

# Whitney Word

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## school dates for **april**

- 24** Monday  
**Backpack Drive Begins** (see page 2)
- 27** Thursday, 5:00pm  
**Family Math Night \*\*Pizza Dinner for All**

## school dates for **may**

- 5** Friday, 10:30  
**SPA Day Trait: Integrity, Room 207 Gr 1**



Fashion Disaster! Wear checks & plaid or polka dots & stripes.

- 22** Monday  
**Victoria Day**
- 25** Thursday, 7pm  
**The Main Event, Toronto Lawn**

## from the principal



What a spectacular evening! Thank you to all the teachers and support staff for their support in preparation for last night's Talent Show! As well, a thank you to our caretakers and Allison in the office.

The kids were so awesome...so talented and seemed so comfortable performing in front of such a wonderful and supportive audience. A special thanks to **Ms. Werbitsky, Heather Hall and Allie Diniz** who made all the magic happen!

Whitney P.S: where talent and fun never stop!

**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.

2nd Annual Backpack Collection Drive  
6000 backpacks needed for HIV+ children in Malawi

# BACKPACKS FOR MALAWI



Dear **Students & Families**,

**Backpacks for Malawi** is an annual drive collecting used or new backpacks for HIV+ children and teens of all ages in Malawi. The backpacks will be redistributed to children in the **Dignitas International's Teen Club in Malawi**, all of whom are living with HIV. These backpacks are unexpected allies in helping the kids keep their medication safe and in helping them maintain privacy in a country that still stigmatizes HIV.

The bags can be big or small, used or brand new, for kids or adults. If possible, please include a few school supplies, books, or games for kids. Other needed items include markers, tape, notebooks, construction paper, pencil cases, tote bags, friendly notes or pictures, crayons, decks of cards—almost anything but food, clothing or shoes! Thank you!

If you would like to make an online donation in support of Dignitas International's programs for teens living with HIV, you can do so by visiting their website: [www.DignitasInternational.org](http://www.DignitasInternational.org)

**Collection Begins: Monday April 24**

**Collection Ends: Friday May 12**

Bins will be left in front of the Main Office.

Thanks so much for helping the children of Malawi,  
Leslie Feist / [www.listentofeist.com](http://www.listentofeist.com)



DIGNITAS

**KINDNESS** IS ONE SIZE *Fits All*

**#PINKSHIRTDAY**



# Staffing Model for 2017-2018

Thank you to the parents and staff who worked collaboratively to create a staffing model for 2017-2018. Superintendent **Mike Gallagher** has approved our staffing model based on 283 students and 16 teachers.

It is important to understand the Ministry & TDSB mandated criteria in the creation of all classes:

- Must create all classes based on projected enrolment numbers (not actuals).
- Must create three FDK classes, not to exceed 30 students/class. One of those classes must not exceed 15 students.
- Must create six grade 1 to 3 classes, capped at 20 students/class with ONE exemption.
- Must create three Junior classes with NO CAP size.
- Must provide the mandated 240 minutes/5 days of preparation time for each full time teacher.
- Mandated 0.5 Library, 0.5 HSP, 0.5 Resource and 0.5 prep coverage.

Preparation time for teachers for 2017-2018, will be delivered through a combination of gym, French and the arts by specialist teachers, with some prep minutes delivered by some junior teachers.

Given the mandated set criteria and after much discussion and collaboration, we have created the following model for 2017-2018. Please remember that this model is based on the staff allocation and the **projected number** of students, subject to **September reorganization and realignment**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

**Debbie Stern**

FDK (up to 30 students)	2.0 (Gym, Music, Drama)
FDK (up to 30 students)	0.5 French
FDK (up to 15 students)	0.5 Resource
Grade 1	0.5 Library
Grade 1	0.5 Home School Program
Grade 2	
Grade 2	
Grade 3	
Grade 3	
Grade 4	
Grade 5/6	
Grade 5/6	



# THE MAIN EVENT

## PARENT TEACHER SOCIAL OF THE YEAR

Great opportunity to mingle and support Whitney!

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Email and Mailing Addresses are required to receive tax receipt.*

CHILD NAME(S) & GRADE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tickets are \$125 per person. Attendees will receive a welcome beverage, two drink tickets, appetizers and finger food. Please note that a portion of the ticket proceeds goes directly to the school.

Please accept our reservation(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ people @ \$125 per person.

Sorry, we cannot attend, but enclosed is our contribution to the event.

RSVP and Payment: Please return form and cheque payable to Whitney School Council to the Main Event bin in the office by May 16th.

We look forward to a fun night!

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## **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!

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# wittenberg's wall

sports. house leagues. wildcats



## Boys Soccer

Thank you to all of the boys who came to tryout for the soccer team. We clearly have some outstanding soccer skills here at Whitney. The team has now been posted, and we are getting under way without a moment to rest. The boys will hit the field running (kicking and hopefully scoring!) on Monday after school against Frankland. Good luck boys!

## Girls Soccer

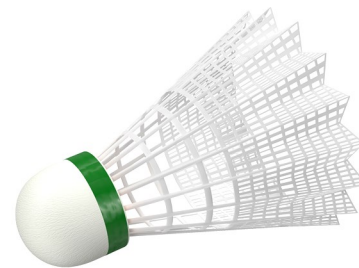
Congratulations to all of the girls who came to tryout for the soccer team. Just like the boys, it was an extremely difficult decision to finally choose the team for 2017. The girls will be practicing for the next couple of weeks before hitting the field on May 11th for their opening game of the year. Good luck girls!

**ALL PRACTICES FOR BOTH THE BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE AT ROSEDALE PARK! STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO MEET MR. W AT SCHOOL AT 7:15 OR DOWN AT THE PARK FOR 7:30.**



## Grade 6 Badminton

The birds were flying like crazy last week, when Whitney traveled to McMurrich to battle in the South Conference Quarter-Finals. Our student athletes were making shots only the pros could dream of making. Unfortunately, the team from McMurrich was just a bit too much for our Wildcats that day, and our season came to an end. Congratulations to all of the students who played on the team, and a giant thank you to all of the parents who supported the team throughout the season!



## Coed Volleyball

Congratulations to the 12 members of the coed volleyball team on an amazing and exciting season. Following the most outstanding volleyball tournament in school history, our mighty Wildcats came up just short against an outstanding squad from Winchester.

## Track and Field

The track and field team will be announced at the end of next week. Practices will mostly take place during recess and lunch. Please note that the meet is taking place on Wednesday May 10th at Birchmount Stadium.

# at a glance

# two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

## Monday 24 — Friday 28

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>12:00</b> 200m and Triple Jump tryouts  <b>3:30</b> Boys Soccer Game at Rosedale Park vs. Frankland	<b>7:30</b> Girls Soccer Practice @ Rosedale  <b>10:05</b> 1500m tryouts  <b>12:00</b> 400m tryouts and Shot Put Clinic	<b>7:30</b> Boys Soccer Practice @ Rosedale  <b>10:05</b> 800m tryouts  <b>3:30</b> Grade 5 and 6 Ultimate Div 2 Practice @ Rosedale Park	<b>7:30</b> Boys and Girls Soccer Practice  <b>12:00</b> Shot Put Tryouts  <b>3:30</b> Grade 5 and 6 Ultimate Div 2 Practice @ Rosedale Park	<b>12:00</b> Grade 5 and 6 Ultimate Div 3 practice

TRACK AND FIELD PRACTICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK THE WHITEBOARD AND SEE MR. W FOR UPDATES

## Monday 1 — Friday 5

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>7:30</b> Hurdles Practice  <b>12:00</b> Relay Practice  <b>3:30</b> Grade 5 and 6 Ultimate Div 2 Practice @ Rosedale Park	<b>7:30</b> Girls Soccer Practice @ Rosedale  <b>10:05</b> 100m practice  <b>12:00</b> Relay Practice  <b>1:50</b> Shot Put Practice	<b>7:30</b> Boys Soccer Practice @ Rosedale  <b>10:05</b> 800m, 1500m and Jumping Practice  <b>12:00</b> Relay Practice  <b>3:30</b> Grade 5 and 6 Ultimate Div 2 Practice @ Rosedale Park	<b>7:30</b> Boys and Girls Soccer Practice  <b>10:05</b> 200m, 400m and Jumping Practice  <b>12:00</b> Relay Practice	