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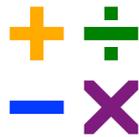
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important dates for
the next few weeks:

WEDNESDAY MAY 2 -
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

THURSDAY MAY 3 -
FAMILY MATH NIGHT - pizza at 5:30pm

FRIDAY MAY 4 -
STEP DAY "Multiples Day"



THURSDAY MAY 10 -
WHITNEY MAIN EVENT!!!
7pm at the Toronto Lawn



from the principal

STEP Day May 4 (Room 202)

Our next STEP day takes place **Friday May 4th** at 10:30 am. Room 202, one of our Grade One classes, led by Ms. Hargrave, will be presenting and focussing on our May theme of **Integrity**. We will recognize those students who demonstrated Cooperation during the month of April at this assembly. The Spirit Day will be "**Multiples Day**" (in honour of our Math Night). Students and staff are invited to form a group and dress in a similar way or have some sort of common element. A whole class could come up with a theme for their group as well (perhaps a STAR WARS theme – May the 4th be with you!). Parents/Guardians are always welcome to join in on the fun and attend our assembly as well. During the month of April, our focus was on Cooperation. 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

Drop Off /Kiss and Ride

Thank you to everyone for their support and participation in the morning drop off outside the school. It has been a great success so far. **Thank you** to the many Parents/Guardians who have been able to be outside with us to open doors and guide vehicles along to the “drop off zone.” And **thank you** to the Grade 6 students who have been walking the younger students into the school yard as well!



from the principal

Whitney's Got Talent

The Whitney Talent Show on the 19th of April was a resounding success. Our students proved once again that they are remarkable and extremely talented. The performances were outstanding and very entertaining. Congratulations to all! It takes a lot of courage to get up on stage and perform in front of a large group of people. We are so proud of everyone.

Thank you to Ms. Werbitsky, Ms. Hall, and Ms. Diniz who spent many hours auditioning acts, helping students practice, and preparing everything to make the evening such a success. Thank you also to Ms. Frew and Mr. Wittenberg who helped out on the night as well.

Our next Walk to School day will take place on **Wednesday May 2nd** in the morning.

We will be outside cheering everyone into the school yard.

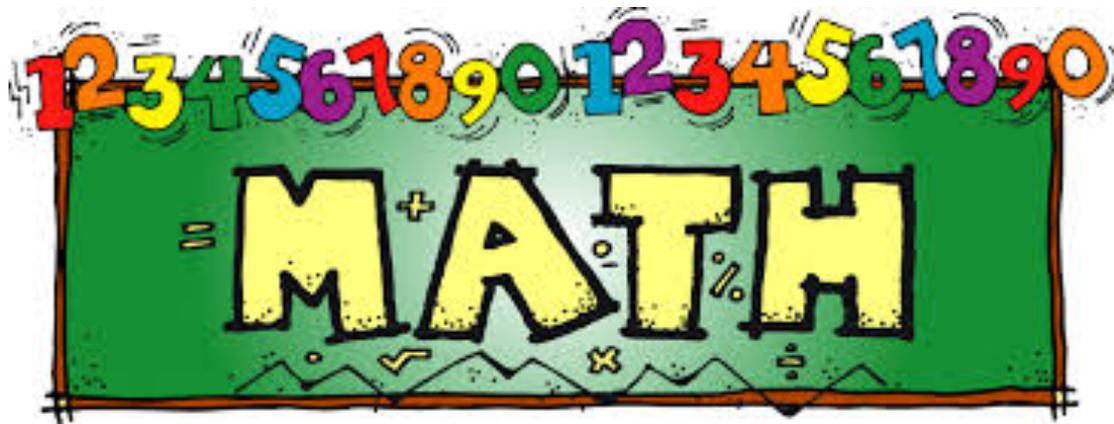
Thank you to our Walk to School committee students for their help on these days. So walk, cycle, scooter, or skateboard!



Multi-Year Strategic Plan Consultation

The Toronto District School Board is working on a Multi-Year Strategic Plan and wants to hear from you!

The Multi-Year Strategic Plan will act as a high level statement of intent for the TDSB for the next three or more school years, set direction and identify system goals to support its 246,000 students and 583 schools. We value input from parents/guardians, families, students and staff and invite you to provide feedback on the draft Multi-Year Strategic Plan documents. To learn more and provide input online, please visit: www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP



Family Math Night

Whitney's Math Nights takes place on **Thursday May 3rd** beginning at 6pm (ending at 7pm) and is for **ALL** students from FDK to Grade 6. Classrooms will be open for all to learn more about how mathematics is taught. On display will be Learning Goals, Success Criteria, information about rich tasks and three part math lessons. There will be math challenges for you to test your skills in each room as well!

The purpose of the evening this year is to help educate our families on how math is instructed and the way rich tasks, three part math lessons, group work, and mixed ability groupings help our students, your children, to be more successful.

Families will have an opportunity to go from class to class to see the different work and examples in an Open House format. Our goal for this night will be to inform, educate, have fun!

Parents/Guardians and students are invited to arrive at 5:30 pm, to have some pizza and a drink in the gym before visiting classrooms. Please make sure to **RSVP** with Allison so she knows how much Pizza to order!

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WHITNEY MAIN EVENT

It's Just Days Away! Thursday, May 10th 7p at the Toronto Lawn

Why Join the Party?

As in previous years, the silent auction will feature 50+ memorable (even priceless) experiences for both students and parents including some of the following items:

- The “Stay Classy Whitney” progressive cocktail party featuring 3 stops on Garfield Avenue — each with a bartender and light delicious food. Come dressed as your favourite “Will Ferrell” theme. Up to 40 guests (Sept date)
- Ladies Wine & Cheese Night featuring Von Terra Wine. This May 31st event is always a sell out!
- Principal, Teacher, Phys Ed, Drama and ALLISON “For a Half Day” experiences for students, as well as cooking and baking lesson led by teachers!
- Tons of grade level parties generously donated by parents— pool, soccer & pizza, a trip to Rosedale’s Finest for a special ice cream tasting,
- Tickets to concerts, ski resorts and much more!

Still Considering?

*The Main Event is **THE** charity and social event of the year and will raise the remaining funds needed to secure next school year’s list of important and fun activities for Whitney students!*

- Visiting artists, authors and scientists
- New technology for classrooms
- Lice checks! (Ewwwww)
- Staff appreciation events
- Teacher allocations for supplies and materials
- Battle of the Books
- Music programs

Have You Purchased Tickets?

There is still time.
Check your TDSB
Cashless account

Expecting the same thing?

NEW this year – Live Music, Photo Booth & special LIVE AUCTION ITEM featuring Mr Rzepa!

Want to Play Balloon Pop?

It's back and with a greater chance to win a gift card or prize!

WITTENBERG'S WALL



Whitney Rowing Club

Congratulations to the 32 members of the Whitney rowing team that competed at Fern Avenue PS last week. The athletes performed exceptionally well, representing the Wildcats in true Whitney fashion! There were three outstanding results from the meet: Chloe and Taimur finished in 2nd, and Bella finished in 1st!!! An enormous thank you goes out to Ben G-S for his ongoing support of the club, and the many hours he spent coming to Whitney to train our athletes.

Another big thank you goes out to all of the families who woke up early week after week to get the kids to practice and to encourage them along the way. Hopefully we can grow rowing at Whitney, and perhaps find our next Canadian Olympian!



Track and Field

The tryouts for the track and field team are well underway (our first meet is on May 16th!). A big thank you goes out to all of our athletes who have been extremely flexible in running their races, as the weather has not been on our side. Tryouts for the hurdles (grades 4-6) will take place on Monday at 12:00. Students are encouraged to check the whiteboard by the gym for further information regarding events.

Grade 3-4 Rowing Team



Grade 5-6 Rowing Team



TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY
April 30

Boys Slo Pitch Practice (8:00 am)
Triple Jump Tryout (10:05 am)
Hurdles Tryout (12:00 pm)
Boys Slo Pitch Whitney vs Williamson Road @ Rosedale park (3:45 - 5:00 pm)

TUESDAY
May 1

Grade 6 Ultimate Practice (7:30 am)
Shot Put Clinic (10:05 am)
Boys Slo Pitch Whitney vs Frankland @ Rosedale Park (3:45 - 5:00 pm)
Girls Slo Pitch Whitney @ Williamson Road (3:45 - 5:00 pm)

WEDNESDAY
May 2

Grade 4/5 Ultimate Practice (7:30 am)
Shot Put Tryout (12:00pm)

THURSDAY
May 3

Grade 4/5 and 6 Ultimate Practice @ Rosedale Park (7:30 am)
Grade 4-5 Relay Practice (12:00pm)
Boys Slo Pitch Practice (3:30 pm)
Girls Slo Pitch Whitney vs Frankland @ Rosedale Park (3:45 - 5pm)

FRIDAY
May 4

Grades 4/5 and 6 Division 3 Ultimate Practice (8:00 am)
Grades 4-6 Hurdle Practice (12:00 pm)

MONDAY
May 7

Grades 4-6 Relay Practice (12:00 pm)
Boys Slo Pitch Whitney @ Withrow (3:20 pm departure)

TUESDAY
May 8

Grade 6 Ultimate Practice (7:30 am)
Grades 4-6 Relay Practice (12:00 pm)
Girls Slo Pitch Whitney vs Bowmore @ Rosedale Park (3:45 - 5:00 pm)

WEDNESDAY
May 9

Grade 4/5 Ultimate Practice (7:30 am)
Grades 4-6 Hurdle Practice (12:00 pm)
Girls Slo Pitch Whitney vs Cosburn @ Rosedale Park (3:45 - 5:00 pm)

THURSDAY
May 10

Grade 4/5 and 6 Ultimate Practice @ Rosedale Park (7:30 am)
Grades 4-6 Hurdle Practice (12:00 pm)

FRIDAY
May 11

Grades 4/5 and 6 Division 3 Ultimate Practice (8:00 am)
Grades 4-6 Relay Practice (12:00 pm)

