

# Whitney Word

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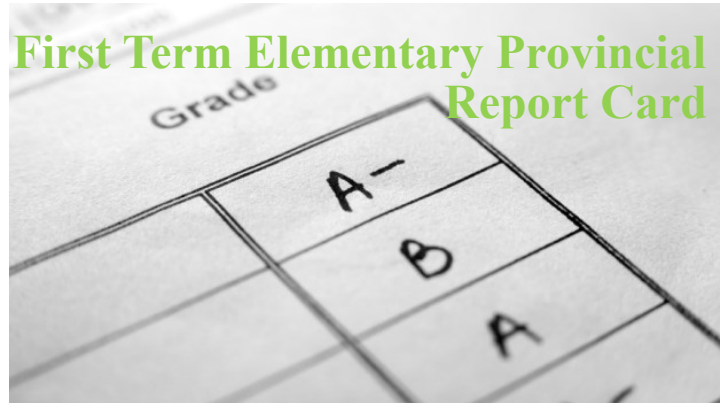
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## school dates for february

- 8** Monday, 8am  
**Choir Practice**
- 8** Monday  
**Battle of the Books Application Deadline**
- 9** Tuesday  
**Mistism, Young People Theatre (Gr 1-6)**
- 10** Wednesday  
**Grade 6 Bake Sale**
- 12** Friday  
**PA Day**
- 15** Monday  
**Family Day—No School**

## from the principal

### First Term Elementary Provincial Report Card



The first elementary provincial report card (for the period of September 2015- January 2016) will be sent home on Tuesday February 9th. It is designed to report on your child's achievement of curriculum expectations and development of the learning skills and work.

Parent teacher interviews are not mandatory this term. However, if you have concerns/questions with regards to your child's report card, please contact your child's teacher to arrange for an interview. Interviews can take place on the evening of February 11th from 3:30-6:30 p.m. OR on Friday morning, February 12th. If you are unable to make any of these above times, please arrange an alternate date/time with your child's teacher.

**Debbie Stern**

Want to report a student absence? Email the school before 9am at [whitney@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:whitney@tdsb.on.ca).

Need to know a deadline? Lost 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 home and email program.



Check out our  
new outside  
classroom!

Dear Whitney community,

When you get a chance, please visit (or ask your children) about a new addition to our playground, the parkette area on the elevated platform outside the main entrance. What was once a little used space will now be a very popular spot with our students. When you visit, you will see a landscaped area including many stone structures. In the spring, there will be more stones with incorporated chessboards and built-in labyrinths as well as gemstone plants surrounding the area, making it even more inviting. This is a no run zone and a quiet place for students to read and relax. Teachers will also utilize it as an outdoor classroom in the spring.

The project started as a great vision from **Mr. Joe Conway**. With support from our principal, **Deborah Stern**, the idea came to completion very quickly. We would like to thank both of them as well as all the parents who have generously contributed to the playground fund. This completes the deployment of these funds by our tireless playground committee. Lastly, we would like to thank a few key parents, **Marcia Moffat, Andrew Pollock, Diana Parsons and Sean McNamara** for their commitment to get the best and the most for all our children.

**Whitney School Council**

# MISTATIM

**On Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, all students in grades 1-6 will be going to the Young People's Theatre to see an exciting show called "Mistatim"**



*Mistatim* is a moving coming-of-age story about two young neighbours who discover they live in worlds that are very far apart. Then Mistatim – the Cree word for *horse* – brings them together to form the truest of friendships. Internationally renowned for its artistry and innovation, Red Sky is one of Canada's leading companies of Indigenous performance in dance, theatre and music.

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# Battle of the Books

Whitney's fifth annual Battle of the Books was introduced to the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students on Tuesday, February 2nd with a friendly match between some of our teachers!

Battle of the Books is an enrichment book competition for kids in grades 4-6. Children who are interested in participating form teams of 4 and, amongst their team, read 10 Silver Birch fiction books (see titles below). A set of these books will be available in each junior classroom in addition to the library, which will have 2 copies.

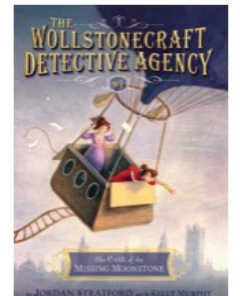
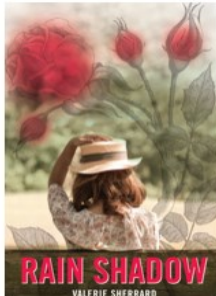
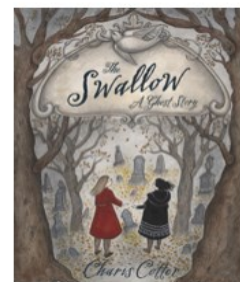
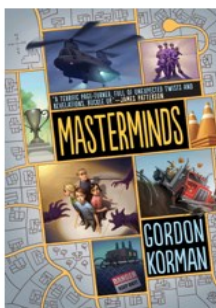
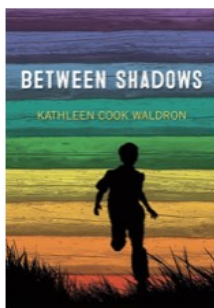
Starting **March 29th**, teams compete against each other in a 'game show' format answering factual questions about the books. Our wonderful parent volunteers are reading the books and compiling lists of questions for each book. i.e. What grade was Harry Potter in when he arrived at Hogwarts? The 'battles' 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 ● encourages 'book talk' amongst friends - imagine! ● encourages deeper reading of books ● opportunity to have fun with friends around books!

Students should tell their teachers who the four people are on their team and teams must be entered by **February 8th**. If any student is interested in participating but having difficulty finding a team please ask them to speak to their teacher or [Mr. Jeffrey Winter](#) and they will make every effort to get them on a team. Parents can also contact [Kathy Clarke](#) if they have any questions.

## GRADE 3

Note: In case there are some keen Grade 3 students who want to get ready for next year - another list of books has been created called the Silver Birch [Express](#). This list is a combination of fiction and nonfiction, aimed at Grade 3-4 reading level.



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BAKE  
SALE

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:  
The Grade 6 Valentine Day  
Bake Sale!**

**Wednesday, February 10th**  
Morning & Afternoon Recess  
Whitney School Yard

All items will be \$1, please remind your children to bring some loonies and toonies in their backpacks on Wednesday, February 10th!

Thank you,  
*The Grad Committee and Whitney Parent Council*

# wittenberg's wall

sports. house leagues. wildcats



## Girls Volleyball (Grade 6)

Congratulations to the girls volleyball team on an amazing performance against Frankland. Despite falling behind early, the girls played their hearts out, making some outstanding bumps, volleys and serves. After losing the first set, the team rebounded in the second set and sent the match to a decisive third, gut wrenching set. Sadly the ball didn't bounce our way, but the girls were thrilled with their performance! Way to go girls!



## Girls Volleyball (Grade 4/5)

The grade 4/5 girls volleyball team will be competing at Balmy Beach on Thursday February 11th in the afternoon. Good luck girls!

## Boys Basketball



Congratulations to the members of the boys basketball team on two incredible performances to start the season.

The team traveled to Frankland to open up their season, and after getting rid of a couple of early minute jitters, they rolled to a 44-14 victory. The boys carried the momentum from the first game into the second as they competed against a great group of boys from Norway. The boys were up 20-12 at the half, before breaking things open in the second and dominated their way to a 46-20 victory. The last game of the season will take place on Monday February 8th that Withrow...a battle of two undefeated teams!!

## Whitney Wildcat Hockey

Congratulations to the Whitney hockey team on another impressive victory. The boys and girls played Wilkinson for a second time, but this time we didn't wait til the end of the third period to score. This was another team effort, but a huge shout out goes to Wes who stood on his head to make some of the most incredible saves (apparently there were some scouts from the Toronto Maple Leafs wondering about Wes' availability!!) that his coaches have ever seen. Nate also made the highlight reel, with a Connor McDavid-like dangle and top corner shot!

The team has now advanced to the quarter finals, first in their pool, with one game remaining. The boys and girls will hit the ice one more time in the regular season on Thursday February 11th that North Toronto.



# at a glance

# two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

## Monday 8—Friday 12

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>3:20pm</b> Boys Basketball Whitney @ Withrow</p>	<p><b>7:30am</b> Grade 4/5 Girls Volleyball Practice</p>		<p><b>7:30am</b> Grade 4/5 Girls Volleyball Practice</p> <p><b>12:00pm</b> Whitney vs. Oriole (hockey)</p> <p><b>12:30pm</b> Grade 4/5 Girls Volleyball Tournament at Balmy Beach</p>	<p><b>P.A. Day</b></p>

## Monday 15 — Friday 19

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Family Day</b></p>	<p><b>7:30am</b> Grade 6 Badminton Tryout</p>	<p><b>7:30am</b> Grade 4/5 Badminton Tryout</p>	<p><b>7:30am</b> Grade 6 Badminton Tryout</p> <p><b>12:00</b> Hockey Quarter Final at Forest Hill</p>	<p><b>7:30am</b> Grade 4/5 Badminton Tryout</p>