

Whitney Word

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school dates for **january**

16 Monday
After Four Programs Start

Space is limited in French and School Play, so don't delay!

16 Monday, 8am
Choir Practice

17 Tuesday
Lice Check

18/9 Wednesday and Thursday
Police Visits

JK/SK	Community Helpers	Grade 4	Internet Safety
Grade 1	Traffic Safety	Grade 5	Bullying
Grade 2	Personal Safety	Grade 6	Youth and the Law

20 Friday
PA Day

31 Tuesday
Kindergarten Night



Take a couple of moments to download and enjoy a belated holiday [video](#) featuring the fabulously talented and elfish staff of Whitney Public School!

from the principal

Flu season is here again.

In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The ON government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot. Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.



The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by: reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating; reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough; watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever; informing the school if your child is ill; keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

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.

Annual Giving Campaign

Dear Whitney Families,

As the Whitney School Council, one of our key responsibilities is to ensure the annual Council budget is well funded for the upcoming school year. These funds enhance the educational experience of all Whitney students. *Please see the following two pages for the Council welcome letter from early September, which includes budget details.*

Thank you to all the families who have already generously donated. We have raised **\$22,000** towards our goal of \$30,000 so far.

Donations are gratefully received and are 100% tax deductible:

Donate Online [here](#)

OR

Donate by Cheque:

Payable to "Whitney School Council"

- Please include your name, mailing address, email address (for delivery of tax receipt)
- Please leave in bin in Main Office

The total budget is \$67,000, approximately \$240 per student per year.

Thank you in advance for all your support of Whitney!

Whitney School Council



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school
council**

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CALLING ALL NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS TO WHITNEY!

If you have a child who will be entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2017 OR you are new to Whitney P.S. and just want to hear about our outstanding program for Senior Kindergarten, then this is your night! Please join us on Tuesday **January 31st, 2017** to hear about our Junior/Senior kindergarten program for next September 2017.

If you know of a neighbor with children ready for JK in September 2017 please pass on this information to them. Children who will be four years old before December 31, 2017 (born in 2013) may enter Junior Kindergarten next September 2017.

Registration will occur between February 1st and 16th, 2017.



WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the Whitney School Council. You'll be hearing from us throughout the school year.

Who are we?

12 parent volunteers representing all grade levels at the school (Kindergarten to Grade 6).

We are always open to meeting parents who would like to be involved.

What do we do?

We are the main communication channel between parents and the administration. You can always approach someone from the council with ideas, questions or concerns.

We meet monthly and hold general meetings open to all parents four times a year. The general meeting dates will be published in Whitney's newsletter, the "Whitney Word".

We are responsible for the annual Council budget. The Council's goal is to enhance the educational experience of Whitney students through balanced investment across key learning categories. There are two key sources of educational spending at Whitney:

The Principal's budget is provided by the TDSB and is designated to run the school, with strong focus on Numeracy & Literacy

The Council budget is designed to enhance the Principal's budget, particularly in Science & Technology and The Arts

Funding comes from parent donations, supplemented by fun community events.

The cost is approximately \$240 per student per year.

Please see the next page for what is being funded this year.

Thanks to your donations, we are also proud to say that we are one of the most technologically advanced public schools in the TDSB! Whitney students have access to interactive smart board technology, advanced projectors, computers, printers, iPads packed with educational apps and a new sound system for school gatherings and performances.

THANK YOU in advance! We look forward to another successful and collaborative year at Whitney!!!

Meric Koksal and Ashley Rutledge
Whitney School Council Co- Chairs
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YES, I/we want to help fund educational enhancements for Whitney Students.

___ \$100

___ \$250

___ \$500

___ Other Amount

To donate online:

Visit www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/whitney-school-council

To donate by cheque:

Make cheque payable to "Whitney School Council" and return it in the envelope with your other school forms. Please include the information below.

Name: _____

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Whitney School Council Annual Budget

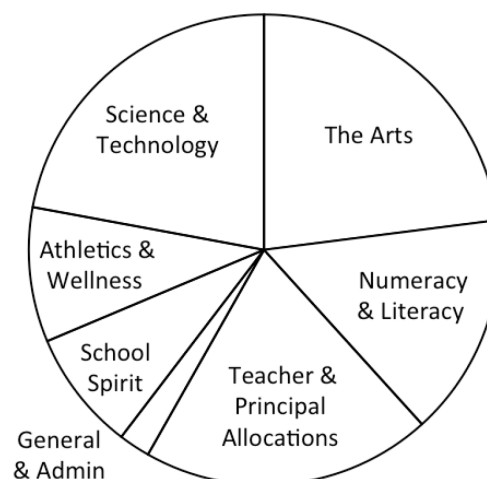
100% of the funding for these enhancements comes from donations from Whitney parents.

	2016/2017 Budget
Science & Technology – 19% of Council Budget	
Visiting Scientists: Twice per year for JK/SK and 3x per year for Gr. 2-6. [36] sessions in total.	\$ 7,200
Technology Investments: e.g., computers, smart boards, iPads, software	3,500
Director's Cut (Tech Allocation: 50%): Grades 2-6, once per year for each class	<u>1,700</u>
	12,400
The Arts – 23% of Council Budget	
Visiting Artists: Once per year for Gr. 2-6, twice per year for JK – Gr. 1. 17 sessions in total.	5,500
Music (All grades), Junior Choir (Grades 4-6)	2,500
Theatre Direct workshop (for each grade)	2,500
Performing Arts, Dance & Movement: All grades, twice per year	3,500
Director's Cut (Arts Allocation: 50%): Grades 2-6, once per year	<u>1,700</u>
	15,700
Numeracy & Literacy – 15% of Council Budget	
Mathletics online math learning platform: Grades 2-6, one licence per student	2,000
Jump Math booklets: Grades 3-6, two booklets per student	1,800
Additional math resources	1,000
Math and Literacy enrichment activities (50% numeracy, 50% literacy)	1,200
Ontario readers for Grades 2-6 and Ontario writers for Grades 3-6	2,000
Visiting Authors for all grades, 2-3 times per year	1,000
Book purchases for Library, Battle of the Books, etc.	1,000
Student agendas for Grades 3-6	<u>850</u>
	10,250
Athletics, Health & Wellness – 14% of Council Budget	
Healthy relationship workshops: All grades (e.g., anti-bullying, mindfulness, yoga)	3,000
Gym supplies: all grades	1,250
Health promotion: Lice check for all grades, 2-3 times per year	1,700
Healthy sexuality classes: Grades 5 and 6	1,500
Student leadership: Grade 6 peer mentors	1,000
School teams: Grades 4-6	<u>750</u>
	9,200
School Spirit and Other – 8% of Council Budget	
Grade 6 legacy project and graduation	2,500
Council Fund (council discretion - flexibility for additional spends, as needed)	1,300
Holiday concert, Spirit Assemblies, Terry Fox Run: All grades	1,000
Teacher recognition, coffee for staff room, Kindergarten Information Night	<u>750</u>
	5,550
Teacher and Principal Allocations – 19% of Council Budget	
Classroom Allocations (teacher's discretion - typically used for classroom supplies)	7,700
Principal's Fund, Outreach (principal's discretion)	3,750
Home School Program	500
French: Grades 4-6	<u>500</u>
	12,450
General & Administration – 2% of Council Budget	
Administration (bookkeeping, office supplies, bank fees)	1,450
TOTAL Council Operating Expense for the 2016/2017 School Year	<u>\$ 67,000</u>

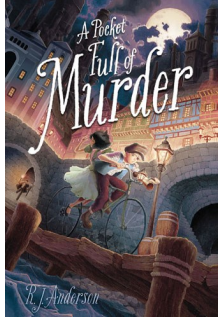
Council Goal

To enhance the educational experience of Whitney students through balanced investment across key learning categories:

- The Council budget (shown here) is designed to enhance the Principal's budget, particularly in Science & Technology and The Arts.
- Principal's budget is funded by the TDSB.
- Council budget is funded by Whitney parents.



Battle of the Books 2017



In the next few weeks, Whitney's sixth annual Battle of the Books will be introduced to the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students (date TBD).

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). Jeffrey Winters is ordering the books now. A set of these books will be available in each junior classroom in addition to the library, which will have 2 copies, as soon as they arrive.

In the meantime, we know you may want to get started, so we are sharing the list [here](#) (also posted outside Jeffrey Winters classroom).

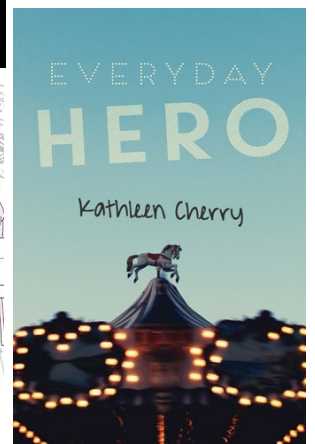
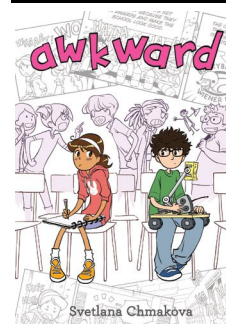
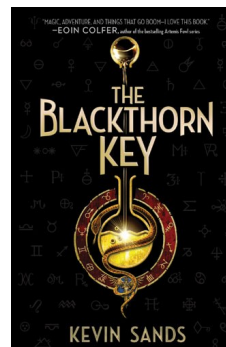
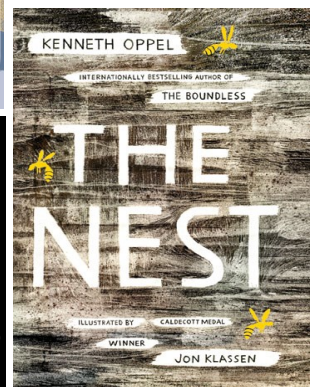
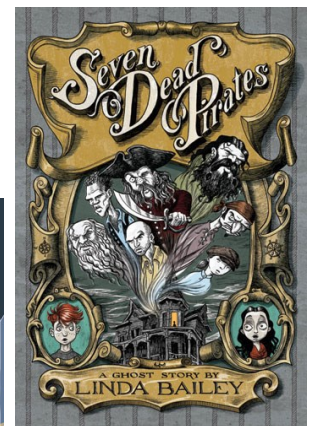
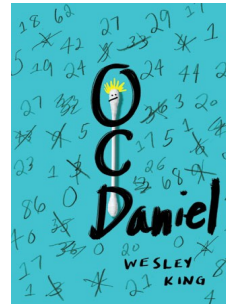
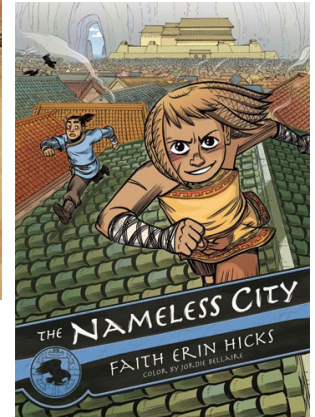
Beginning one week after March Break, teams compete against each other in a 'game show' format answering factual questions about the books i.e. What grade was Harry Potter in when he arrived at Hogwarts? The 'battles' generally take place in the mornings before school at 8:00 a.m. and will run for approximately 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!

Students can start thinking about forming their teams now, however we will provide more details in the official launch meeting with students, including a deadline for teams.

Thank you,

Kathy Clarke & Jeffrey Winters



▶ Whitney Public School - After 4 Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
LEGO ENGINEERING Grades SK - 3 3:40 - 4:45pm, Conference Room Min 4 Max 10	SCHOOL PLAY - PETER PAN THE MUSICAL Grades 1 - 6 3:40 - 5:15pm, Gym	KARATE Grades 1 - 6 3:40 - 4:45pm, Gym Min 8 Max 20	LEGO ENGINEERING Grades SK - 3 3:40 - 4:45pm, Conference Room Min 4 Max 10
LEGO ROBOTICS Grades 3 - 6 3:40 - 4:45, Conference Room Min 4 Max 10		LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD Grades SK - 6 See page 5 for details	LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD Grades SK - 6 See page 5 for details
FRENCH LANGUAGE Grades SK - 3 3:40 - 4:30, Room 304 Min 5 Max 8		BABYSITTING COURSE Grades 5 & 6, Rm 304 3:40 - 5:00pm Min 8	LEGO ROBOTICS Grades 3 - 6 3:40 - 4:45, Conference Room Min 4 Max 10
			INTRO TO JAVA CODING Grades 2 - 6 3:40 - 4:40, Computer Lab Min 6 Max 15
All Whitney After 4 programs are off the week of March Break - March 13 - 17			

BABYSITTERS TRAINING

Grades 5 & 6

Wednesday, January 18 - February 15

3:40 - 5:00 pm, Room 304

5 Classes, \$105

This course is designed to teach babysitting, leadership and first aid skills in a fun and informative way. Students learn how to care for infants, toddlers and older children, what questions to ask parents, how to give first aid and what to do in emergencies. Activity book activities, role-playing and hands-on practice teach skills and build confidence. Each student should bring a doll/stuffed animal to the course. Each student will receive a copy of our award winning publication, "What Every Babysitter Should Know" handbook, and upon successful completion, a St. John's Ambulance Babysitter's attendance certificate.

LEGO ENGINEERING

Grades SK - 3

Mondays and Thursdays, January 16 - March 30

3:40 - 4:45 pm

Monday: 9 Classes, \$198 Thursday: 10 Classes, \$220

All new projects for the winter semester! Come build, tinker, and create using lego in new and creative ways. Younger children love being able to build and engineer their lego projects. Students can use this experience as a stepping stone for future competition in the fast growing Lego League. Unleash your inner creativity and join us Tuesdays for the coolest club in the school! ***no class Monday February 20th**

LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD

Grades JK - 6

Wednesday and/or Thursday

Bus Pickup 3:35 pm. Bus return 7:35 pm

January 20 - February 25

6 classes, \$390 with Rental, \$370 without Rental

***Optional dinner: add \$95**

Please see [page 5](#) for full program details.

LEGO ROBOTICS

Grades 3 - 6, 3:40 - 4:45 pm

Monday and Thursday, January 16 - March 30

Monday: 9 Classes, \$216 Thursday: 10 Classes, \$240

Older children will enjoy the challenge of building their robot and bringing it to life! With hundreds of building plans to choose from, participants will become familiar with the Lego Mindstorm building sets. Students can use this experience as a stepping stone for future competition in the fast growing Lego League. Join Christopher MacDonald and his team from AFTERFOUR as they guide introduce students into the exciting world of robotics! ***no class Monday February 20th**

KARATE

Grades 1 - 6

Wednesday, January 18 - March 29

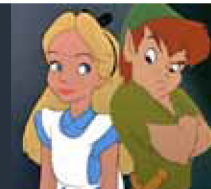
3:40 - 4:45 pm *Returning students to 5:15

10 classes, \$220

James Greer returns to teach Karate for white belts and beginners. Trained as a second-degree black belt, James designs and teaches karate programs specifically for children. Students will be introduced to the principles of self-discipline, self-control, leadership and teamwork in addition to learning traditional Okinawan Karate. A karate gi (uniform) is required and can be purchased through the instructor at a reduced rate. *PLEASE NOTE: Returning students stay until 5:15.*

Peter Pan

the Musical



SCHOOL PLAY

Grades 1 - 6

Tuesday, January 17 - March 28

3:40 - 5:15 pm, School Gym

10 classes, \$231

This term Stefani Kleinberg will be running a production of **Peter Pan the Musical** at Whitney. Stefani Kleinberg is a director, writer, singer and actor. A graduate of the theatre program at Queen's University, she received her Bachelor of Arts Honours before moving to Berkeley California where she attended Berkeley Digital Film Institute. Children will explore a variety of performance platforms through fun filled games and exercises to do with theatre and film techniques. The program concludes with two 25 minute performances, one for the school and the other for friends and relatives. **Auditions held on January 17th**

FRENCH EARLY LEARNING

Grades SK - 3

Monday, 3:40 - 4:30

January 16 to March 27 *no class Mon Feb 20th

9 classes, \$180

Bonjour et bienvenue a notre petite monde français! Mlle. Juliana Giallonardo is so excited to share her love of the French language! French Early Learning is an introduction to the French language and culture. Through effective approaches such as small group interactive learning, audio and visual materials, music, books and stories, students will begin to understand key words, phrases and expressions, vocalize a variety of words and sing favourite songs in French!

Mooredale and Performance Skating present:

Learn to Skate!

Ages 3 and up.

Rosedale Park, Wednesday and Thursday

Beginner, Intermediate, and Adult classes. Back this year - Beginner Hockey

Starting December 7 & 8

9 weeks / \$175. See winter guide page 13 for full details

▶ Whitney Public School - After 4 Programs cont't



NEW!

CODING WITH JAVASCRIPT

Hello Whitney parents!

We have some exciting news, [Hatch Canada](#) will be coming to Whitney PS this Winter to teach kids how to code!

Hatch's experienced instructors teach computer programming using JavaScript in a fun and engaging way after-school. Students will also be able to sign - in at home and continue developing their skills outside of class time. Hatch has built a proprietary educational platform that is designed around the principles of self-paced and mastery-based learning to encourage children to challenge themselves and build their own digital portfolio from their library of 600+ projects including Minecraft, Star Wars, Games, Art, Design Apps and much more!

Still not sure coding is for you? [Watch this video to see what Hatch does:](#)

INTRODUCTION TO JAVASCRIPT CODING

Grades 2-6

Thursday, January 19 - March

3:40 - 4:40 PM

8 classes, \$208

Hatch will teach students how to write computer code in Javascript in a fun and engaging way. Students will also be able to sign- in at home and continue developing their skills. Hatch has built a proprietary educational platform that is designed around the principles of self-paced and mastery-based learning to encourage children to challenge themselves and build their own digital portfolio from their library of 600+ projects including Minecraft projects, Star Wars projects, Games, Art, Design apps and much more! From the most basic understanding of writing code to building complex games, apps and websites, Hatch instructors will provide students with the tools to begin learning this critical 21st Century skill.

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sports. house leagues. wildcats



News from the Gym

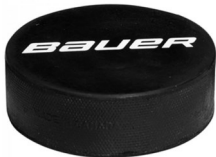
After spending four fantastic months with the grade 6 students, I am back in the gym as the Physical Education teacher. This is my sixth year at Whitney, and I am incredibly excited to meet all of Whitney's new students, and to reconnect with all of the other students I have missed out on from the start of the year.



Next week the gymnasium will be closed for repairs to the floor. Phys Ed classes will continue, as we take our skills to the stairwells and to room 304 for some yoga! All practices though will be cancelled during this time.

As the cold weather continues in the city, students are encouraged to leave a pair of running shoes at school, so they don't miss out on participating in class.

Whitney Wildcats Hockey



Following an incredible run to the conference semi finals last year, our Whitney Wildcat hockey team is ready to lace up their skates and score tons of goals this season. There is absolutely no rest for our Whitney Wildcat hockey players, as they hit the ice in the first week back from vacation, to take on a mighty team from Rosedale PS. Good luck to all of our athletes throughout the season!

Boys Basketball (Division 2)



The members of the boys basketball team have been waking up early and hitting the hardcourt, ready to impress the members of the Toronto Raptors this past week. There are no practices next week, but the team will have its first tip off on January 23rd. Good luck to the boys!

Boys Basketball (Division 3)



The members of the division 3 boys basketball team will be making a return to practices in the upcoming weeks, as they prepare for a fantastic day of basketball at Earl Beatty PS a little later in the winter.

Girls Volleyball



The members of the girls volleyball team have also been hitting the court early in the morning, getting ready for their six regular season games. Their first battle will take place on Thursday January 19th, as they travel to Niagara St. Public School Good luck girls!!

at a glance

two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

Monday 16 — Friday 20

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16	17	18	19	20
	Hockey Whitney vs. Rosedale (@ Bill Bolton)		Girls Volleyball Game (3:10 departure) Whitney @ Niaga- ra St	PA Day

Monday 23 — Friday 27

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
23	24	25	26	27
Boys Basketball Practice 7:30 Hockey Whitney vs. Ori- ole Park (@ Forest Hill) Boys Basketball (3:20 departure) Whitney @ Frank- land	Girls Volleyball Practice 7:30	Boys Basketball Practice 7:30	Girls Volleyball Practice 7:30 Girls Volleyball (3:20 departure) Whitney @ Davis- ville	Boys DIV 3 Bas- ketball Practice 7:30