

Whitney Word

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school dates for november

22 Tuesday, 6:30pm, Library
School Council Meeting

school dates for december

1 Thursday, 10:30 am
SPA Day

2 Friday
PA Day

9 Friday, 12:45pm (grades 4-6)
Author Visit - Janet Wilson

15 Thursday, 9am
Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal

15 Thursday, 7pm
Holiday Concert Celebration

23 Friday
Last Day of School

from the principal



Kindness
and Caring

On **Thursday December 1st, at 10:30am**, we will celebrate our next SPA day by recognizing students for last month's character education theme – **Empathy**. As well, Mr. Frew's grade 3/4 class will introduce our next theme of **Kindness & Caring**.

The spirit theme for the day will be sports day so wear your favorite sports team jersey, shirt, socks etc., or come dressed as your favorite sports activity! Also, some of our grade 6 students will be reviewing the top 3 charities that the school will be voting for this holiday season. Parents are always welcome!



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.

Whitney School Council General Meeting

**Tuesday November 22
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 Ashley Rutledge
Co-Chairs, Whitney School Council
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**greetings
from the
school
council**



WSC Executive Slate 2016-17

Co-Chairs

Meric Koksai & 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



WSC September 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes



WSC Budget for 2016_2017

DRAFT Agenda

Welcome and Motions to Approve Agenda & Past Meeting
Minutes (September 26, 2016) *Meric Koksai*

Motions to Reconfirm and Approve
Budget for 2016/17 School Year *Meric Koksai*

Treasurer's Report
YTD 2016 Income Statement and Financial Position
Tracey Butler and Mistine Lauzon

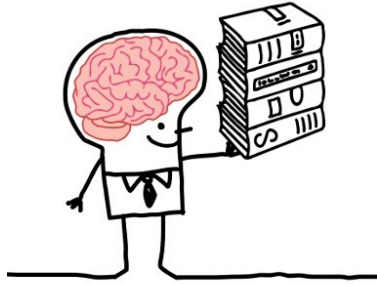
Chairs' Report
Meric Koksai and Ashley Rutledge

Principal's Report
Deborah Stern

Motion to Adjourn
Meric Koksai

Well-Being Survey Results

October 2016



The results are in! Please find attached our well-being survey results from this year and compared to 2014. For those who are new to Whitney, the survey was created by staff and approved by parents a few years ago. We have found it to be most helpful for us to understand how students feel and manage their emotions at school. Overall, we are very pleased with the results as the large majority of our students are doing very well in managing their emotions and behaviors.

As always, there are a few areas in which would like to improve. So, we have used these results/responses to help set our school improvement goals for this year. Our plan moving forward is to monitor these results by administering another survey in January 2017 and then again in June 2017. We feel it is important to know what children are experiencing and how they are feeling so that we can be more responsive to their needs. Teachers will be sharing all relevant results, if they have not done so already. We encourage you to have conversations with your child about their own responses as well as some of the aggregate responses of the survey at home. If you have any questions about the survey and or the results, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher and or myself.

Thank you, **Debbie**

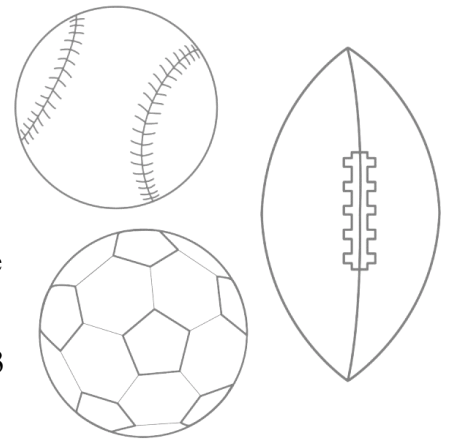


Whitney's Well Being Survey Results

Sports Team Philosophy

Thank you to all the parents and staff who volunteered to help review and revise our school sports team philosophy. The goal of sports teams at Whitney P.S. is to foster the pursuit of good health and interpersonal relations in an inclusive environment, encouraging self-development and growth while pursuing the enjoyment of active living through the excitement of competition. In an effort to include more students in sports teams, we will be offering an increased number of division 3 play. As per the attached philosophy, division 3 provides opportunities for students to be involved in sports activities and play in tournaments while developing their skill level. Please find attached our revised philosophy and code of conduct for parent coaches and students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher and or myself.

Thank you, **Debbie**



Whitney P.S. Sports Team Philosophy

Whitney's School Improvement Goals (SIP)

Some of you may remember that at our Curriculum night I mentioned that the TDSB has determined that all schools will develop a school improvement plan (SIP) by developing one goal in each of the following areas of Achievement, Well-Being and Equity. Please find attached, Whitney's school improvement plan for the 2016-2017 school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher and or myself.

Thank you, **Debbie**



Whitney's School Improvement Goals

A close-up photograph of a pair of white, knitted hands cupped together, holding a bright red, textured heart. The hands are made of a thick, white yarn, and the heart is a solid, vibrant red. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

whitney's 2016 holiday charity vote

Holiday time is a time for giving. Over the years, Whitney has donated generously to many charities, from the Red Door Shelter, the daily food bank to The CHUM City Christmas Wish to name a few. As a community school, we continue to believe that it is important that children are involved in the process of giving. So, we will carry on with our tradition of involving all students in the selection process for our annual holiday charity.

This year, teachers and the Whitney School Council will again select three charities carefully, non-denominationally. Over the next couple weeks, students will be introduced to each of these three charities in their classrooms. Some students may research the details of the charity's history, their donations over the years or how each group has made a difference in the lives of many.

On Thursday December 1st, 2016, at our final SPA day in 2016, all children will hear the grade 6 students speak about these three charities and after the assembly, all children will return to their classrooms and vote on their charity of choice for this holiday season. All votes will be tabulated in the office and the recipient of this year's holiday charity will be announced.

Then, in the two weeks ahead of the Winter Holidays, we will ask for donations to be sent to the school and parent volunteers will help to deliver or arrange to have picked up our donation.

Thank you,

Ashley Rutledge and Ros Wilson



Winter Clothing Drive – THANK YOU!

From the principal of Sprucecourt Public School:

"Thank you again for helping out our school with the winter clothing drive. We are so appreciative of all your efforts! All of the clothing items you have donated will go a long way in supporting our families over the next few months. Again, thank you Whitney for all your support! Attached are some pictures of your generosity!"

Jim Stathopoulos



Parent Involvement Makes a Difference Conference

Register now! www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference

10th Annual

Parents and Communities Partnering for Student Achievement

Saturday, November 19, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Earl Haig Secondary School
100 Princess Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

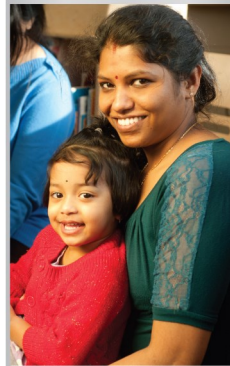
Workshops

- What About Math?
- Secondary & Post-Secondary Pathways and Transitions
- Blueprint
- French Programs in the TDSB
- Specialized Programs in the TDSB
- Financial Literacy
- Science, Technology, Engineering, And Math (STEM)
- Special Education - The Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Individual Placement Review Committee (IPRC) Process
- Supporting Literacy at Home With Your Early Learner (Kindergarten to Grade 3)
- School Councils 101
- Engaging Parents in School Councils
- School Councils - A Discussion Of Problems and Solutions (This Year Will Include One Session Focused On High Schools)
- School Councils - Communications 101
- School Councils - Fundraising
- School Councils - Working With Your Principal
- Community Use of Schools
- Schoolyard Greening Projects/Outdoor Classrooms
- Homework Help - Online Math Tutoring

Information Marketplace (Available all day)

Stroll through the information marketplace and collect ideas, strategies, resources, tools and gifts that will support you and your child's education journey. The marketplace will feature an array of community agencies, TDSB programs and services and vendors offering great educational ideas and giveaways throughout the day.

PIAC invites all TDSB parents/guardians to take part in our FREE conference. Please join us for an opportunity to make connections with other TDSB parents/guardians and communities while participating in informative and empowering workshops on a wide range of topics related to parenting, student learning, and school councils.



Are you tired of watching your son "game" his life away?

Are you pulling out your hair trying to get him to do his homework?

Have you just given up altogether?

WE HAVE THE SOLUTION FOR YOU!



Dr. Edmond J. Dixon

Educator, Author, Human Development Specialist
A FUN, ENGAGING, INSPIRING, EMPOWERING SPEAKER

HELPING BOYS LEARN

**THE 6 SECRETS AND HOW TO APPLY THEM
CHANGE YOUR SON'S LEARNING AND LIFE!
WATCH HIM TAKE OFF!**

One night only

DATE: Wednesday Nov 30

TIME: 6:30PM

LOCATION: Cottingham P.S., 35 Birch Ave.

FREE ADMISSION—LIMITED SEATING!

SPONSORED BY: Cottingham P.S. and Parent School Council



Child-minding, Interpretation and Bussing will be available through registration ONLY!
For more information contact (416) 395-4808.





To parents and athletes:

The coaches at Whitney do everything they can to schedule and fit in as many practices as possible to make sure our teams are learning, growing and prepared to compete. With all the great things happening in the gym and school, our schedule is subject to changes. This is done to accommodate other sports as well as before or after school commitments. Part of an athlete's responsibility is to listen in practice and to announcements to ensure they are aware of the most up-to-date practice schedule.

A calendar has also been posted outside the gym to help athletes keep track of tryouts, practices, games and tournaments



girls basketball

Our girls basketball season is well underway with both of our teams playing tournaments this week. The Div 2 team will be travelling to Morse Street Junior Public School on Tuesday November 22nd. Our Div 3 team will be travelling to Maurice Cody Junior Public School on Friday November 25th. Both tournaments will be all day, so Whitney athletes will need to pack a lunch, water, and bring all necessary equipment.

boys volleyball

The boys volleyball season has started with our first game at home against Frankland. Our practice with serves paid off, helping Whitney battle back to come from behind and take the second set. We headed into a third and final set but came up just a little short

of the win. It was a great start to the season, as our boys now look forward to their away game Tuesday November 22nd, at Davisville.

Our boys volleyball tournament team will have their big tournament on December 1st. Whitney will travel to Roden Public School for an afternoon tournament with 4 other schools. Students will need to pack a lunch to eat when we arrive at Roden. We will be staying at Whitney for the morning SPA day assembly and leave at approximately 11:10 AM.





Monday 21 — Friday 25

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
21	22	23	24	25
Girls Basketball Practice (3:30-4:30 PM @Whitney)	Boys Volleyball Practice League Team (7:30 AM @Whitney) Div 2 Girls Basketball Tournament @Morse Street Jr PS (All day) Boys Volleyball League Game Whitney @ Davisville	Boys Volleyball Practice Tournament Team (7:30 AM @Whitney)	Div 3 Girls Basketball Practice (3:30-4:30 PM @Whitney)	Div 3 Girls Basketball Tournament @Maurice Cody (All day)

Monday 28 — Friday 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28	29	30	1	2
Girls Basketball Practice (3:30-4:30 PM @Whitney)	Boys Volleyball Practice League Team (7:30 AM @Whitney) Boys Volleyball League Game Hawthorne @ Whitney	Boys Volleyball Practice Tournament Team (7:30 AM @Whitney)	Open Basketball Practice (for girls on either team) (7:30-8:30 AM @Whitney)	