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important dates for FEB 26 - MARCH 9

WEDNESDAY FEB 27 -
KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
(FOR NEW KINDERS)

THURSDAY FEB 28 -
PINK SHIRT DAY



FRIDAY MARCH 2 -
STEP DAY - CRAZY HAIR/HAT
and/or RED & WHITE
OLYMPIC THEME



MONDAY MARCH 5 -
GRADE 6 BAKE SALE

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7 -
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

THURSDAY MARCH 8 -
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



MARCH 12 - 16 -
MARCH BREAK!

from the principal

Our next **STEP** day takes place Friday March 2nd at **10:30 am**. Room 203, one of our Grade Two classes, led by Mr. Winter, will be presenting and focussing on our March theme of **HONESTY**. We will recognize those students who demonstrated Fairness during the month of February at this assembly. The Spirit Day will be **Crazy Hair and Hat Day**. We encourage students to wear **Red and White** as well to celebrate the accomplishments of Canadian Olympic athletes this month in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Parents/Guardians are always welcome to join in on the fun and attend our assembly as well. During the month of February, our focus was on Fairness. Over the past month, staff discussed this theme in the classroom, and students shared quotes over the announcements that were reflective. Character development at Whitney P.S. is about helping our students learn and practice positive character attributes which will help them not only to do their best, but to be their best. We have been looking out for student actions and language that demonstrated fairness both inside and outside the classroom. We are also setting goals to take a STEP to developing and maintaining a growth mindset as well as working to improve ourselves.

Chris Rzepa

Save a Child's Heart Dance-A-Thon

We had a very successful and fun day last week at our Dance-A-Thon!

Over \$1411 was raised in support of a special charity called "Save a Child's Heart"!

[Save a Child's Heart](#) is one of the most significant and exciting global health care initiatives of its kind in the world today. Through their programs in Israel, they provide life-saving pediatric cardiac treatment to children from all over the developing world. They also focus on training health care professionals from those countries so they are able to provide quality care in their home community long-term.



To date, Save a Child's Heart has provided care to over 4500 children from 55 countries in Africa, South America, Europe Asia and throughout the Middle East.

Thank you very much to our School Council for helping to organize the Dance-A-Thon in support of this incredible charity. And thanks to everyone who participated, and to all that made a donation. Together, we strengthened our hearts, helped to save a child's heart, and celebrated "Heart Day" (Valentine's Day).



We know that each and every student is capable of success. So our focus is ensuring that all students can succeed by having access – the same access – to opportunities, learning, resources and tools; that's equity.

In December, the Enhancing Equity Task Force shared a report that provided a number of recommendations for how to support student achievement and well-being through improving equity within our system.

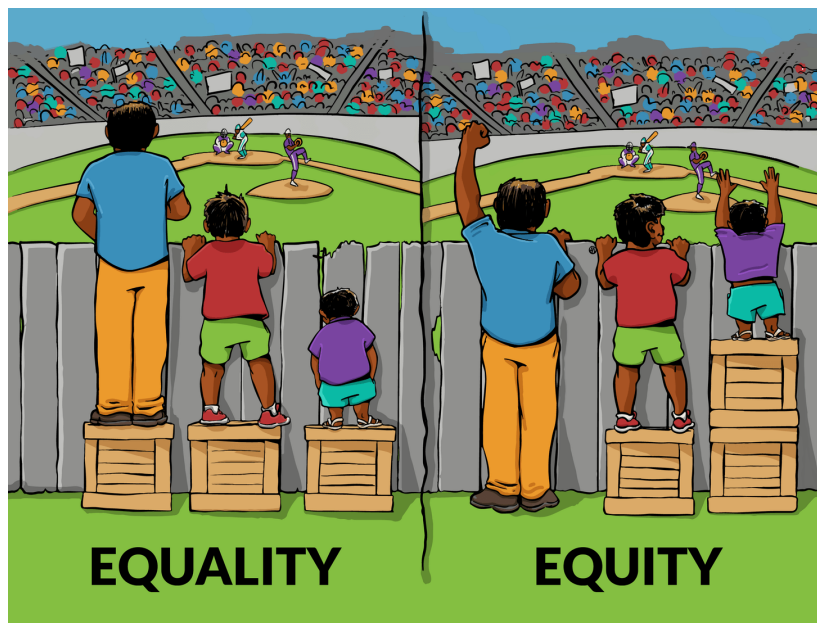
As a system, we are making bold and transformational changes that will not only support those who have traditionally been underserved, but will raise the bar for all students.

We are raising our expectations because we know when we expect more from our students and staff, they achieve more. We are creating school communities that are fair, respectful and inclusive and celebrate and support all students. We are identifying, confronting and eliminating barriers and aligning resources where they're needed. We are empowering people to share their voice and be part of the progress.

Together we will make a difference in the schools, classrooms and in the lives of students where it matters most.

For more information, please use the link below.

www.tdsb.on.ca/expectmore



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Calling all new Kindergarten students to Whitney!

If you have a child who will be entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2018, we invite you join us on **Tuesday February 27th** beginning at 6:00 pm. **If you know of a neighbour with children ready for JK this coming September, please pass this information on to them.** Children who will be four years old prior to December 31, 2018 (born in 2014) may enter Junior Kindergarten next school year. If a child is born in October, November, or December of 2014, parents/guardians have the option to begin Junior Kindergarten in September 2019 in all TDSB schools.

Kindergarten Registration at Whitney began the beginning of February for the majority of the new students. Registrations can be taken at any point until the first day of school in September (and beyond for anyone living in our school district). Please e-mail Allison Walker, Allison.Walker@tdsb.on.ca to get on a distribution list to receive updates and registration information as well.

FEBRUARY 28th is



Whitney celebrates Pink Shirt day on **Wednesday February 28th** and we welcome all to wear pink on this day. It is an opportunity to send a message to **Stand up to Bullying.**

This day recognizes the efforts of two Nova Scotia high school students who organized a protest in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. They distributed pink shirts to the boys in their school to show their support, and the bullies were never heard from again.

We can all make a difference to stop bullying that might be physical, verbal, or cyber. Wear pink and pledge to take a stand every day to put an end to bullying.



BAKE SALE!

YUMMMMMMMM!!!! The Grade six class will be hosting a Bake Sale on **Monday March 5th**.

Proceeds will be going towards funding their graduation party!

The sale will be held during the morning and afternoon recesses. So bring your loonies and enjoy some tasty treats!



Our next Walk To School day will Take place on Wednesday March 7th in The morning. We will be outside cheering everyone into The school yard.

Thank you to our Walk To School committee students for Their help on These days.

So walk, cycle, scooter, or skateboard!



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



The celebration of **March 8th** as International Women's Day (IWD) recognizes the struggles of women against all forms of discrimination and exploitation, and focuses on the need for global equality, democracy and peace. On International Women's Day, women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences join in the commemoration of this significant event. On March 8th, 1908, women needle trade workers in New York, reacting against their brutal exploitation, held a women's day demonstration. These women fought for the right to unionize and demanded the right to vote. The success of the rally led to similar rallies in other US cities and in other countries.



International
Women's Day

We are VERY fortunate to have many outstanding women on staff and in our community at Whitney and wonderful girls attending Whitney as well. You all make a difference and we are grateful for all you do and the contributions you make to make our school such an incredible place to work and learn.

This is a reminder that our March Break begins Monday March 12th. There will be no school for students during that week. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on March 19th.

**VACATION
ALERT!!**

Please don't forget to let the office know if your child(ren) will be missing any school before/after March Break. You can call the safe arrival hotline at 416-393-9384 or you can email the dates you are going to be away to whitney@tdsb.on.ca

For your calendars:



Good Friday

Friday March 30th

Easter Monday

Monday April 2nd

Whitney Main Event

Thursday May 10th

Victoria Day

Monday May 21st

P.A. Day

Friday June 8th

Last Day of Classes

Thursday June 28th

P.A. Day

Friday June 29th

From the Parent Council



WHITNEY MAIN EVENT PRE-SALE

Come one, come all!!

Mark **Thursday May 10th** at 7pm on your calendars for the annual Whitney Main Event!

Mix and mingle with your fellow parents at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club. The fun is all in support of the programs that make Whitney Junior Public School such a special place for our kids.

As a thank you for your strong support of the Whitney annual give, there is an early bird discount for the Main Event this year. Get your tickets **BEFORE** March 10th and save \$25 per ticket!!

For ticket payment, we are moving to our cashless system which you can access via <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>.

Please print your receipt for entry at the door.

See you there!!



WITTENBERG'S WALL



Wildcat Hockey

Congratulations to the members of the Whitney Wildcat hockey team on another INCREDIBLE season! The Wildcats jumped on the ice for their quarter final game against Wilkinson, and it didn't take long for our squad to flex their muscles and show the world just how great they could be. The passing was crisp, and the defending was stifling! At the end of the game, Whitney emerged with a 5-3 win, and a spot in the conference semi finals.

The semi finals was a game for the ages. Up against a super squad from Clinton, our Wildcats quickly found themselves staring at a 2-0 deficit. Not to worry though, as our athletes started moving their feet and making passes better than Olympians. By the end of the first period, we were all knotted up at 2. Whitney continued to fly on the ice, and opened up a two goal lead heading into the third. Clinton was not going to give up though, and with two minutes left, Whitney was down 5-4, and the official called the first penalty of the day...against Whitney. Skating four skaters to their five, the Wildcats started humming again, and with 48 seconds left on the clock, Whitney scored a shorthanded goal!!!! The bench erupted, and the crowd went bananas! Still down a player, the puck took a funny bounce, and sadly with only 7 seconds left on the clock, Clinton scored the decisive goal.

It was heartbreak on the Whitney bench, but the coaches simply could not be more proud of this team. All sixteen players: **Wes, Tyler C, Tyler G, Jack, Chloe, Ella, Jamie, Jessica, Evan, Dash, Owen, William, Nick, Henry, Conall and Duke** played their hearts out throughout the entire season. It was another magical season, and even though they may not be considered division 2 champions according to TDESAA, in the eyes of our school, we have the best team on the planet!

An enormous thank you goes out to all of the parents and families who supported the team throughout the season. A special thank you goes out to Carmen for organizing the post game lunch. Another special thank you goes out to Mr. Packham for still being a part of the team, and coming out to all of the practices and games. Finally, a big thank you to Coach Mike, for all of the work he did with the team....a contract extension is definitely in the works!

Grade 5 Div 3 Boys Basketball

Good luck to the members of the grade 5 div 3 boys basketball team as they head to Selwyn PS on Tuesday March 6th for a day of skills, drills and tournament style play! Thank you to all of the families for supporting the boys as they train for their big day!

TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY February 26 Div 1 Boys Basketball vs Parents (3:30 pm)	TUESDAY February 27	WEDNESDAY February 28 Grade 4/5 Badminton Tryout (7:30 am)	THURSDAY March 1 Grade 6 Badminton Tryout (7:30 am) Rowing Club (3:30 pm)	FRIDAY March 2 Div 3 Boys Basketball Practice (8:00 am)
MONDAY March 5 Div 3 Boys Basketball Practice (8:00 am) Grade 6 Badminton Tryout (3:30 pm)	TUESDAY March 6 Grade 4/5 Badminton Tryout (7:30 am) Grade 5 Div 3 Basketball One Day Tournament @ Selwyn PS	WEDNESDAY March 7	THURSDAY March 8 Grade 6 Badminton Tryout (7:30 am) Rowing Club (3:30 pm)	FRIDAY March 9 Grade 4-6 Drop In Badminton (8:00 am)

**Whitney
Biathletes!**

