

THE



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important dates for SEPTEMBER

SEPT 8 - WELCOME ASSEMBLY &
INTRO TO SPA/STEP

SEPT 11 - ALL SCHOOL FORMS DUE
(Don't make Allison come chasing after you!)

SEPT 15 - WHITNEY T-SHIRT
ORDERS DUE

SEPT 19 - CURRICULUM NIGHT

SEPT 20-22 - TERRY FOX RUN
T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

SEPT 26 - 9AM TERRY FOX RUN -
volunteers needed!
and

Welcome Back Whitney & Welcome Chris

On **Tuesday, September 26th**
from **4:30-7pm** in the Whitney play field, we
welcome back students, parents and teachers
with a special evening involving food, music
and fun for the kids. This event (which will be in
lieu of our traditional Harvest Festival) will also
serve as an official welcome party for our new
principal, Chris Rzepa. Therefore we hope
Whitney families will **Save The Date** and be on
the look out for further details to be shared out
over the next few weeks!

Thank you,
Whitney Parent Council

from the principal

I would like to welcome all families and students back to school as we
look forward to a great year at Whitney! We have had a smooth transition
back to school this past week and are very pleased and excited to have
all our students back in class after the summer.

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome I have received. I have
been impressed with our staff and students already. Thank you to the
staff for all the preparations made to prepare the school for the students.
Thank you to Allison for all her work to help organize so much of what
goes on here at Whitney. Thank you to Tom and the Caretaking staff for
the outstanding job they did to clean and get the school ready as well.

We continue to set high expectations for students and we are setting
goals as a school community to create a caring and safe environment and
to nurture a Culture of Kindness. I look forward to working with all of you
to support our students, staff, and families and hope to see many of you
at Curriculum Night on September 19th to share more about this school
year with all of you. We are all partners in the school's success.

Chris Rzepa



This is my first ever Whitney Word and there will be some inevitable hiccups. A link doesn't work? A picture looks funny? The entire newsletter is weird? Does this person know what she's doing?? Answer: No! Bear with me please as I'm learning the ropes. (Martha McClew - I can hear you clinking your glass right now!) Thanks in advance Whitney. Go Wildcats! - KV

REMINDERS!



Whitney is a cashless school. That means that ALL payments for ALL school related items are made online. NEW families must create an account for **School Cash Online** and “adopt” their children to your account. Please contact Allison in the school office if you need any help.

Note: School Cash Online accounts carry year over year and across all TDSB schools so there's no need to re-adopt your child if you were at Whitney last year. (Editor's note: If you'd like to adopt one of mine, I have three boys under 6. Take your pick.)

Peanuts... macademia nuts... walnuts... cashew nuts - please remember that Whitney is a **NUT-FREE ZONE**. We have students in the school with life-threatening allergies so please **do not send** along any nut products to school or for after school snacks. Let's keep Whitney nut-free!



Have you moved, got a new email address or cell phone number? If so, please let the school office know!

Want to report a student absence? Forgot when the next PA Day is?
Not sure if your child is REALLY sick?

Save yourself a phone call and email allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca for any of your Whitney School needs!



COMING UP

October 4th is picture day!

Students should be at school, primed and ready to smile at 8:45 (or 9am for Kindergarten)!

2017 TERRY FOX RUN

This will be the **27th consecutive year** (!!) that the Whitney community has supported The Terry Fox Foundation and the legacy of Terry Fox.

This year's run will take place on **Tuesday, September 26th (storm date Wednesday, September 27th)**. The Run will take place after morning announcements (approx. 9:10am). ALL children from JK to Grade 6, and their parents and/or caregivers, are invited to participate.

We need 35-40 volunteers in order for the Run to take place. We realize that many parents enjoy running with their children, however we ask that you please consider volunteering to help this year to ensure a safe and successful event. Those who have participated over the years have found it to be a fun and worthwhile experience.

Volunteers are asked to stand along the route to make sure the students are safe and on course.

Please email Shelley Moretti if you are able to volunteer with this year's Run. In your email please include if you would prefer to be placed in Moore Park or Rosedale, or if you would like to be a driver.
dr.moretti@rogers.com



Thank you from the Terry Fox Committee
Patti Ann Allen, Shelley Moretti, Charlene Klein and Estelle Corbett

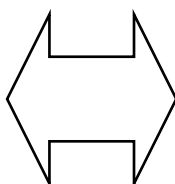
2017 Shirts for Sale! They will be sold on Wednesday September 20, Thursday September 21 and Friday September 22 in the mornings before school in the playground.

**Child sizes 6x and 10 - \$15 each.
Adult sizes (S, M, L) \$20 each**

Cash or cheque payment accepted.

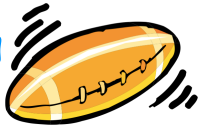


**Check out the
new Terry Fox
Run Shirts!**





WITTENBERG'S WALL



Welcome to Wittenberg's Wall. My name is Asher Wittenberg, and I am the Physical Education teacher at Whitney. Here is some information regarding the Phys. Ed program and the sports that will be running at school this year.

Physical Education Class

In class I have been talking to the students about the STARS program that I will be running with them. STARS stands for:

Stay on task

Try your best

Active participation (this includes bringing proper shoes to class)

Respect for self, others and equipment

Sports etiquette and fair play



This year I have made a slight change to the program. Instead of competing against other classes to see which class has earned the most stars, this year, each class will set a goal for the number of stars they want to earn. Once a class has reached its goal, a prize will be awarded (don't worry, I will not be buying puppies for all of the students!), and we will talk about our next goal.

Footwear

Please make sure that your child(ren) have the proper footwear (i.e., running shoes) to participate in the phys. ed. program. If possible, it's a great idea to leave a pair of running shoes at school so they will never have to miss out of a class.

Team Sports

There are a number of teams which Whitney will be fielding throughout the year. Unfortunately most sports are only offered to students in grades 4, 5 and 6 in the TDSB. Students in grade 1, 2 and 3 can participate in Cross Country. All other teams are for the junior students only. Here is a breakdown of when the teams will be running:

September to December: Cross Country, Soccer (boys and girls), Touch Football (boys and girls), Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball.

January to March: Ice Hockey, Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Co-ed Volleyball, Badminton

April to June: Track and field, Slo Pitch (boys and girls), Ultimate Frisbee

A form has been sent home with the students which **needs to be filled in** to allow for your child to try out and make any of these teams. **Please return the form no later than Monday September 11th**, as tryouts and practices will begin shortly thereafter.

If you are interested in helping with one of the teams, please do not hesitate to contact me.



TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY September 11	TUESDAY September 12	WEDNESDAY September 13	THURSDAY September 14	FRIDAY September 15
Gr. 1-3 Cross Country (8:00 am @ Whitney)	Boys Soccer Tryout (7:30 am @ Whitney)	Boys and Girls Football Tryout (7:30 am @ Whitney)	Boys Soccer Tryout (7:30 am @ Whitney)	Gr. 1-6 Cross Country (7:45 am @ Rosedale)
Boys and Girls Football Tryout (12:00 pm @ Whitney)	Girls Soccer Tryout (3:30 pm @ Whitney)	Gr. 4-6 Cross Country (7:45 am @ Whitney)	Girls Soccer Tryout (3:30 pm @ Whitney)	

MONDAY September 18	TUESDAY September 19	WEDNESDAY September 20	THURSDAY September 21	FRIDAY September 15
Gr. 1-3 Cross Country (8:00 am @ Whitney)	Boys Soccer Tryout (7:30 am @ Whitney)	Boys Football Practice (7:30 am @ Whitney)	Boys Soccer Practice (7:30 am @ Whitney)	Gr. 1-6 Cross Country (7:45 am @ Rosedale)
Boys and Girls Football Tryout (3:30 pm @ Whitney)	Girls Soccer Tryout (3:30 pm @ Whitney)	Gr. 4-6 Cross Country (7:45 am @ Whitney)	Girls Soccer Practice (3:30 pm @ Whitney)	
		Girls Football Practice (3:30 pm @ Whitney)		





Welcome to the Whitney School Council. You'll be hearing from us throughout the school year.

Who are we?

15 parent volunteers representing all grade levels at the school (Kindergarten to Grade 6). We are always open to meeting parents who would like to be involved. In fact we will be looking for new members to begin in the 2018/19 school year!

What do we do?

We are the main communication channel between parents and the administration. You can always approach someone from the council with ideas, questions or concerns.

We meet monthly and hold general meetings open to all parents four times a year. The general meeting dates will be published in Whitney's newsletter, the "Whitney Word".

We are responsible for the annual Council budget. The Council's goal is to enhance the educational experience of Whitney students through balanced investment across key learning categories-- particularly in Science & Technology and The Arts:

- Funding comes from parent donations, supplemented by fun community events.
- **The cost is approximately \$240 per student per year.**
- *Please see the next page to see what is being funded this year.*

We are also proud to say that we are one of the most technologically advanced public schools in the TDSB! Whitney students have access to interactive smart board technology, advanced projectors, computers, printers, iPads packed with educational apps and a new sound system for school gatherings and performances.

THANK YOU in advance for donations! Participation is important and we hope you will consider a monetary gift (please note tax receipts provided) and look forward to another successful year at Whitney!!!

Ashley Rutledge
Whitney School Council Chair
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To donate online:

Visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/whitney-school-council/>

Make cheque payable to "Whitney School Council" and return it in the envelope with your other school forms. Please include the information below.

Name:

Address:

Email (for delivery of charitable tax receipt):

Whitney School Council Annual Budget

100% of the funding for these enhancements comes from donations from Whitney parents.

	2017/2018 Budget
Science & Technology – 19% of Council Budget	
Visiting Scientists	\$ 7,400
Technology Investments: e.g., computers, smart boards, iPads, software	3,500
Director's Cut (Tech Allocation: 50%): Grades 2-6, once per year for each class	1,900
	12,800
The Arts – 23% of Council Budget	
Visiting Artists	6,000
Music (All grades)	1,500
Visiting Arts Workshop	3,200
Performing Arts, Dance & Movement: All grades, twice per year	3,000
Director's Cut (Arts Allocation: 50%): Grades 2-6, once per year	1,900
	15,600
Numeracy & Literacy – 17% of Council Budget	
Mathletics online math learning platform	2,400
Additional math resources	1,000
Math and Literacy enrichment activities (50% numeracy, 50% literacy)	1,200
Family Math & Literacy Nights	1,500
Ontario readers for Grades 2-6 and Ontario writers for Grades 3-6	1,600
Visiting Authors for all grades, 2-3 times per year	750
Book purchases for Library, Battle of the Books, etc.	2,000
Student agendas for Grades 3-6	800
	11,250
Athletics, Health & Wellness – 12% of Council Budget	
Healthy relationship workshops: All grades (e.g., anti-bullying, mindfulness, yoga)	3,750
Gym supplies: all grades	1,250
Health promotion: Lice check for all grades, 2-3 times per year	1,700
Student leadership: Grade 6 peer mentors	750
School teams: Grades 4-6	1,000
	8,450
School Spirit and Other – 7% of Council Budget	
Grade 6 legacy project and graduation	2,500
Council Fund (council discretion - flexibility for additional spends, as needed)	500
Holiday concert, Spirit Assemblies, Terry Fox Run: All grades	850
Garden	500
Teacher recognition, coffee for staff room, Kindergarten Information Night	650
	5,000
Teacher and Principal Allocations – 18% of Council Budget	
Classroom Allocations (teacher's discretion - typically used for classroom supplies)	7,700
Principal's Fund, Outreach (principal's discretion)	3,750
Home School Program	500
French: Grades 4-6	500
	12,450
General & Administration – 4% of Council Budget	
Administration (bookkeeping, office supplies, bank fees)	2,550
TOTAL Council Operating Expense for the 2017/2018 School Year (approximately \$240 per student)	\$68,100

Council Goal

To enhance the educational experience of Whitney students through balanced investment across key learning categories:

- The Council budget (shown here) is designed to enhance the Principal's budget, particularly in Science & Technology and The Arts.
- Principal's budget is funded by the TDSB.
- Council budget is funded by Whitney parents.