

Whitney Word

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school dates for **may**

- 22** Monday
Victoria Day
- 23** Tuesday, 1:50pm
School Panoramic Photo Day
- 25** Thursday, 7pm
The Main Event, Toronto Lawn
- 29** Monday
EQAO Starts—Grade 3 and 6



school dates for **june**

- 2** Thursday
Grade 6 Freezie Sale
- 7** Wednesday, 10:3am
SPA Day. Grade 6 and SK
- 8** Thursday
Field Trip: Wheelchair Basketball
- 13** Tuesday, 6:30pm, Library
Whitney School Council AGM
- 15** Monday, 8:15am
Parent Volunteer Breakfast

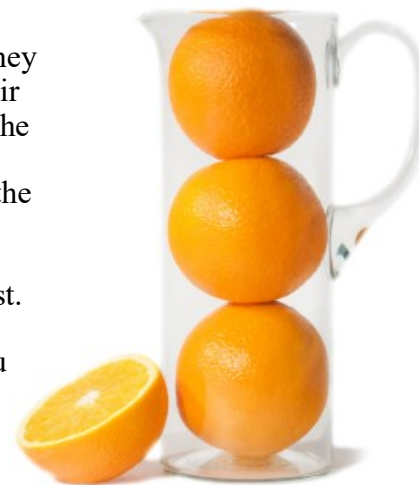


Victoria Day will be celebrated on Monday May 22nd, in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday. Did you know...it is sometimes informally considered the beginning of the summer season in Canada? The holiday has been observed in Canada since at least 1845, originally falling on Victoria's actual birthday (24 May 1819). It continues to be celebrated across the country...and because it is a statutory holiday, there is NO School on this day!

from the principal

calling all volunteers

It's that time of year again, when the Whitney staff want to show their appreciation to all of the parent volunteers that have helped us make the year run smoothly by hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. All volunteers are welcome, whether you helped out on a class trip, coached a basketball game or helped organize Scholastics in the classroom.



Please join us on Thursday June 15th at 8:15am out in the kindergarten playground and let us show you our appreciation and our thanks for making this year so successful! Mark your calendars!! See you there!

Debbie Stern



Follow Us!

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.



Thanks to the genius planning of Wendy and Linda, our lunchroom Supervisors, and the assistance of Tom, on May 17th Whitney set new school record for Gazebo stuffing! [photo courtesy of Allison in the office]

Attention Grade 6:

**Tuesday May 30
6:30 pm
Room 302**

**Grade 6 Ottawa Trip
Parent Night hosted
by our hired touring
company “Temple &
Temple”.**

Grade
6

Attention Grade 6:

**Grade 6 students
who will be
attending Deer
Park in September
will be visiting the
school as a class on
Tuesday June 6 (in
the pm).**

Grade
6



LAST SPA DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR
Wednesday June 7th
Assembly @ 10:30pm

On Wednesday June 7th, we will celebrate with everything that’s great about Whitney P.S. Show your Whitney spirit by wearing blue and yellow! We will be handing out “integrity” certificates! Our Gr. 6 Peer Mentors and SK students will be presenting our final character theme of the school year “Perseverance”.

Healthy Living Conference 2017

On Monday May 8th, in recognition of Mental Health Week 2017, all Whitney students were involved in our second annual Healthy Living Conference! It was a fantastic day!

The conference ran for the full day for all students in grades 1-6. We hosted workshops including yoga, nutrition, stress management, using drama in positive social interactions and much more! We also sent home a flower bulb for planting which was directly related to the reading of a famous Japanese Folk Tale called "The Empty Pot".

A huge thank you to all our presenters, staff and parents for the flower bulbs! The student's feedback was very positive.

"I loved making the yogurt because I tried things I didn't think I liked."

"I loved the drum fit! It was so much fun!"

"The empty pot was a good story because it taught us about integrity."

The yoga was so relaxing and we slept a little."

Student Placement 2017-2018

Classes are organized for the following year based on the staffing model for the school which was published in the April 21st edition of the Whitney Word. Once the transfer and hiring is completed, sending and receiving teachers will meet with me and we will organize classes according to several criteria: a balance of boys and girls, a balance of student's strengths and learning needs and keeping students who work well together and separating students whose working relationships are not as productive. Students with special learning needs will also be considered in the placement process.

If you, as a parent, feel that there is something about your child's strengths and needs that we don't already know about, please send an email to myself or the teacher by **Friday June 2nd**. What you tell me about your child will be taken into consideration during the placement process. Requests for specific teachers or straight versus combined classes cannot be accommodated. Placement decisions will be final and parents will be notified in the end of year report card which will be sent home on Tuesday June 27. Please note: Due to the uncertainty of class organization next year, student placements are subject to September actual enrolment/realignment.

whitney word needs new editor!

The search is on for my replacement as my son Declan graduates this year. 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 hours depending on the time of year). Please email me if your are interested and I can provide more details.

Martha

do's and don'ts on sunscreens and sunburns

The sun is high in the sky and we're looking at some hot and sunny weather over the next three weeks! June is a time when the school heats up and students spend more time outside to cool off, so we're asking parents to please send students to school with sunscreen on. Also, we are asking parents to keep sunscreen in your child's back-pack so they can apply a second layer, if needed throughout the day. Thank you!



THE MAIN EVENT

PARENT TEACHER SOCIAL OF THE YEAR!

Whitney's "Main Event" is this **Thursday, May 25th** at the Toronto Lawn and Tennis. Once again, this year promises to be a great evening for parents and teachers alike! Currently over 120 people are set to attend, however we would love to see more of you there.

Tickets are still available in the Main Office (or simply fill out and return the registration form on the following page... then pay at the door!)

To gain a sneak preview of the 60+ EXCITING silent auction items go to:

<http://bit.ly/2qtz6U0>

Also a big THANK YOU to all our generous donors for these items, as well as the prizes available to win in the (always living and entertaining) "Balloon Pop" activity.

Finally a few items of note:

Bring your smartphone! You will need it to bid. The online bidding will open at 7PM.

Attendees, donors and teachers: You will be receiving a personalized bidding link Thursday morning to the email that you provided on the RSVP.

If you haven't RSVP'd and are regretting it, please contact Mistine Lauzon at mistine.lauzon@gmail.com. Again we would all love to see you there!

We look forward to an incredible night and hope to see you all there!

[The Whitney School Council](#)

Looking forward to seeing you there!





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.

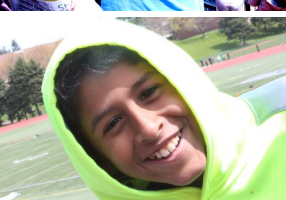
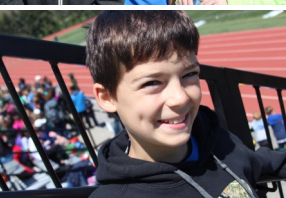
We look forward to a fun night!

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Track and Field

Congratulations to the 48 student athletes Whitney sent to the track and field meet on a chilly but sunny day at Birchmount Stadium. The performances were outrageously incredible, as the kids ran like the wind, jumped further than humanly possible, and heaved shot puts further than Superman! Here is just a short list of some of the amazing results:

- Beats - 1st in 80m and 1st in 200m!!
- Amrita - 1st in shot put
- Nick S - 1st in hurdles
- Nick N - 2nd in running long jump
- Taimur - 3rd in 1500m and 5th in 800m
- Audrey - 4th in 800m and 10th in 400m
- Ellie - 6th in 200m and 9th in 80m
- Tyler S - 4th in hurdles and 6th in running long jump
- Frankie - 4th in shot put
- Sophia - 5th in hurdles and 11th in triple jump
- Sam - 6th in 1500m and 9th in 400m
- Jamie - 4th in 1500m and 7th in running long jump
- Ella - 7th in hurdles and 8th in 400m
- Isla - 8th in hurdles and 9th in standing long jump
- Zach - 7th in 800m and 8th in shot put
- Chloe - 5th in triple jump
- Dash - 5th in running long jump
- Eva - 9th in hurdles
- Eric - 5th in hurdles
- Turner - 8th in 200m
- Henry - 9th in hurdles
- Tyler C - 10th in 400m
- William - 10th in 200m
- Hudson - 8th in shot put
- Grade 6 Girls Relay - 4th!
- Grade 5 Girls Relay - 6th!

Good luck to **Beats, Amrita, Taimur, Nick S and Nick N** as they are off to compete at the Conference Finals on June 7th! Mr. Wittenberg, Ms. Diniz and Ms. Frew will speak to our students about practice times.




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Grade 4/5 Ultimate Congratulations to the members of the grade 4/5 ultimate Frisbee team on their outstanding performance at their one morning tournament earlier this week. Despite the wet weather, the Whitney Wildcats played incredibly well as a team, throwing, passing and defending better than their coach ever thought possible. The team finished the tournament with a 2 -1 record and are advancing to the conference quarter finals. Good luck team!



Grade 6 Ultimate Congratulations to the 14 members of the grade 6 ultimate team on a terrific start to their season. The team went toe to toe with the Withrow Wildcats and finished the game with a 9-3 victory. There were some fantastic flicks, beautiful backhands and some downright amazing defense displayed by our mightier Wildcats. Good luck to the team as they continue their season!!

Division 3 Ultimate The two division 3 ultimate Frisbee teams have been working hard throughout the past few weeks. Both teams are getting prepared for their one day tournaments coming up soon. The grade 6 students will be heading to Trinity Bellwoods on June 5th, and the 4/5 team was supposed to play their tournament on the Toronto Island, however due to the ongoing weather issues, the location of their tournament, taking place on June 19th, is up in the air. More information will come closer to the date.

Girls Soccer Congratulations to the girls soccer team on a fantastic season of soccer. Over the past couple of weeks, the girls have been involved in some riveting soccer games. Despite dropping their first two games of the season, the girls battled hard throughout each game, and demonstrated teamwork that would make any coach proud. The girls finished up their season with a solid 2-0 victory over Hawthorne, as the girls used some tic-tac-toe TFC type passing, as they moved the ball throughout the field. Even though our season is over, it was a lot of fun working on our skills throughout the past couple of months! Thank you to all of the families who helped support the team throughout the season, whether you were baking cookies, cheering on the girls, or driving the girls from field to field, without your support, none of this would have been possible.

Boys Soccer The boys soccer season came to an end on Thursday afternoon, following four incredible soccer games. The boys opened up their season with a 2-0 victory over Frankland, and only a few days later were back on the pitch and battled hard to a 1-1 draw with Hawthorne. The boys had two games this past week, starting with a 5-1 dominating performance at Frankland, highlighted by a rocket of a goal off the foot of Turner "Lionel Messi". The final game of the season was a battle between Hawthorne and Whitney. Unfortunately, the ball did not bounce our way in this game, and the deserving squad from Hawthorne defeated our mighty Wildcats 2-0. Thank you to all the boys for an incredible season, and thank you to all of the families who helped support the team all season long. Without this ongoing support from the Whitney families, none of these sporting opportunities would be possible.



at a glance

two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

Monday 22 — Friday 26

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
22	23	24	25	26
Victoria Day	Extra Day of Relaxation!	7:30 Grade 4/5 and 6 Division 2 Ultimate Practice	7:30 Division 3 Ultimate Practice @ Rosedale Park	12:00 Grade 4/5 and 6 Division III Ultimate Practice

Monday 29 — Friday 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29	30	1	2	3
		7:30 Division 3 Ultimate Practice @ Rosedale Park	7:30 Division 3 Ultimate Practice @ Rosedale Park	