

# Whitney Word

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## school dates for **april**

- 10 Monday, 8am  
**Choir Practice CANCELLED**
- 12 Wednesday  
**Pink Shirt Day**
- 14 Friday  
**Good Friday**
- 17 Monday  
**Easter Monday**
- 20 Thursday, 7pm  
**Whitney Talent Show, Gr 4-6**
- 27 Thursday, 5:00pm  
**Family Math Night \*\*Pizza Dinner for All**



Please be sure to make a stop at our lost and found over the next few weeks. If you are here for our talent show on **April 20th**, please take a moment and stop by the bin. Any items left after this time will be donated. Thanks!

**LOST**  
& **FOUND**

## from the principal



This is a very important reminder for all students who bring their scooters, skateboards, long boards and bikes to school. Scooters, skateboards, long boards and bikes may be used to get to school, but are NOT to be used on school property. We remind students that they must walk their bikes onto school property and lock them up by the bike racks. Unfortunately, we have had some incidents in the past where students have been unintentionally hurt.

Also, scooters, skateboards and long boards must be left outside under the overhang outside the main doors and not used between the hours of 8:30 and 3:45. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**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.



# Battle of the Books

## Final

Saving Trees vs Third Cousins 16-10

ST took the lead then TC caught up and tied the game 5-5 before Saving Trees pulled away and took the match

## Consolation Final

D.E.A.D vs The Melons 16-9

Melons were in the lead 5-1, then D.E.A.D. made a comeback, tie game at 7-7....

## The Finals

We had an amazing two weeks of matches for the Battle of the Books this year! The teams were well prepared and hungry for battle. I have never seen a group of students more enthusiastic and motivated to read in my time at Whitney. It has been truly inspiring!

What an amazing finale we had on Thursday for the Battle of the Books! First, we got to witness a stunning come-from-behind victory by D.E.A.D. over The Third Cousins in the consolation final, and then an epic final match between Saving Trees and Melons.

A big congratulations go out to The Saving Trees team (**Beate T., James R., Liam K. & Zach B. from room 302**) on their victory in the Battle of the Books finals. They will be celebrating their victory with a pizza party in the coming months!

I would like to extend a big thank-you to all parent volunteers who helped host the tournament: **Amber Friesen, Cathy Brochu, Heather Fraser, Jane Vokes, Suzie Clapp, Erin Wright, Jennifer Steckel Elliot, Elizabeth Knox, and of course Kathy Clarke** who helped organize the tournament again this year.

I would also like to thank the students for making it such a wonderful event, year after year! All teams who participated should be proud of their effort! We had some close matches throughout the tournament.

See you next year! **Mr. Winter**



## Whitney School Council Special Spend Update

On Wednesday, April 5th, 2017 a meeting called for parents and teachers by the Whitney School Council (the “Council”) was successful in approving 10 (ten) motions to spend a portion of the Council’s excess funds.

As a result of this approval new enhancements will soon be made in the areas of **Curriculum** (*i.e.*, *Levelled readers, math manipulatives, Kindergarten dramatic play and music enrichment*), **Technology** (*refurbishing of computers, Chrome books*) and **Facility and Classrooms**.

Please note details related to all motions are available in the main office and questions may be directed to [whitneyschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

The Council thanks all who participated in this matter.

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## Entering the Building

This is a friendly reminder about our process for entering the building in the morning. Our school bell rings at 8:42AM and prior to this time. Beginning at 8:30AM, we have staff supervision outside for any students who come to school a little early. We do not have any supervision inside the building prior to the bell so we are reminding all students to remain outside supervised.

Also, on our road to independence, we remind you to encourage your child to come into the building on his/her own when the bell rings.

The staff are very willing to help primary children hang their knapsacks, put on their shoes, coats etc. This is one way that we can both build your child’s self-confidence and independence. We thank you for this!

# KINDNESS IS ONE SIZE Fits All

## #PINKSHIRTDAY

Our school will participate in Pink Shirt Day, a bullying prevention initiative, on **Wednesday, April 12th**. We are encouraging all our students to show their support for this movement and celebrate diversity by wearing pink. Together, as a school and community we have the power to unite against bullying.

Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when two Grade 12 students at a Nova Scotia school saw a younger student bullied for wearing a pink shirt. The student was teased and called homophobic slurs. The Grade 12 students intervened but wanted to do more, so they bought pink shirts, and so did two of their friends and two of their friends. A few days later, just about everyone at the school showed up wearing pink.

**Stand up against bullying, and if you'd like wear a pink shirt on Wednesday!**

## Family Math Night – Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>

What could be more fun than doing math as a family? On Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00PM, Whitney is planning its first family math night! Come on out with your child (ren) for pizza and then enjoy prizes, games and many exciting and engaging math activities and new ideas about how to integrate mathematics in almost everything you do at home! An invitation has been sent home. Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we have an idea of numbers for pizza! See you all there, Whitney!

Please use the link below to RSVP by **Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>** so that we have an idea of our numbers for pizza and goodie bags! See you all there, Whitney!

<https://goo.gl/forms/PfBX98ZSun0l0ldf2>





## Save Our School Yard Plants

### A Message from Tom, Room 207... and Groot!

We need your help!

For years now, the smaller trees and bushes in the Whitney school yard have been taking a beating. Students are constantly peeling off bark, digging around the roots, and breaking off branches.

Last fall the Parent Council funded a project to beautify the area around the big fir tree on the hill. Over thirty Boxwood bushes were planted. Within two days students had trampled the new bushes, snapped off their branches, and pulled most of them (roots and all) out of the ground *because they were looking for bugs*.

We need for all Whitney students to understand that plants are living. We need for them to understand all the benefits that plants provide; both ecologically and psychologically.

Plans are in the works for continued additions to our gardens. To ensure their success, please talk with your children and help us develop a culture of pride, respect, and love for our living school yard.

Let us all sing out strong... I AM GROOT!

## **PARENT TEACHER SOCIAL OF THE YEAR!**

Great opportunity to mingle and support Whitney!

This fun evening includes a silent auction focused on experiences that make our Whitney community special.

### KID'S FUN

We are looking for two events per grade (K-6).  
Please consider hosting one like:

- Girls Tea Party
- SkyZone & Sundae Making
- Ball Hockey Tournament
- Pool Party

### GROWN-UP FUN

We are also looking for experiences for grown-ups such as:

- Premium tickets to sporting/culture events
- Boot camp, yoga & pilates classes
- Gift cards

All donations will be recognized in a catalogue for the Main Event.

For experiences, please email [Alexis](#) or [Andrew](#) to donate or bounce around ideas!

For those who would like to donate gift cards, please contact [Ros](#).

Thank you for your generosity!

## **WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL**



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# wittenberg's wall

sports. house leagues. wildcats



## Co-ed Volleyball



Congratulations to the 12 members of the coed volleyball team on their unbelievable performance at their after school tournament this past week. Whitney welcomed two outstanding teams from Hillcrest and Rosedale on Monday afternoon. The first match of the day saw Whitney and Hillcrest go toe to toe, and what a match it was! The first set went to Hillcrest, as the teams showed great control, often using all three shots before sending the ball back over the net. Losing the first set did not deter our Wildcats though, as they stormed out of the gates in the 2nd set, winning it comfortably and setting up the third and final set. This set was easily the most exciting, as both teams had leads in the game, but with a never give up attitude, the Wildcats pulled out a 15-13 victory!

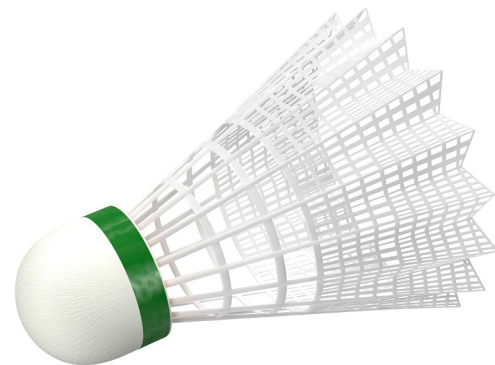
Rosedale then showed up to the party and very quickly defeated Hillcrest a winner take all match against Whitney. This match didn't necessarily start the way the team and the coaches drew it up. Before we could blink, Whitney lost the first set 25-12...but never fear, because there is no giving up in our Wildcats! The second set started off just as we drew it up, and Whitney quickly

opened up a 10 point lead. Things started to get interesting with Whitney leading 24-17. It then became 24-18, 24-19, 24-20, 24-21 (Mr. W started to lose some hair), 24-22, 24-23 (Mr. W was really sweating now!), and finally 24-24. Our team dug deep, and took the next two points, winning 26-24!!! This set up, a winner take all third set. The third and determining set wasn't even close at all. Our student athletes were spiking the ball right, left and centre, as well as making some of the most incredible saves their coaches had ever seen! When the dust settled, Whitney defeated Rosedale 15-5!

Good luck to the team as they enter the conference quarter finals on Monday after school in the Whitney gym!

## Grade 4/5 Badminton

Congratulations to the members of the two grade 4/5 badminton teams on their outstanding performance at their one day tournament at Palmerston last week. The birdies were flying, as the athletes smashed them back and forth across the net. Every match was incredibly close, and our students showed an incredible amount of determination, finishing in 2nd place! It is sad to see the season come to an end so soon, but the badminton program at Whitney is looking strong for next year! Way to go boys and girls!!!



# at a glance

# two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

## Monday 10 — Friday 14

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
7:30 Coed Volleyball Practice  3:45 Coed Volleyball Quarter Finals @ Whitney vs. Wilkinson	7:30 Boys Soccer Tryout (Whitney field)  3:30 Grade 6 Ultimate Tryout	7:30 Girls Soccer Tryout  3:30 Grade 4/5 Ultimate Tryout	7:30 Boys Soccer Tryout  12:00 Grade 4/5 Ultimate Tryout	<b>No School</b>

**\*\*Please note there will be track and field tryouts taking place over the next two weeks. Mr. Wittenberg will make announcements, and remind the students in class, at which recesses they will take place.\*\***

## Monday 17 — Friday 21

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>No School</b>	7:30 Girls Soccer Tryout  3:30 Grade 6 Ultimate Practice	7:30 Boys Soccer Practice  3:30 Grade 4/5 Ultimate Practice	7:30 Girls Soccer Practice  3:30 Grade 6 Ultimate Practice	7:30 Boys Soccer Practice  12:00 Grade 4/5 Ultimate Practice