

Whitney Word

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school dates for **march**

- 7** Tuesday (NEW DATE)
SPA Day Trait: Honesty (Ms. Allen's Gr 2)
- 10** Friday
Last Day of School
- 20** Monday
Return from March Break
- 28** Tuesday
Battle of the Books Begins

Please check our lost and found on the 2nd floor and claim any clothing, boots, shoes and lunch bags. Students will be reminded to take home

items (especially lunch bags) over the next week. Any unclaimed items will be packed up on **Friday March 10th** and donated.

LOST
& **FOUND**

from the principal



On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for the wonderful staff appreciation lunch last Thursday Feb 14th — it made for a “sweetheart” of a day! The salads and sandwiches were outstanding! Special thanks to the Whitney School Council Executive for their organizational acumen. The staff truly appreciate all that our parents do!!

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's Got Talent

Come one, come all! All Whitney parents are invited to the Whitney Jr. P.S. Talent Show on Thursday April 20th at 7pm where all students in grade 4, 5 & 6 have been invited to participate. At 9am on that same day, we will be having our dress rehearsal, where any parents and extended families who are unable to make the evening show are invited to attend. After students have filled out their Audition Forms, Ms. Werbitsky sets aside a time for a 'try out'. Some dancers, singers, comedians, guitarists, gymnasts & pianists have already auditioned, but we are hoping to see more acts in March & early April. We hope that all parents will be able to come to our annual talent show on Thursday April 20th!

Thursday April 20th

Family Math Night – Thursday April 27th

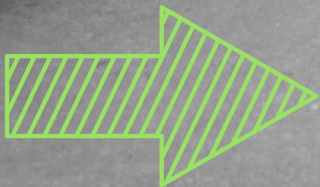
Who doesn't love math? Who doesn't love solving math problems **with** their child?! Please set aside **Thursday April 27th @ 5:30PM** for a pizza dinner followed by an evening of fun, exciting and challenging math that you can engage in with your child. (Grades 1-6). More details to follow!





KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION PROJECT

OUR KINDERS
DESERVE
TO
flourish!



HELP US REVITALIZE THIS SPACE FOR THEM!

THE PLAN

1. Enhance our existing outdoor space through the addition of educational elements that will better support our Full Day Kindergarten curriculum and play-based philosophy.
2. In collaboration with an Evergreen/TDSB Senior School Ground Design Consultant, our kinder teachers, staff and team have designed an 'outdoor classroom' - **The Kinder Garden**.
3. The design includes the addition of:
 - Stage area & Log benches
 - Music Wall
 - Line Paintings
 - Chalk Board
 - Large Wooden Table + Loose Parts
 - And revitalized raised garden beds

This design approach fosters crucial skill development and encourages learning through play - outdoors!



THE GOAL

\$35,000 by February 28th, 2017

Approximately \$250 per child will help us reach our goal!

Funds must be in place by Feb. 28th in order to complete the 'outdoor classroom' this summer.

THE BENEFIT

- Donor Recognition (family name) at the Kinder Garden outdoor classroom: tiered recognition for donations of \$750+ [Donation tiers are: \$2,500, \$1,500 & \$750]
- Charitable Tax Receipt
- Our legacy - impacting early-years education at Whitney for years to come
- An outdoor space 'designed for healthy and enriched learning' for our youngest students (Ref: www.ecoschools.ca)

HOW TO DONATE

Donations by cheque will be gratefully accepted by the Whitney School office.
Cheques preferred.

To Donate by Cheque:

Please make cheques payable to 'Whitney School Council' and include the following information (please print clearly!):
name/address/email (for tax receipting)/memo: Kinder Garden 'outdoor classroom'

To Donate Online:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/29814>



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Battle of the Books 2017



Whitney's sixth annual Battle of the Books has begun!

Battle of the Books is an enrichment book competition for students in grades 4 to 6. Each group of four students is tasked with reading the 10 nominated Silver Birch Fiction titles. Two classroom sets of these books are available for borrowing in each junior classroom, in addition to the school library. On **Tuesday, March 28th**, the competition begins!

Many team groups have already been submitted, showing that we have some very keen readers at Whitney! In the Battle of the Books, teams compete against each other in a 'game show' format answering factual questions about the books. Each team has a bell and the first team to ring in and say a correct answer gets a point. The team with the most points in every round wins!

Our wonderful parent volunteers are busy reading the books and compiling lists of questions for each book. i.e. Q: What is the name of the ship that Jonah wakes up on in "The Incredible Space Raiders from Space!?" (A: The Fantastic Flying Squirrel).

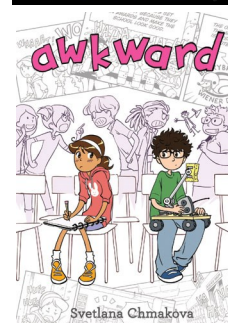
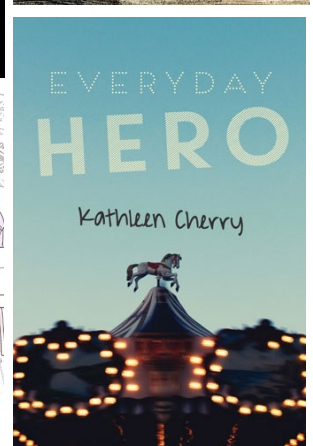
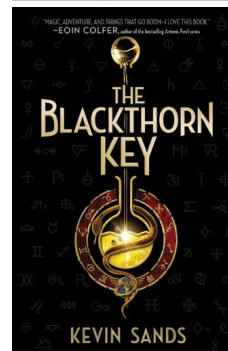
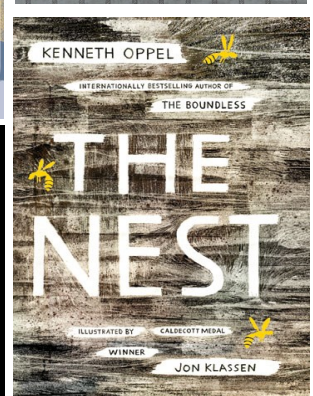
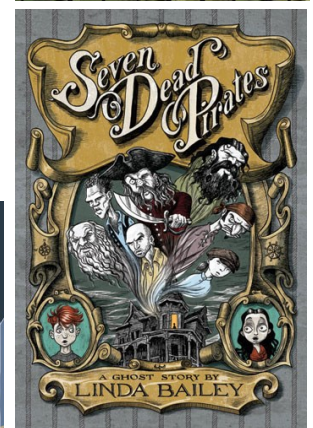
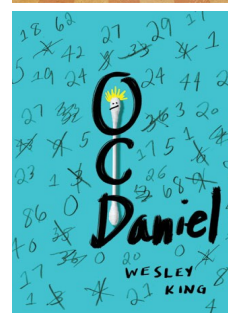
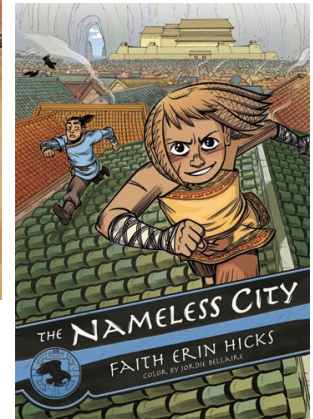
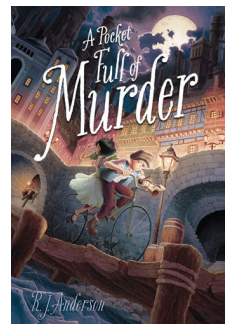
The 'battles' generally take place in the mornings before school at 8:00 a.m. in the library, computer room and French room, and will run for approximately two weeks ending with a final 'BATTLE' assembly between the top two teams. Parents, please encourage your Grade 4/5/6 kids to participate in this 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 • it encourages 'book talk' amongst friends - imagine! • it encourages deeper reading and understanding of books • it gives students the opportunity to have fun with friends around books!

You can find a list of the books and summaries [here](#).

Thank you,

Kathy Clarke & Jeffrey Winter



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Whitney Wildcats Hockey

Congratulations to the members of the Whitney hockey team on another outstanding and exciting hockey season. Last week the team played a great game against Oriole, winning 5-0. The very next day the boys and girls were back on the ice to exact their revenge against Palmerston, following a 6-5 defeat earlier in the season. This game was THE MOST INCREDIBLE hockey game I have ever witnessed. The action was faced paced and both goalies were standing on their heads keeping the high scoring teams at bay. At the end of the second period though, the Wildcats finally broke through, as Oliver snapped a wrist shot to the top corner. The third period was equally entertaining, as Cyrus went in on a breakaway from centre ice, and put a move on the Palmerston goalie that even Sydney Crosby would have been impressed by. Palmerston was not ready to give up though, and threw everything they had (even a kitchen sink) at Wes, our brave goalie! Palmerston scored a late goal, but the Wildcats won 2-1, ending the regular season in a tie for first place!

Following an extra long Family Day weekend, the Wildcats were back on the ice for their semi final match against Brown PS. The bounces in this game didn't go our way, and despite a valiant effort, and a spectacular end to end goal from Beats, the Brown Panthers defeated Whitney 4-2.

Thank you to all of the families who supported the team throughout this magical season



at a glance

two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

Monday 27 — Friday 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	1	2	3
Grade 6 Badminton Tryout (7:30 a.m.) Division 3 Basketball Practice (3:30 - 4:30)	Grade 4/5 Badminton Tryout (7:30 a.m.)	Grade 6 Badminton Practice (7:30)		

Monday 6 — Friday 10

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	7	8	9	10
Division 3 Basketball Practice 3:30 - 4:30		Grade 6 Badminton Practice (7:30)	Grade 4/5 Badminton Practice (7:30)	Drop in Badminton (7:30 a.m.)