

# Whitney Word

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## school dates for **may**

- 8** Monday  
**Choir Practice**
- 15** Monday  
**Choir Practice**
- 12** Friday  
**Backpack Drive Ends**
- 22** Monday  
**Victoria Day**
- 25** Thursday, 7pm  
**The Main Event, Toronto Lawn**

## from the principal

### appropriate dress



As the warmer weather approaches (we hope), we want to remind students and parents of appropriate dress at school. Although there is no particular dress code, there are a few simple rules to ensure a safe, inclusive and respectful atmosphere.



Running shoes and comfortable shorts are required for gym class. Hats may not be worn indoors except for religious or cultural headwear. Messages and images on t-shirts must be appropriate for school. Please keep the messages POSITIVE! Midriffs and tummies should be covered and straps on tops must be at least two finger widths across with no bra straps visible. Very short shorts are not appropriate for school; also, please ensure that underwear is not visible. Thank you!

**Debbie Stern**

## Healthy Living Conference

On **Monday May 8th**, in recognition of Mental Health Week 2017, all Whitney students will be involved in our second annual Healthy Living Conference! The conference will run for the full day for all our grade 1-6 classes. We are very excited to have many wonderful workshops including yoga, nutrition, stress management, role playing in positive social interactions, Drum Fit, Toronto firefighters and much more! As well, the parent council is organizing a special package to go home with each child on that day! Get fit and healthy!!

## Dog Issue

We continue to have a very serious problem with dog feces on school property. Although there are many signs restricting dogs at any time on the weekend or weekdays, it is clear that many local residents are not following this rule. To make matters worse, some owners are allowing their dogs to poop on the property without the requisite clean-up afterwards. It is very frustrating that some people are not being responsible or respectful of the property, especially one that is the daytime home for hundreds of children every day. **Please help us by reminding any dog owners that you see during off-hours of the rule and the impact this behaviour can have on children's health.**



This is a free event, open to parents from any TDSB School

## Brown Junior Public School Presents a Mental Health May event... **Reducing Anxiety in Your Children** with Doone Estey

Monday, 8 May 2017, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Anxiety and stress are more prevalent in our children than ever before. Does your child seem self-confident and resilient or full of self-doubt?

- Learn to assess your child's inner state and help protect it
- Equip your child with tools to withstand anxiety and stress
- Lay the groundwork for their happiness and self-confidence all through life

*"Your wonderful advice and guidance is SO incredibly helpful for us all. Hearing the other parents and their issues is very powerful too. It has helped me immensely...! [Doone] is superb facilitator."*

Please note: This speaker series is generously supported by a Parents Reaching Out Grant for School Councils, Ministry of Education, Province of Ontario

REGISTER NOW





**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 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



Dear wonderful Whitney Parents and Staff,

The time has come. After eight years as your trusty Whitney Word Editor, I am retiring upon the graduation of my son Declan from Grade 6. As an alum and parent of this amazing school, it has been a joy and privilege to do this job.

My final message of gratitude will come with the last edition in June but the search is on for my replacement now. The skill set is minimal (a little proficiency with a design program of your choice) and the time required has been significantly reduced with the introduction of bi-weekly editions (2-4 hrs depending on the time of year).

Please email me if your are interested and I can provide more details. As a parent, I have always been so grateful for the effort our school makes to keep us informed through the Whitney Word. I look forward to reading editions in the future!

**Martha**



## PARENT TEACHER SOCIAL OF THE YEAR!

Great opportunity to mingle and support Whitney!

The evening includes a silent auction focused on experience that make our Whitney community special.

Here is a sneak peek at some of the auction items!

### TEACHER EXPERIENCES

- \* Painting Session @ Whitney
- \* Teacher/Principle for Half a Day
- \* Phys Ed Teacher for the Day
- \* Tour of Secret Places @ Whitney!

### GROWN-UP FUN

- \* Wine Tasting
- \* Poker Night
- \* Neighborhood House Crawl
- \* Yoga & brunch

### KIDS' FUN

- \* Pokemon Party Gr 1 Boys
- \* Soccer & Pizza Gr 2
- \* Street Hockey Party Gr 3/4 Boys
- \* Art Party Gr 3 and 6 Girls

### AND MORE!

- \* Cottage Rental
- \* Ski Days @ Osler, Alpine & GP
- \* Theater & Blue Jays tickets...
- \* **Snapchat Spectacles**

Looking forward to seeing you there!

WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL



**Not yet available in Canada!** Spectacles are sunglasses that Snap! Tap once to make a memory — from your perspective. Then, relive it later in Snapchat.





# 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!

WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL

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# wittenberg's wall

sports. house leagues. wildcats



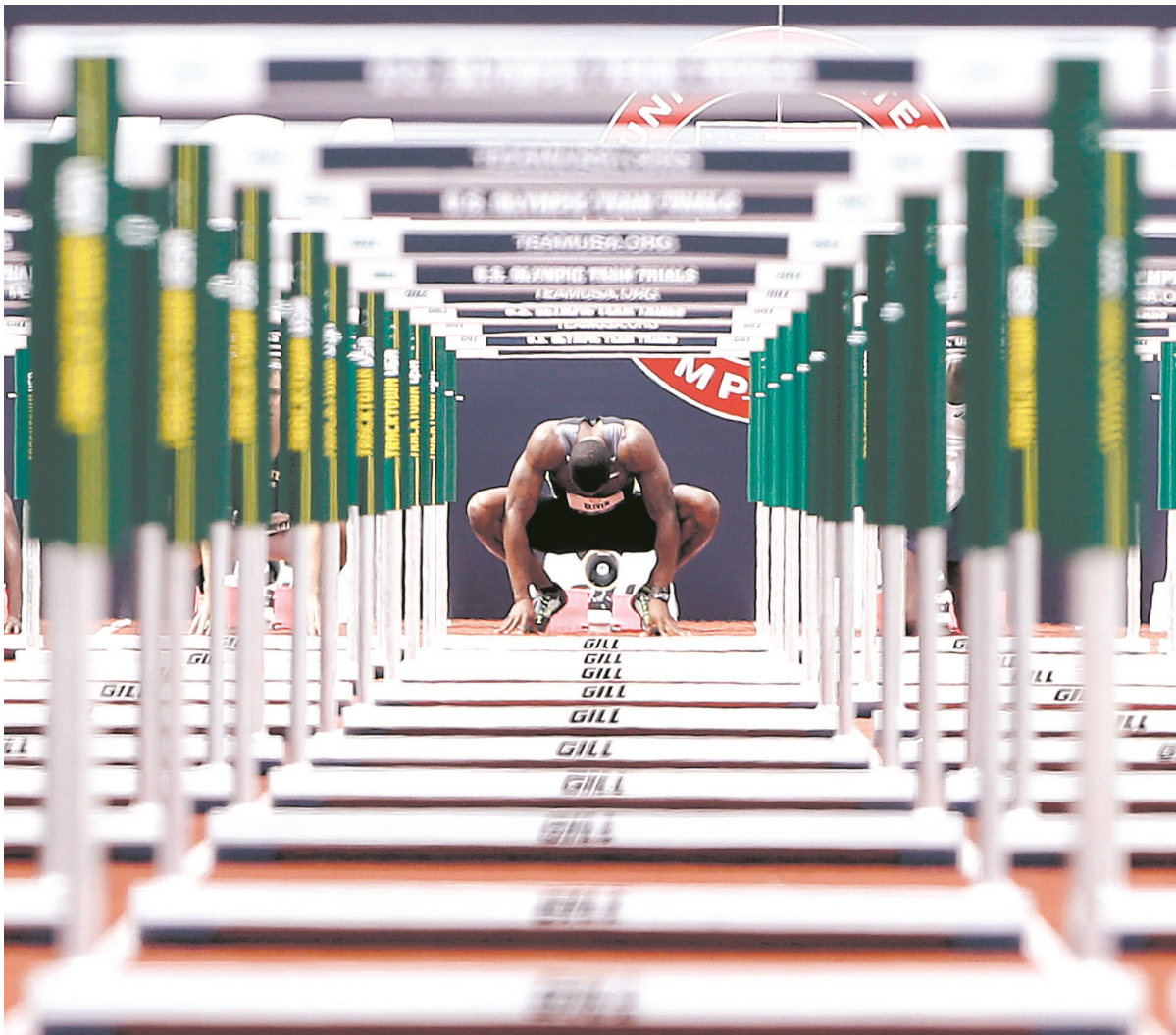
## Boys Soccer

Congratulations to the members of the boys soccer team who took to the field in an epic match up against a talented squad from Frankland. The boys used their crisp passing, solid defense, and blistering shot making to defeat their opponents 2-0! The boys hit the field again next week when they travel to Hawthorne.



## Track and Field

The kids have been racing around the Whitney track, passing the batons and jumping nearly right over the sand pits in preparation for the first track and field meet of the season. The big event takes place on Wednesday May 10th at Birchmount Stadium. Please make sure to wear your Whitney t-shirt and bring lots of water on the day of the event!



# at a glance two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

## Monday 8 — Friday 12

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
8:00 Hurdles Practice  10:05 Jumping, 80m 200m, 800m Practice  12:00 Relay Practice  1:55 400m and 1500m practice  3:30 Boys Soccer Game @ Hawthorne	3:30 Grade 6 Ulti- mate Whitney vs. Withrow @ Rosedale	<b>Track and Field Meet            Birchmount Stadium</b>	7:30 Girls Soccer Prac- tice @ Rosedale  3:30 Girls Soccer Whit- ney @ Withrow	12:00 Grade 4/5 and 6 Division III Ultimate Practice

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

## Monday 15 — Friday 19

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
7:30 Grade 5 and 6 Div II Ultimate Prac- tice @ Rosedale  3:00-5:00 Boys and Girls Soccer @ Frankland	9:00 - 12:00 Grade 5 Div II Ultimate Tourna- ment @ Forest Hill Me- morial Field  3:30 Grade 6 Ultimate Practice	7:30 Boys and Girls Soccer Practice	7:30 Girls Soccer Practice  3:00 - 5:00 Boys and Girls Soccer vs. Haw- thorne @ Rosedale	12:00 Grade 4/5 and 6 Division III Ultimate Practice