

# Whitney Word

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## school dates for **december**

- 9** Friday  
**Grade 6 Graduation Bake Sale**
- 9** Friday, 12:45pm (grades 4-6)  
**Author Visit - Janet Wilson**
- 15** Thursday, starting between 9 and 9:15am  
**Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal**
- 15** Thursday, 7pm  
**Holiday Concert Celebration**
- 23** Friday  
**Last Day of School**



Reminder: Check It  
Before Dec 23rd!

If you require childcare for your preschooler/  
kindergarten child during the performance (6:45  
– 8:15pm), please let Allison know in the office to  
hold a spot. Spaces will be limited to about 15.

## from the principal



On **Thursday December 15th at 7pm**, our grade 1, 2 and 3 students, together with members of the Junior Choir, Strings and Band, will be performing in this year's Winter Holiday Concert. All students will have the opportunity to see the concert at the dress rehearsal on this same day at 9:15am. Due to space limitations in our gym, as well as fire safety restrictions, we ask that those students who are not participating in the concert, including preschoolers, NOT attend the evening concert on Thursday.

We also ask that you consider asking extended family members to attend the concert dress rehearsal on at 9:15am as an alternative. If your child is not able to attend the concert for any reason, please let our music teacher, Ms. Werbitsky know as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you at the concert.

**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](mailto:allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca) in your smartphone and email Allison in the office for any of your Whitney School needs.

# whitney's 2016 holiday charity



**Red Door**  
FAMILY SHELTER

*Ending family homelessness...  
one family at a time*

And the children have spoken! 163 students voted and the majority of students chose the Red Door Shelter as this year's Holiday Charity. Since 1982, the Red Door has provided services for families and individuals who need safe and supportive emergency shelter. In the early 80's there was only one other shelter operating in Toronto. Responding to the growing need for shelter space for homeless families, the Red Door was opened. Red Door has grown to be one of the largest family shelters in the city, providing shelter and support to over 500 families every year.

On the week of December 5th, you will hear from your Class Parents with details on what items to donate and where. We will be collecting your donations throughout the next two weeks and will arrange for delivery to the charity on December 21st. Like last year, we plan to involve our students on the packing, loading and delivery (if possible) of donated goods. Please reach out to [Ashley Rutledge](#) or [Ros Wilson](#) with any questions.

Thank you for all your generosity!

**The Whitney School Council**

# BAKE SALE

## Grade 6 Graduation Bake Sale

Friday Dec 9th

Morning & Afternoon Recess

Please remind your children to bring some loonies and toonies in their backpacks on Friday Dec 9th!

Thank you,

*The Grad Committee and Whitney  
Parent Council*



### Dogs on School Property

This is a reminder that dogs are NOT permitted on school property at any time, including the weekends. Although there are MANY signs on the property asking community members to keep dogs out, it is not always abided by. Unfortunately, we have had several occurrences of owners not picking up after their dogs, which in turn leaves a large mess for our caretakers on a daily basis. Please be kind and respectful to our school grounds for the sake of our children. We ask you to be vigilant and if you do see people with their dogs on property to please kindly ask them to have their dog stay off the property. Thank you.



### KAREN KAIN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Admission & Application Information There is still time to apply to **Karen Kain School of the Arts!**

FOR: All interested parents/ guardians of students entering Grade 6 in September 2017. Is your Grade 5 son or daughter excited by the Arts? Is he/she looking for a Middle School experience in an enriched Arts environment? Visit [here](#) to learn more about Karen Kain School of the Arts curriculum, the application process, or to complete the online application.



# chang's channel

sports | house leagues | wildcats



## girls basketball

Our Girls Division 2 tournament took place on November 22nd at Morse Street PS. Our girls came from behind to win the tournament opener against the host with a relentless full court press. With a short break in between our girls faced a huge challenge with a triple header (back to back to back games). They gave their all on every shift, finishing the tournament with 3 wins and only 1 loss. The tournament was incredibly exciting with our Wildcats diving for loose balls, racing down court for face break layups and moving the ball like the Toronto Raptors! Whitney tied for first but unfortunately based on points allowed, did not advance to the knockout stage.

Our Girls Division 3 tournament was played on November the 25th at Maurice Cody. It was an exciting day with some fun skills and drills and afternoon tournament and even a mannequin challenge! The Whitney girls did great winning 3 of their games by playing some shut-down defense, using great passing and even a few high-flying dunks.

Congratulations to both of our Girls Basketball teams on successful seasons, Whitney couldn't be prouder!

## boys volleyball

Our Boys Volleyball league team came out strong at their away game against Davisville winning in straight sets and showing that practice does pay off! Excellent serving and some great diving plays helped us to a strong win.

Pulling even with a 1-1 record we faced our toughest opponent for our last game of the season, Hawthorne. Whitney showed courage, determination and what they were truly made of by fighting to the end. Whitney legend, Mr. Packham, who was our guest referee for the match said, "In all my years teaching I don't remember the last time I saw a volleyball game that good at this age group."

Our wildcats played amazingly, diving to save plays, hitting over opponents and drilling some amazing overhand serves to make it a truly exciting and close game.

Whitney also had their Boys Volleyball Tournament team in action on December 1st at Roden Public School. In an action packed afternoon, with non-stop volleyball Whitney sported some cool moves on the court. Our Wildcats bumped, volleyed and dove to keep each point alive. As always our Whitney parents were on the sidelines cheering us on through a fun filled afternoon.

**There is an open practice for all members of both Boys Volleyball teams Tuesday morning at 7:30.**

Thank you for a wonderful season boys!  
From your Volleyball coaches *Ms. Walker, Ms. Sau, Scott and Mr. Chang*





## Monday 5 — Friday 9

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
5  Boys Basketball try-out (3:30 -4:30 PM)	6  Boys Volleyball practice for both teams (7:30 - 8:30 AM)	7	8  Girls Volleyball tryouts (7:30 - 8:30 AM)	9  Boys Basketball tryout (7:30 - 8:30 AM)

## Monday 12 — Friday 16

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
12  Boys Basketball tryout (3:30 -4:30 PM)	13  Girls Volleyball tryouts (7:30 - 8:30 AM)	14  Boys Basketball tryout (7:30 - 8:30 AM)	15	16  Girls Volleyball tryouts (7:30 -8:30 am)