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school dates for march

30 Wednesday Battle of the Book Starts

school dates for april



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Friday, 10:30am SPA Day and Assembly,



Monday Book Sale Starts—Grade 6 Grad Fundraiser

Monday, 8am Choir Practice

Tuesday, 7pm (Please RSVP) Presentation: Concussions with Dr. C Tator

Monday, 8am Choir Practice

Thursday 7pm Whitney Talent Show (Grade 4/5/6)

school dates for may



from the principal

Co-operation

Please join us for our next SPA Assembly on Friday April 1st at 10:30 where the Character trait is "Co-operation". The assembly will be led by **Ms. Hargrave**'s Grade 1 class (Room 202).

It's be a different character or creature day! Dress up to look like a certain friend, teacher, singer or be a character from a favorite book, video game, TV show or movie!

The rehearsals are still going on for the upcoming "Whitney's Got Talent" and they are very impressive! Thanks to all of the students who tried out. We are getting very excited!

Debbie Stern

Want to report a student absence? Email the school before 9am at whitney@tdsb.on.ca.

Need to know a deadline? Lost a copy of a field trip form? Save yourself a call and program <u>allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca</u> in your home and email program. .

We are so excited to announce that we have 20 teams signed up for Battle of the Books!

The children have decided on some incredibly creative team names and are reading up a storm. Our brilliant BOB parent volunteers (Heather Fraser, Rebecca Johns, Sandra Heldman, Suzie Clapp, Maryse Roy, Amber Shron, and Jennifer Steckel Elliot) have made it through their books and compiled their questions. We all agree, there have been some excellent reads this year.

Battles started Wednesday, March 30th @ 8am in the library. A schedule is posted outside the school office, and the French room. An announcement was made Thursday morning regarding the first six teams to play Wednesday morning at 8am. Announcements will continue to be made daily for the next day's battles. We will work closely with the teachers to ensure there are as few conflicts as possible - but these kids are busy!

The line up for Wednesday, March 30th at 8am will be as follows:



All teams are to meet in the library first. Please arrive on time so that we can review the rules and get started promptly.

Kathy Clarke, Jeffrey Winter and The BOB Team of Volunteers



After Four Spring Registration is open and spaces are filling up quickly! Please see the attached flyer for the entire list of programs available for your child(ren) to enjoy in the comfort of Whitney Public School, during after school hours, run by Mooredale. **OREDALE** If you have not registered yet, please click the registration link below.



Mooredale membership is required and can be processed as part of your registration.

Online Registration: Sign up here.

For those who have registered, we hope that your children enjoy the great programs this term.

Please direct any questions to Eric Musselman at Mooredale: T: 416-922-3714 ext. 105 or by email at emusselman@mooredale.on.ca







Thursday, May 5 The Toronto Lawn @ 7 PM

The parent teacher Social of the Year! Super fun! Great opportunity to mingle & support Whitney!

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

KIDS' FUN

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

- * Girls Tea Party (6 kids)
- * SkyZone & Sundae Making (10 kids)
- Ball Hockey Tournament (20 kids)
- * Pool Party (8 kids)

GROWN-UP FUN

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

- * Gift cards (restaurants, retailers, movies)
- * Golf days
- * Family ski days
- * Ladies' wine evening

All donations will be recognized in an online Main Event catalogue. Please email us at whitneyschoolcouncil@gmail.com to donate or to bounce around ideas!

Thanks! THE WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL **Tuesday April 12th, 2016 7pm** Whitney Jr. Public School 119 Rosedale Heights Dr.

> RSVP whitney@tdsb.on.ca



What Every Parent Should Know about Concussions The Importance of School Based Programs for Concussion Education, Management and Prevention

Many children and adolescents sustain concussions, and schools are now taking steps to educate students and their parents about concussion management and prevention. Fortunately, with good management most students respond well. This talk will cover the essentials of diagnosis and treatment of concussions and provide tips about prevention.

A small donation to Parachute Canada would be greatly appreciated www.parachutecanada.org

Dr. Charles H Tator, PhD, MD

Since the early 1970s, Dr. Charles Tator has had a resounding impact on spinal cord injury research, prevention and treatment, and on training our next generation of leading surgical scientists. An eminent scientist, neurosurgeon, professor and administrator, his laboratory was the first in Canada to study acute spinal cord injury from a basic science perspective. Dr. Tator's research transformed our world's understanding of spinal cord injury and, in 1978, he developed one of the first experimental models of spinal cord injury in small laboratory animals.

Dr. Charles Tator is currently the Project Director of the Canadian Sports Concussion Project at the Krembil Neuroscience Centre, Toronto Western Hospital. From 1983 to 1988, he was head of the neurosurgery division at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and served as director of the Toronto Hospital Neurosciences Centre. From 1990 to 1999, he was associate director of the Playfair Neuroscience Unit at the Toronto Hospital and he was chairman of the neurosurgery division at the University of Toronto from 1989 to 1999.



The Integra Program of the Child Development Institute, in partnership with the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, is presenting an online workshop to help parents navigate the school system. The

course is called **Partnering with Schools for Student Success**, and promotes a collaborative approach to advocacy, based on knowledge and understanding of both sides.

The course is moderated by Kate Cressman, Community Education and Engagement facilitator with the Integra Program of the Child Development Institute, and Diane Wagner, Public Policy & Education Consultant at LDAO.

This course may be of particular interest to families in service at Integra or on the waitlist for Integra services. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

WHITN BOOK Coming

Grade 6 Grad Fundraiser **Book Sale** Whitney **Public School**

April 11-15

Books for all ages can be purchased for \$1 during this exciting book sale event. Teachers will be taking their classes to the sale!

> Details to follow.





The Whitney Jr. P.S. Talent Show

Come one, come all! All Whitney parents are invited to the Whitney Jr. P.S. Talent Show on Thursday April **21st** at 7pm where all students in grade 4, 5 & 6 have been invited to participate. At 9am on that same day, we will be having our dress rehearsal, where any parents and extended families who are unable to make the evening show are invited to attend.

After students have filled out their Audition Forms, Ms Werbitsky & Ms. Hall will set aside a time for a 'try out'. Some dancers, singers, comedians, guitarists, gymnasts & pianists have already auditioned, but we are hoping to see more acts in March & early April.

We hope that all parents will be able to come to our annual talent show on Thursday April 21st!

The Spring session of the Hot Lunch Program starts on Monday, April 4. If you haven't done so already, please fill out the new form and hand in along with a cheque made out to "TLM Catering" to the bin in the office as soon as possible.

The deadline was March 11th but it's not too late. Please forward any questions you may have directly to the caterer, Tricia Tait at tricia@thelunchmom.com.





Coed Volleyball

Good luck to the members of the coed volleyball team, as they travel to Hillcrest Community School on **Friday April 1st** to compete in a one day tournament!

Grade 6 Badminton

The members of the grade 6 badminton team will continue to practice on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, as they prepare for their tournament on **Tuesday April 12th**.

Grade 4/5 Badminton

The members of the grade 4/5 badminton team will continue to practice on Wednesday and Friday mornings, as they prepare for their tournament (date still to be determined).



Hockey



All members of the hockey team are reminded to bring in their <u>clean</u> hockey jerseys as soon as possible.



Monday 29—Friday 1

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| No School | 7:30am Grade 6 Badminton | 7:30am Grade 4/5 Badminton | 7:30am Grade 6 Badminton 3:30pm Coed Volleyball (grade 4/5/6) | 7:30am Grade 4/5 Badminton Coed Volleyball Tour- nament (@ Hillcrest) |

Monday 4 — Friday 8

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| 7:30 Drop in badminton 3:20pm Coed Volleyball Tryouts (grade 4/5/6) | 7:30am Grade 6 Badminton | 7:30am Grade 4/5 Badminton | 7:30am Grade 6 Badminton 3:30pm Coed Volleyball (grade 4/5/6) | 7:30am Grade 4/5 Badminton |