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important dates for  
the next few weeks:

**MONDAY OCTOBER 8 -**  
- NO SCHOOL

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 11 -**  
- KINDER FIELD TRIP

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 15 -**  
- CROSS COUNTRY CONFERENCE FINALS

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 26-**  
- STEP DAY + PIZZA LUNCH

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31 -**  
- HALLOWEEN PARADE



from the principal

## World Teacher's Day

**October 5th** marks World Teachers' Day!

A special thank you to the amazing teachers at Whitney. They dedicate themselves to helping our students to be successful. They create caring and supportive learning environments and devote lots of time to giving our students so many opportunities in the arts and athletics. We celebrate all they do and the wonderful people they are. We are fortunate to have them at our school.

## Thanksgiving Oct 8

A reminder that there will be no classes on **Monday October 8th**. We hope families enjoy the long weekend and the Thanksgiving holiday. We are very thankful to be part of such a wonderful Whitney community.

Enjoy each day.

Chris Rzepa

## OCTOBER IS ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH 2018 (IHM)

October is Islamic Heritage Month 2018 (IHM) at the TDSB, and this year's academic theme is, "Our Journey Continues...."

In 2007, the Government of Canada officially declared October as Islamic History Month, in recognition of, "the important contributions of Canadian Muslims to Canadian society, the cultural diversity of the Canadian Muslim community, and the importance of Canadians learning about each other to foster greater social cohesion."

TDSB Trustees voted on 22 June 2016 to recognize the month of October as Islamic Heritage Month (IHM). Last year, TDSB's theme for IHM 2017 was, "Reflect. Celebrate. Learn." This year we reaffirm the Board's commitment, and as we celebrate IHM 2018, we encourage every member of our TDSB community to continue learning about and reflecting on the history, heritage and culture of our Muslim fellow-Canadians.

Please join us on **Monday, 15 October 2018**, for a free screening of the CBC documentary *14 & Muslim*, produced in partnership with Notice Picture Inc., Inspirit Foundation, The Tessellate Institute, and the National Council of Canadian Muslims. Filmmakers and film participants will be in attendance, along with guest panelists and a special host. View the trailer and learn more about the film at [www.14andmuslim.com](http://www.14andmuslim.com).

## OCTOBER IS SOMALI HERITAGE MONTH AT THE TDSB

Somali Heritage Month (SHM) is recognized at the TDSB in October. At the Regular Board meeting held on June 22, 2016, the TDSB Board of Trustees resolved that the month of October in each year, be declared as Somali Heritage Month. The TDSB affirms our commitment to celebrating Somali Heritage Month, and encourages students and staff to take this opportunity to learn about the history, heritage and diversity of the Somali community. The planning committee decided to continue to build on their selected theme from last year and proudly announce once again their theme "Educate Elevate Excel."





# THE 2018 WHITNEY TERRY FOX RUN REPORT

The 28th annual Terry Fox Run was extremely successful even though we had steady rain throughout!

Congratulations to the T. Fox committee. **Cam Ross** who was instrumental in rounding up our team of volunteers. He put the run together from start to finish. **Caron Irwin, Brittany Mark** and **Christie Schemmer Glenn** sold a slew of t-shirts, put up neighbourhood signs and made sure the post-run apples donated by Moore /Bayview Loblaws were ready to eat.

A special thank you to Whitney students, parents and staff for supporting Terry's dream. Our pledges continue to roll in. Please continue to donate online and or send in pledge forms with monies collected to the office. **Donations accepted until October 17th.**

We'll announce the total monies raised shortly after that.  
See you for the 29th annual run in September 2019!

Patti Ann Allen



# Lunch Programs

For 8 weeks, Whitney offers a variety of creative lunch time activities for your child. From crafty arts to lego creations and a special science made fun specifically for JK/SK.

Students have 10 minutes to eat their lunch and then head with the program director to a classroom to enjoy the program.

Parents will receive a cash online email to register and pay for programs which will also detail program dates and signup guidelines.

Here are the awesome activities offered this Fall (please note the grades for each activity)

## Monday

Creating Custom Stationary - Grades 1-4



## Tuesday

Kinder Science - JK/SK

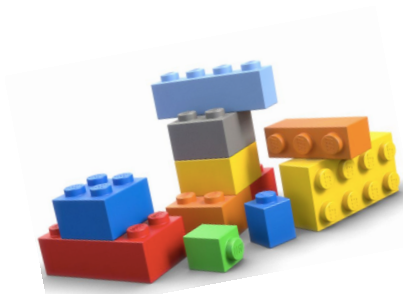


Chess - Grades 2 - 5



## Wednesday

Brixology - Grades 1-4



## Thursday

Imagine Arts Crayola Arts - Grades 1-4





# From the Parent Council



*Dear Parents,*

*It is hard to believe September is already behind us. This means the school year is well underway and as such, the Whitney Parent Council would like to hear from you! Please find below a link to a short survey regarding the Welcome Back Whitney event, Curriculum Night and the Whitney Word newsletter.*

*The survey is estimated to take only 3 minutes to complete! Meanwhile, we hope that you will consider sharing thoughts as these are both welcome and appreciated throughout the school year.*

*Survey link:*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T7MPDHQ>

*Thank you,*

**Shannon, Sarah and Ros**

## Garfield Progressive Dinner - Will Ferrell edition

Thanks to everyone who participated in this fun event. In total, over 50 people came together to support Whitney and **raise over 7%** of our annual fundraising goal for 2018/19! It was definitely a night to remember for a great cause.

Also a special thanks to Kate and Marc Dempsey, Mistine and Mike Lauzon, and Shannon and Andrew Cumming who generously opened their homes to so many Whitney parents (and Will Ferrell fans)





# WELCOME BACK WHITNEY EVENT!

September finished strong with our **Welcome Back Whitney** event taking place on the school grounds on a sunny Wednesday evening. Thanks to all the volunteers, bakers, the wonderful Whitney staff who helped get everything ready and made the night a success!





# CHANG'S CHANNEL

## Congrats to all Cross-Country Participants!

Hi Whitney Parents,

I would like to say a big congratulations to all of Whitney's Cross-Country runners for competing in this year's South Conference Cross-Country Meet. Congratulations on challenging yourselves right at the very beginning of the school year, on getting up early for practices in the mornings, battling through harsh weather and accomplishing something awesome! Thank you to all of the parents as well for all of your support and for the early mornings.



## Cross-Country Conference Finals

Cross-Country practices from this point on will only be for runners in Grades 3-6 who are advancing to Conference Finals. An email has already been sent to all parents of advancing runners.

**Conference Finals Date: October 15th**

**Location: Ashbridges Bay (Woodbine and Lakeshore)**

**City Finals Date: October 25th** (*advancing runners in Grade 4-6 only*)

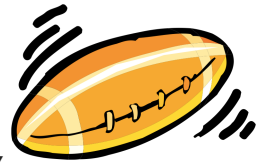
**Location: Centennial Park, Etobicoke**

## Football

We currently have two teams for the Fall Football season, Grade 5 Boys Touch Football and Grade 6 Co-Ed Flag Football. We have officially settled on tournament dates for our pools.

**Grade 5 Touch Football: October 17th @ McMurrich Junior Public School**

**Grade 6 Co-Ed Flag Football: October 18th @ TBD (previously October 11th)**



## Soccer

Whitney's Girls Soccer team braved the cold and the rain to play their division Tournament on October 1st. Our Girls played against some very tough competition passing, kicking and heading their way to a 3rd place finish as the tournaments youngest team. The Wildcats ran up against a tough Rosedale team early on, but made adjustments against Winchester with a game winning strike from Quinn to go with one of the days 2 shutouts (Ella and Angie). Our Whitney Girls showed great determination and have made us so proud. Congratulations on a great season Leona, Layla, Ella F., India, Iona, Angie, Margot, Bella, Noelle, Charlotte M, Charlotte P., Lucy P., Fiona R., Sophia, Jordan, Kate T., Quinn, and Emily W.!

The Boys team gets ready for their tournament on **Tuesday October 9th @ Deer Park.**



Here are the next 2 weeks at a glance:

**Please note that athletes involved in tournaments held on the same day as Cross-Country practice will be excused from Cross-Country that day.**

**Open spots have also been left in case of advancement. Affected parents will be notified via email regarding additional practices or changes.**



# TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY  
October 8

TUESDAY  
October 9

WEDNESDAY  
October 10

THURSDAY  
October 11

FRIDAY  
October 12

NO SCHOOL

**Advancing Runners  
Cross Country  
Practice (8:00 am)**

**Boys Soccer  
Tournament @ Deer  
Park**

**Advancing Runners  
Cross Country  
Practice (8:00 am)**

**Touch Football  
Practice ((3:30 pm)**

**Advancing Runners  
Cross Country  
Practice (8:00 am)**

**Flag Football  
Practice (3:30 pm)**

**Touch Football  
Practice (7:45 am)**

MONDAY  
October 15

TUESDAY  
October 16

WEDNESDAY  
October 17

THURSDAY  
October 18

FRIDAY  
October 19

**Cross Country  
South Conference  
Finals @  
Ashbirdges Bay**

**Touch Football  
Practice (7:45 am)**

**Flag Football  
Practice (3:30 pm)**

**Boys Touch  
Football  
Tournament @  
McMurrich JPS**

**Flag Football  
Practice (3:30 pm)**

**Co-Ed Flag  
Football  
Tournament @  
TBD**

