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## school dates for **june**

- Tuesday, 6:30pm
  Whitney School Council AGM
- Wednesday, 8:15am, Kindergarten Playground Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- Monday
  Awards Assembly, Grades 1-5
- Monday

  Grade 6 Graduation
- Tuesday
  Play Day & BBQ
- Tuesday
  Report Cards Home
- Wednesday
  Last Day of School

## from the principal



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 backpack so they can apply a second layer, if needed throughout the day.

Thank you!

**Debbie Stern** 

# farewell

## Ms. Naomi Siddiqi

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Naomi Siddiqi for being such a great support to the Whitney staff as one of our kindergarten teachers. Ms. Siddiqi was hired in late January 2016 as a long term occasional teacher (LTO) for Ms. Paula Seigel, who went on a medical leave. Ms. Siddiqi was a great fit and wonderful contributor to the kindergarten team. We wish Ms. Siddiqi the best of luck in her future endeavours and thank her again for all her efforts!

### Mr. Zak Smith

Mr. Smith joined the Whitney teaching staff in September 2015 as a half time long term occasional grade 6 teacher (LTO), working alongside Ms. Diniz. When Ms. Diniz went on maternity leave in late October, Mr. Smith graciously transitioned into the full time position. Mr. Smith has been a wonderful addition to the Whitney team contributing to many sports, extra -curricular activities and our peer mentor program! We wish him the best of luck!

## Ms. Stephanie McGee

I would like to thank Stephanie, our grade 6 half time long term occasional teacher (LTO) for all her hard work and efforts this year! Joining us in late October 2015, Stephanie stepped in and has been a great support to our large grade 6 class this year! She has created many wonderful relationships with both our students and staff. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her the best of luck in her future teaching career!

## Ms. Mary Ieilo Ribeiro

Ms. Ieilo Ribeiro joined the Whitney team in September 2014 as one of our early childhood educators in our Kindergarten classroom. She is a wonderful Early Childhood Educator who goes above and beyond her duties on a daily basis. She is supportive and caring and has created many long lasting relationships with her students and staff. Unfortunately, due to a decrease in enrolment in our kindergarten classes, we are unable to keep Ms. Ieilo Ribeiro for next year. We wish her all the best!



### Mr. Bill Whipple

We would like to welcome Mr. Whipple to Whitney Public School for September 2016. Bill is a veteran teacher with over 11 years of teaching experience in the TDBS, primarily working with students with special needs as a member of the TDSB Behaviour Regional Services Team. Bill also has a strong background in IT Process Management and software design. Bill will be working half time as our primary resource and prep teacher. We are thrilled to have such a knowledgeable, talented and dedicated teacher join our school and community.

### Ms. Laura Frew

We would like to welcome Ms. Frew who will be joining the Whitney team full time for September 2016. Ms. Frew comes to us from Fairbank Public School with over 20 years of teaching experience across all grades 1-8 in the regular classroom as well as special education and French. Along with her TDSB teaching experience, she has also worked at the Whitney Institute in BERMUDA on a one year International Teaching Exchange. We are delighted to have Ms. Frew work with our junior team of teachers and look forward to her joining the Whitney Community!

# Whitney School Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 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 Koksal and Marcia Moffat**

Co-Chairs, Whitney School Council whitneyschoolcouncil@gmail.com



WSC February 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes



2016/2017 Proposed Budget



#### **Proposed 2016/2017 Executive Slate**

Co-Chairs: Meric Koksal & Ashley Rutledge
Co-Treasurer: Mistine Lauzon & Tracey Butler
Co-Secretaries: Alexis Wise & Ros Wilson
Whitney Word Editor: Martha McClew
General Liaisons: Jill Spidle, Jane Vokes, Lisa Clark,

Andrew Pollock & Paul Pelton **Principal**: Deborah Stern





Motions to Approve Agenda & Past Meeting Minutes

Marcia Moffat

Co-Chairs' Report Meric Koksal and Marcia Moffat

> Principal's Report Deborah Stern

2016/2017 Executive Council Slate & Motion to Elect Meric Koksal

YTD 2015/2016 Income Statement and Financial Position Elizabeth Knox

2016/2017 Proposed Budget and Motion to Approve

Meric Koksal

Other Business

Motion to Adjourn Marcia Moffat



As our grade 6 students enjoy their last month at Whitney and complete fundraising efforts for their grad celebration, it is important to note that their thoughts have also been with fellow graduates beyond their own schoolyard.

The class decided to donate \$600 of their hard-earned fundraising dollars to **Sprucecourt School** so that 10 of its graduating students could attend a wilderness camp that would otherwise be financially out of reach. The grade 6 class recently hosted representatives from Sprucecourt to present the donation and share excitement over their last few days of school.



## New and Approved Staffing Model

\*\*Change for September 2016\*\*

Due to our actual numbers of students who have registered for September 2016, we are pleased to announce the changes to our staffing model for the 2016 -2017 school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Debbie Stern

<b>BE GENEROUS</b>
in PROSPERITY &
THANKFULin
ADVERSITY.
BE WORTHY of THE TRUST OF
THE TRUST OF
THY NEIGHBOR
& LOOK UPON HIM
WITH A BRIGHT
FRIENDLY face.

BAHA'I WRITINGS

FDK	1.0 Gym
FDK	0.5 Prep/Resource
FDK	0.5 French
Grade 1	0.5 Resource
Grade 1	0.5 Library
Grade 2	0.5 Home School Program
Grade 2	0.5 Music
Grade 3	
Grade 3/4	
Grade 4/5	
Grade 5	
Grade 6	Staff Allocation = 16 FTE

# KAREN KAIN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FREE SUMMER PROGRAM JULY 5 - 29, 2016

## Limited spaces available for Grades 4-6 students



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## Literacy & Leadership

## program with Arts

We offer instruction for Grades 4 - 8 students with an emphasis on expressing learning in an artistic form.

Weekly dance, drama, media and visual arts workshops will be a part of this learning experience.

Our hours are from 9:00 - 12:00. We offer a **free** (optional) snack program.

KKSA is located at 60 Berl Ave., Etobicoke, and is easily accessed via TTC.



## **REGISTER TODAY - LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!**

To register complete: Registration Form, Media Release and Snack Permission Form found at:
District School http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/karenkain/summerschool2016/registrationform

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