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important dates for NOVEMBER 6 - 17

**NOV 8 - 9 - SEWING PROGRAM FOR
GRADES 1 - 6**

**NOV 10 - REMEMBRANCE DAY
ASSEMBLY - 10:30 am**

**NOV 14 - PROGRESS REPORTS GO
HOME**

**NOV 15 - 17 - PARENT TEACHER
INTERVIEWS**

NOV 17- PA DAY



from the principal

Our Remembrance Day Assembly this year will take place on Friday November 10. Beginning at 10:30 am, students, staff, parents, and the wider community will join together in the gym after morning recess.

We come together to remember those who fought and fell defending human rights and freedoms here at home and around the world. In honouring their courage and their sacrifice, we acknowledge the human cost of peace in the past and still today. Generations of Canadian men and women – from all parts of the country, from a diversity of backgrounds – have served at home and abroad. Here at Whitney, on November 10th, we will gather on this solemn occasion to make connections with global events and students' lives by promoting peace in our school community. Let us all take a moment of silence on this day to show our respect for the courage and strength of those who served. Every year, we also gather on Remembrance Day to celebrate peace. Lest we forget.

Chris Rzepa

Progress Reports and Parent/ Guardian/Teacher Interviews

Elementary Progress Report cards will sent home with students in FDK to Grade 6 on [Tuesday November 14th](#).

In Grades 1-6, this report card will record students' general progress in working towards the achievement of curriculum expectations and their development of learning skills and work habits during the first weeks of the school year. There will be no grades or levels on the Progress Report. Students will receive either "Progressing Very Well", "Progressing Well", and/or "Progressing with Difficulty" in each subject area. The new TDSB Kindergarten Progress Report will be sent home with Kindergarten students and will present progress in three areas: Key Learnings, Growth in Learning, and Next Steps.

Parent/teacher interviews will take place on [Thursday, November 16th in the evening](#), on [Friday, November 17th in the morning](#), or at other mutually convenient times. Interviews will be scheduled through an on-line booking system or hard copy depending on the classroom. We look forward to seeing parents and guardians and sharing the progress of our students. We are all partners in the school's success!



*"Mrs. Hammond! I'd know you anywhere from
little Billy's portrait of you."*

November is Indigenous Education Month

In November, we celebrate [Indigenous Education Month](#) at the TDSB. This month provides an opportunity to centre Indigenous perspectives, histories and contemporary realities across the curricula. In classrooms across the city, we focus on treaties, the legacy of residential schools, as well as the achievements and accomplishments of Indigenous peoples' in Canada.

Over the course of this month, students, staff and community members will be recognizing a number of important days to deepen knowledge and learn together about our shared history and build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

[Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario – November 6-10](#)

Treaties Recognition Week is the first full week of November every year. Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to support Ontarians in learning more about treaty rights and treaty relationships.

To mark the inaugural Treaties Recognition Week last year, the Ontario Government and Indigenous partners launched a dedicated online treaties resource library - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties> - featuring educational guides, videos and tools developed by Indigenous organizations for teachers and students across the province. The Aboriginal Education Centre provides resources, presentations and speakers to schools throughout the TDSB.




**Did You
Know?**

First week in November is
[Treaties Recognition Week](#)
in Ontario

➤ [Treaties Recognition Week](#) was introduced to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships

➤ Every Ontarian is a [treaty person](#)

➤ Most of [Ontario](#) is covered by [46 treaties](#) and other agreements, such as land purchases by the Crown signed between 1781 and 1930

➤ First Nations had their own process of Treaty-making that had existed for thousands of years 

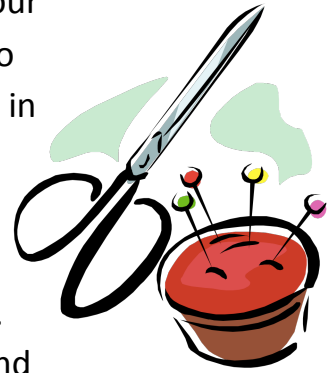
➤ [Treaties](#) are legal agreements between two or more nations...yet Canada has never passed legislation to implement or enforce the treaties...[FIND OUT WHY](#)

What is your
role as a "treaty
partner"?

For more information and teacher resources visit:
www.fnmieao.com/resources/treaty-resources

Sewing Program

Sewing Studio will be at Whitney on November 8th and 9th to work with our students in Grades 1 – 6. Each classroom will be working with the team to build mindfulness, confidence, and empathy. Students will be taking part in the “**Confidence – You’re a Superstar**” program, which gives them an opportunity to do a hands-on project to celebrate their individuality, creativity, or personality. Each class will also have an opportunity to share and present their project to their fellow classmates. According to the Journal of Positive Psychology, participating in sewing and arts and crafts helps increase self-regulation and overall well-being. A special thank you goes out to our School Council and all of you for providing the funds to cover the cost of this unique program.



On November 1st, [Susan Aguilo](#) faced an exhausted group of sugar-filled Trick or Treaters to read from several of her books!

The students loved how she puts her own son and his cousin Victoria, into each adventure story she writes.

If you would still like to order one of her books you can download the form and drop the cash or cheque (made out to Susan Aguilo) in the bin in the office.



The last day to drop off any orders will be **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10th**.

Please note the [date change](#) for the Grade Six Graduation on the Whitney School Calendar Dates and Events



Whitney P.S. Calendar Dates & Events 2017–18

Remembrance Day	Friday November 10th
Progress Reports go home	Tuesday November 14th
P.A. Day for Parent/Teacher interviews	Friday November 17th
Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	Thursday December 14th @ 9:00AM
Holiday Concert Celebration	Thursday December 14th
Winter Break Holidays	December 25 to January 5 (inclusive)
P.A. Day	Friday January 19th
First Term Reports go home	Tuesday February 13th
P.A. Day for Parent/Teacher interviews	Friday February 16th
Family Day	Monday February 19th
March Break	March 12th to March 16th
Good Friday	Friday March 30th
Easter Monday	Monday April 2nd
Spring Event	Thursday April 12th
Victoria Day	Monday May 21st
P.A. Day	Friday June 8th
Final Reports go home	Tuesday June 26th
** NEW DATE - Grade 6 Graduation	Wednesday June 27th ***
Play Day	Wednesday June 27th
Last Day of Classes	Thursday June 28th
P.A. Day	Friday June 29th

KINDER CORNER

Kindergarten Families and Friends!

The K team recently went to Summerhill Market on a walking trip with the children. We met with Rick, the store manager and he shared with us where he gets his pumpkins from. We saw white pumpkins, bumpy pumpkins and even a few gold pumpkins. The children had so many amazing questions to ask and loved seeing the Halloween Displays. We also were allowed to pick a pumpkin for our classrooms.



When we got back, the children wrote a big thank you letter to Rick and the staff at Summerhill. We also carved our pumpkin, baked our seeds and did some classroom investigations.



From the Parent Council



Calling all parent volunteers!



IT'S MATH NIGHT!

This year will be our second annual Math Night effort and we are looking for parents to help plan **when**, **what** and **how** we orchestrate another successful (and fun!) family experience centered around the subject of mathematics.

If interested in helping to plan our future Math Night event, please contact Principal Rzepa Christopher.Rzepa@tdsb.on.ca

A big thanks to all the staff and especially Gru, errr... Mr Rzepa, for another wonderful Whitney Halloween Parade! What a fun event for everyone!







WITTENBERG'S WALL



Fall Sports Wrap Up

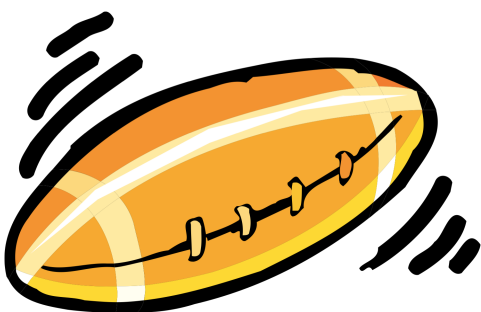
Congratulations to the more than 100 Whitney athletes that competed in cross country, soccer and touch football this Fall. Thanks to all of your hard work, dedication and outstanding sport etiquette, it made for an incredible amount of fun for all of the coaches, parents and athletes. Some of the highlights included a third place finish in the conference finals for our grade 3 girls; a 76th place finish for Ella S in the cross country city championships; a quarter final game for the boys football team; a semi final game for our girls football team; and unbelievable skills demonstrated by both of our boys and girls soccer teams!

Thank you to all of the families who encouraged our athletes, and woke them up very early in the morning for practices...without your help, none of these opportunities and experiences would have been possible! Finally, thank you to Mr. Rzepa and Allison, for their ongoing support with athletics at Whitney.



End of Fall/Early Winter Sports

The action continues at Whitney, as our boys volleyball and girls basketball teams are up and running. The boys volleyball team will be playing on Wednesday November 8th, Monday November 20th and Wednesday November 22nd. The girls basketball travel team will be playing on November 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 20th and 22nd. The tournament team has yet to solidify a playing date, but it will likely take place in December. Please make sure to check the Whitney Word and the white board on the gym door for the practice schedule.



TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY November 6	TUESDAY November 7	WEDNESDAY November 8	THURSDAY November 9	FRIDAY November 10
Boys Volleyball Practice (7:30 am) Girls TRAVEL TEAM Basketball Practice (3:30 pm)	Girls TRAVEL TEAM Basketball Practice (7:30 am) Girls Basketball Game - Withrow @ Whitney	Boys Volleyball Game Frankland @ Whitney (3:45 pm)	Girls TRAVEL TEAM Basketball Game @ Bowmore	Boys Volleyball Practice (7:30 am)
MONDAY November 13	TUESDAY November 14	WEDNESDAY November 15	THURSDAY November 16	FRIDAY November 17
Girls TRAVEL TEAM Basketball Practice (3:30 pm)	Girls TRAVEL TEAM Basketball Practice (7:30 am) Girls Basketball Game Adam Beck @ Whitney	Boys Volleyball Practice (7:30 am) Girls TOURNAMENT TEAM Basketball Practice (3:30 pm)	Girls TRAVEL TEAM Basketball Practice (7:30 am) Girls TRAVEL TEAM Basketball Game @ Withrow	PA DAY No School

