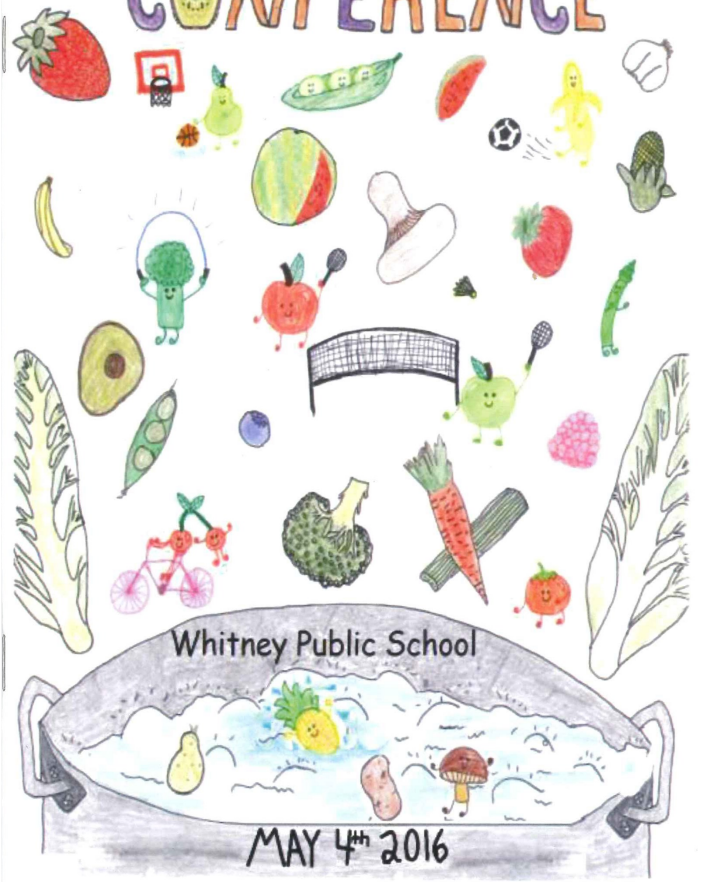
Sincerely,

**Debbie Stern and The Whitney School Council**





# HEALTHY LIVING CONFERENCE



On Wednesday May 4th, in recognition of Mental Health Week 2016, all Whitney students were involved in our first Healthy Living Conference! The conference ran for the full day for our grade 4-6 classes and during the morning only for our students in grades 1-3. We hosted workshops including yoga, nutrition, stress management, using drama in positive social interactions and much more! We also sent home a healthy living conference cookbook for all students to enjoy their teacher's favorite healthy recipes! A huge thank you to all our presenters, staff and parents for the healthy treats!

The student's feedback was very positive. Please see below for some of our grade 6 responses from the day!

"I learned that some things in drinks don't say all the ingredients; like they can just say "tea" and not caffeine but tea has caffeine in it too!"

"there are 2 things I will do to keep a healthy mind and body - like eating and drinking less sugar drinks."

"I learned that you should try to keep happy and hang out with happy people like your family and friends."

"I learned that if you are stressed out you can listen to calm music and just relax." "Always keep an open mind"

# Student Placement Process 2016-2017

Classes are organized for next year based on the staffing model for the school which was published in the April 22th edition of the Whitney Word. Once the transfer and hiring is completed, sending and receiving teachers will meet with me and we will organize classes according to several criteria: a balance of boys and girls, a balance of student's strengths and learning needs and keeping students who work well together and separating students whose working relationships are not as productive.

Students with special learning needs will also be considered in the placement process.

The placement process will be as follows:

If you, as a parent, feel that there is something about your child's strengths and needs that we don't already know about, please send a letter/email to myself or the teacher by Friday May 27th. What you tell me about your child will be taken into consideration during the placement process. Requests for specific teachers or straight versus combined classes cannot be accommodated.

Placement decisions will be final and parents will be notified in the end of year report card which will be sent home on Tuesday June 28.

Please note: Due to the uncertainty of class organization next year, student placements are subject to September actual enrolment/realignment.



## YARD ISSUE

We continue to have a very serious problem with dog feces on school property. Although there are many signs restricting dogs at any time on the weekend or weekdays, it is clear that many local residents are not following this rule. To make matters worse, some owners are allowing their dogs to poop on the property without the requisite clean-up afterwards. It is very frustrating that some people are not being responsible or respectful of the property, especially one that is the daytime home for hundreds of children every day.

Please help us by reminding any dog owners that you see during off-hours of the rule and the impact this behaviour can have on children's health.

**Main Event Donor**

Please be advised that **Felix Deak**, our itinerant music teacher will be taking a leave of absence from the TDSB as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. We thank Felix for all his efforts in working with our grade 5 students.

We are happy to announce that beginning on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> **Ian Guenther**, an experienced TDSB itinerant strings teacher, will be working with our students on Tuesdays and Fridays 12-12:45pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Debbie Stern**



Guitar and Bass Lessons  
Matt Finlayson

Teaching in Leaside, Rosedale and North Toronto area for over 30 years.  
Lessons given at 82 Forman Ave.

**416 254-8458**

Reference from Carmen Tang  
Whitney parent-416 697-2819

**Whitney Comes Together!**



# WHITNEY MAIN EVENT

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a super fun evening at the Toronto Lawn and Tennis Club on Thursday, May 5th!

We had great attendance as usual, including Whitney's teachers and staff joining in on the fun. It was wonderful to see parents and teachers across all grades. We hope you all enjoyed the new online bidding process!

Some terrific student and adult events still have spots available. Please see the attached list for details and reach out to us at [whitneyschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyschoolcouncil@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up.



Funds raised, along with the Annual Giving campaign, Pizza Lunches and Harvest Fest, enable us to continue supporting important educational enhancements Whitney students. We are still tallying the results from the Main Event and will report back on the net funds raised in the next Whitney Word.

Last, but not least, we would like extend a BIG THANKS to all our donors and volunteers. The Main Event would not be the success it is without your help and support year-after-year.

Thank you!  
**The Whitney School Council**

# wittenberg's wall

sports. house leagues. wildcats



## Track and Field

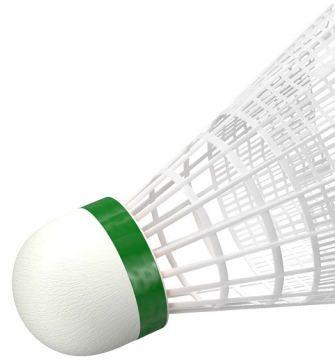
Track and field tryouts have come to a close. The students in grades 3-6 will be informed of the events they have qualified for, and training will start for the big meet on Friday May 20th. Please check the Weeks at a Glance to see when you will be practicing.

## Ultimate Frisbee

The ultimate frisbee teams have been hard at work, learning the intricacies of the game and getting in a lot of playing time. The grade 6 team has two games this week (Monday and Wednesday) and the grade 5s have their first game of the season on Wednesday. Good luck team!

## Grade 6 Badminton

Congratulations to the members of the grade 6 Whitney badminton team who made history last week. It was the first time ever that a grade 6 badminton team from Whitney advanced all the way to the conference finals! Despite coming up just a little short to a very strong team from Leslieville, it was an incredible season and all of the players should be extremely proud of their accomplishments.



## Girls Soccer

The girls soccer season got under way last week in a riveting game against Davisville. Both teams played extremely well, demonstrating excellent control, passing, speed and some 100 mile per hour shots! Thanks to some great goalkeeping from Ella, Whitney and Davisville finished the game with a 1-1 tie. Next week will be a busy one for the girls, as they hit field twice (Tuesday and Thursday) for games against Withrow and Frankland. Good luck girls!

## Boys Soccer

The boys have their first soccer game of the season on Tuesday after school against Ossington Old Orchard. The game will be played at Rosedale Park.



# at a glance

# two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

## Monday 9—Friday 13

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>11:30</b> Ultimate Practice (both teams @ Rosedale)</p> <p><b>3:30</b> Grade 6 Ultimate @ OOOPS</p>	<p><b>7:30</b> Boys and Girls Soccer Practice @ Rosedale</p> <p><b>10:05</b> 400m and 800m Practice</p> <p><b>1:55</b> Jumping Practice (Standing, Running, Triple)</p> <p><b>3:45</b> Girls Soccer vs. Withrow @ Riverdale</p> <p><b>3:45</b> Boys Soccer vs. OOOPS @ Rosedale</p>	<p><b>7:45</b> Relay Practice</p> <p><b>10:05</b> 100m and 200m Practice</p> <p><b>3:30</b> Grade 5 and 6 Ultimate @ West Prep</p>	<p><b>7:45</b> Hurdles Practice</p> <p><b>12:00</b> Girls Soccer game @ Frankland</p> <p><b>1:55</b> 1500m Practice and Shot Put Practice</p>	<p><b>7:45</b> Relay Practice</p> <p><b>11:30</b> Ultimate Practice (both teams @ Rosedale)</p>

## Monday 16 — Friday 20

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>10:05</b> Shot Put Practice</p> <p><b>12:00</b> Hurdles and Relay Practice</p> <p><b>3:30</b> Grade 5 and 6 Ultimate vs. West Prep @ Rosedale</p>	<p><b>7:30</b> Boys and Girls Soccer Practice @ Rosedale</p> <p><b>10:05</b> 100m and 200m Practice</p> <p><b>12:00</b> Hurdles Practice</p> <p><b>3:30</b> Girls Soccer Game (Whitney vs. Davisville)</p>	<p><b>7:30</b> Relay Practice</p> <p><b>10:05</b> 1500m Practice and Jumping Practice</p> <p><b>12:00</b> Hurdles Practice</p> <p><b>1:55</b> 400m and 800m Practice</p> <p><b>3:30</b> Grade 6 Ultimate vs. OOOPS @ Rosedale</p>	<p><b>REST DAY</b></p>	<p><b>TRACK &amp; FIELD MEET @ BIRCHMOUNT</b></p>