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ISSUE 2 SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 5 2018

important dates for the next few weeks:

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 -
- TERRY FOX RUN

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26 -
- WELCOME BACK WHITNEY EVENT!
4:30 - 6:30PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27-
- STEP DAY + PIZZA LUNCH

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3 -
- WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

- CURRICULUM NIGHT

THURSDAY OCTOBER 4 -
PICTURE DAY 9am

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5 -
PA DAY!



from the principal

October 4th is picture day! We are working with a new company this year – Edge Imaging. Students should be at school, primped and ready to smile at 8:45 am (or 9am for Kindergarten)!

Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, (September 19) is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jewish people traditionally observe this holy day with an approximate 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services.

Sukkot is an eight-day holiday (beginning September 24th this year), with the first day celebrated as a full festival with special prayer services and holiday meals. To all families and staff observing, we hope you had a meaningful and easy fast.

To all of our families, enjoy each day.

Chris Rzepa

STEP DAYS

S – Spirit Days

T – Together as a Team (assemblies)

E – Equity

P – Pizza Lunch



STEP days incorporate Spirit Days, Pizza lunches, and assemblies taking place on these days. There will be opportunities to have students recognized and to celebrate what has been going on in their classrooms. The main change in these days is the content and opportunity to have either a Character Education focus (TDSB Character Traits), an Equity focus, or both. We are also looking to focus on goal setting and self-improvement. This gives us 10 opportunities in the year to reflect on how we are doing and think of a way to improve or do better. It might be related to academics, work habits, social interactions, kindness...the possibilities are many. Students and Staff can focus on something meaningful to them.

In the month of September, our focus was on RESPECT. Over the past month, staff discussed this theme in the classroom, and students shared quotes over the announcements that were reflective. We have been looking out for student actions and language that demonstrated respect both inside and outside the classroom.

Our first STEP day takes place **Thursday September 27th** at 10:30 am. The Spirit Day will be **Orange Shirt Day**. It is our first Pizza Lunch day as well. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to join in on the fun and attend our assembly.

**“A journey of a thousand miles
begins with a single STEP.”**

Orange Shirt Day: September 30, 2018

(Declared annually across Canada)

Near the end of September, students and staff across the TDSB will come together and wear Orange Shirts to recognize the harm that the Residential School System did to First Nations, Métis and Inuit children and to recognize that "Every Child Matters." Here at Whitney, we will wear Orange shirts on **Thursday September 27th** to coincide with our STEP day and Pizza lunch.

Orange shirt day is a movement that officially began in 2013 but in reality it began in 1973 when six year old Phyllis Webstad entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School, outside of Williams Lake, BC. The date, September 30, was chosen because that was the time of the year the trucks and buses would enter the communities to "collect" the children and deliver them to their harsh new reality of cultural assimilation, mental, sexual and physical abuse, shame and deprivation. The impact of residential schools affects every Canadian.



(Bob Joseph, Working Effectively with Indigenous Peoples, 2015)

Honouring this day shows our commitment to Reconciliation.

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



International Walk to School Day takes place the first Wednesday in October. Our Walk to School day, therefore, will take place on **Wednesday October 3rd** in the morning. We will be outside cheering everyone into the school yard, handing out stickers. Thank you to our Walk to School committee students for their help on these days.

So walk, cycle, scooter, or skateboard!

WHITNEY'S CELEBRATION OF LEARNING (CURRICULUM NIGHT)

Whitney's Celebration of Learning (Curriculum Night) will take place **Wednesday October 3rd** this year. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a presentation in the Gym outlining our vision and directions for the school year by our Principal Chris Rzepa and then, from 6:30 - 7:15 pm, the students will act as our Ambassadors, and show you around their classroom and talk about what they're learning right now. It should be a fun night for parents and students alike. We hope you will be able to join us.

from the principal

Yonge Eglinton Development Redirection

Eglinton P.S., located on the South West corner of Eglinton and Mt. Pleasant has been facing challenges with enrolment and space at their school for many years now. Their grade six students were moved to Hodgson Middle School in recent years and their boundaries have been reduced so that other schools like Maurice Cody would be able to take on more of their students. With the large number of developments in the area north of Eglinton, their school cannot continue to receive all of those students. The 1.6 acre site cannot accommodate portables or a vertical. The TDSB is planning to build another elementary school in that area in 3-5 years but in the meantime other measures need to be put in place.

On June 20th, 2018, a motion was passed at a TDSB Board meeting to have students from some of the condo developments bussed to Whitney P.S. for the next few years. It is proposed that approximately 20 students from that area (the majority being Kindergarten students) attend Whitney each year. This would begin next September for the 2019-2020 school year.

Currently our school is at 71% capacity with five classrooms not being used. While there are many benefits and some challenges, additional students would allow our school to receive additional staffing and specialist teachers for the full day. If you would like more information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Chris

From the Parent Council



MISSION STATEMENT:

As a Council, we are deeply involved in your school and work hard to ensure the investment you make in your child is used to create the best experience they can have at WPS. The Council and the teachers are committed to building and developing the mind, spirit and character of everyone at the school. We advocate for their education; we strive for their success; we fund raise for their future.

WELCOME BACK WHITNEY EVENT!

Wednesday September 26th from 4:30-6:30pm is our **Welcome Back Whitney** event in the school yard. This event is FREE for Whitney families! Food trucks will be on the premises with food for purchase in addition to all of the fun activities including bouncy obstacle course, giant plinko and bowling, face painting, jenga, connect four and more!

There are still a few opportunities to volunteer for a 30 minute shift at the event and we would LOVE your help. Please email Ashley (aorutledge@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out!



CALLING ALL BAKERS!



Whitney is in need of some wonderful baked goods to help make our Welcome Back Whitney event a success! Please keep in mind that individual items will sell for \$1 each (please cut into pieces accordingly) and packaged items for \$5.

All items must be nut free. Please drop off all baked goods in the teacher's lounge by 4p on Wednesday, September 26th. To volunteer a baked item or for any questions please email Shannon Cumming at cummings Shannon@gmail.com and let her know what you're bringing.

Thank you in advance for all of your help!

The Whitney Parent Council

New After 4 Program!



The natural way to learn a language.

Spanish at Whitney Junior Public School





Fun Interactive Educational New culture

Duration: 10 weeks
From October 4 to December 5
On Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Classroom 114
Register online at: <http://www.magic-languages.com/whitney-jr-ps/>

\$180 + HST

For information contact us at:
647.766.2363
info@magic-languages.com



Spanish After School Program: This program is designed for students who want to learn Spanish in a fun way and absorb the artistic, charming and lively culture that comes with the language. Our themes come to life through art, games, crafts and songs. Through these activities, our teachers communicate with the students in the new language in an engaging way so they are capable of understanding and repeating new vocabulary. Our method is designed in a way that your children feel the need to communicate and interact with the teacher and their peers in their new language."

If you have any questions, you can contact Beatriz Tejedor by phone at 647-766-2363 or by email at info@magic-languages.com"

CHANG'S CHANNEL

Hi Whitney Parents,

Our Fall sports teams are off to a running start! Thank you to all the parents who are helping to get their children up early for our Cross-Country practices and for parents accommodating our busy afternoon tryout schedule. The coaches have been impressed by the commitment shown by all the different athletes at Whitney.

Cross-Country

Tournament date: October 2nd

Location: Ashbridges Bay (Woodbine and Lakeshore)

Approximate Race Times:

- Grade 1 girls: 10AM SHARP
- Grade 1 boys: 10:15 AM
- Grade 2 girls: 10:30AM
- Grade 2 boys: 10:45AM
- Grade 3 girls: 11:00AM
- Grade 3 boys: 11:15AM
- Grade 4 girls: 11:30AM
- Grade 4 boys: 11:45PM
- Grade 5 girls: 12:00PM
- Grade 5 boys: 12:15PM
- Grade 6 girls: 12:30PM
- Grade 6 boys: 12:45PM



I am in the process of compiling a list of how students will be going to and from the race on **October 2nd**. As you can guess there will be a lot of other schools and a ton of other athletes. To help make sure that we can account for all our Whitney runners I will need to know who will be taking their children to and from the race and who will require a ride on the bus (which will shuttle kids to and from the meet at set times). If you have not already responded to the email regarding transportation please review and respond as soon as possible so that we can make sure each Whitney runner is taken care of. Thank you!

Due to a very short Fall season our practice schedule is very packed. Please take the time to review it carefully if you are the parent or caregiver to one of the participating athletes. **If there are any changes you will be notified via email as soon as possible.**

Please encourage your children to take ownership in their responsibilities as an athlete by having them check the practice calendar on the gym door.

TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY
September 24

TUESDAY
September 25

WEDNESDAY
September 26

THURSDAY
September 27

FRIDAY
September 28

**Primary Cross
Country Practice**
(8:00 am - 8:30am)

Boys Soccer Practice
(7:45 am - 8:30 am)

**Co-ed Flag Football
Tryouts** (3:30 pm -
4:30 pm)

*Terry Fox Run (no
cross country practice)*

**Grade 5 Touch
Football Practice**
(7:45 am - 8:30)

Girls Soccer Practice
(3:30 pm - 4:30 pm)

**Primary Cross
Country Practice**
(7:45 am - 8:30 am)

Boys Soccer Practice
(7:45 am - 8:30 am)

**Junior Cross
Country Practice**
(7:45 am - 8:30 am)

**Girls Soccer
Practice** (3:30 pm -
4: 30 pm)

**Primary and Junior
Cross Country
Practice @
Rosedale Park**

*Meet at Whitney @
7:30 am to walk over
to Rosedale Park*

MONDAY
October 1

TUESDAY
October 2

WEDNESDAY
October 3

THURSDAY
October 4

FRIDAY
October 5

**Primary & Junior
Cross Country
Practice** (7:45 am -
8:30am)

*Tentative Date for
Girls Soccer
Tournament*

**Co-Ed Flag Football
Practice** (3:30 pm -
4:30 pm)

**South Conference
Qualifer @
Ashbridges Bay**

**Grade 5 Touch
Football Practice**
(3:30 pm - 4:30 pm)

*Rest for Cross
Country Runners*

**Boys Soccer
Practice** (7:45 am -
8:30 am)

**Co-Ed Flag Football
Practice** (3:30 pm -
4:30 pm)

**Cross Country
Practice for
advancing runners
(they will be
notified)** (7:45 am -
8:30 am)

**Grade 5 Touch
Football Practice**
(3:30 pm - 4:30 pm)

PA DAY

