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## important dates for NOV 20 - DEC 1

**NOV 21 - GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
@ 6:30 PM IN THE STAFF ROOM

**NOV 22 - TRIBAL VISION DANCE**  
(GRADES 2-6)

**DECEMBER 1 - PA DAY**



### VACATION ALERT!!

Please don't forget to let the office know if your child(ren) will be missing any school during the holiday season. 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](mailto:whitney@tdsb.on.ca)

## Dear Whitney Parents,

We hope your children are enjoying the **STEP days** along with the pizza & fruit. We, as the School Council, took over the management of the lunches this year. One change has been the discontinuation of small milk boxes which is in line with TDSB's EcoSchool initiative.

Please remind your children to bring their water bottles with them for the spirit lunch.



We will also provide extra water for anyone who forgets.

You can contact Meric ([mkembar@gmail.com](mailto:mkembar@gmail.com)) or Ros ([rosmondflynn@gmail.com](mailto:rosmondflynn@gmail.com)) with any questions.

Thank you!

**Whitney School Council**

P.S. The next STEP day is  
Friday December 8 2017  
HAT DAY!!!

from the principal

### Tribal Vision Dance

On **Wednesday November 22** Whitney welcomes Tribal Vision Dance Company from Prologue to the Performing Arts for a special presentation for our Grade 2-6 students. We will explore First Nations history and traditions and confront stereotypes in this high-energy, multidisciplinary performance. Visions of Turtle Island includes live singing, dancing, and video and image presentations to help explain the dances and illustrate the cultural experience of First Nations peoples in Canada. The performance ends with the traditional Hoop Dance which embodies a message of interconnectedness.

### PIAC Conference

Each year, the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee invites all parents/guardians from across TDSB for an opportunity to make connections with other parents/guardians, and to participate in informative and empowering workshops related to parenting, student learning, and school councils. This year's conference, "Nurturing Family Engagement," takes place **Saturday November 25** from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at Earl Haig Secondary School. You can register at [www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference) .

This year, internationally acclaimed speaker, educator, and author, Dr. Stuart Shanker, will be the Keynote speaker at 9:30 am. Busing, child-minding, and interpretation will be available. For more information, you can e-mail: [conference@torontopiac.com](mailto:conference@torontopiac.com) .

Chris Rzepa



# WITTENBERG'S WALL



Monday November 20th - Friday December 1

## **Girls Basketball (Travel Team)**

Congratulations to the members of the girls basketball team on their exciting start to the season. The girls have battled tooth and nail in three close games to start the season. Following a tough loss to a brilliant team from Withrow, the girls rebounded two days later and dominated Bowmore, en route to a 12-4 victory. The girls will continue their season next week, as they play on Monday on home court, and travel to Adam Beck on Wednesday.

## **Boys Volleyball**

Congratulations to the members of the boys volleyball team on their outstanding start to the season. The team kindly welcomed Frankland into the Whitney gym, but quickly put on a volleyball display for the ages. Our Wildcats served, bumped, volleyed and spiked their way to a 3 set to 0 victory. Way to go boys! The boys are back on the court next week as they travel to Withrow on Monday and McMurrich on Tuesday. Good luck boys!

## **Girls Basketball (Tournament Team)**

The members of the girls basketball tournament team will start their training in full gear next week as they prepare for a one day skills, drills and mini tournament the week of December 11th. The date has yet to be confirmed by all of the competing schools, but the girls and families will find out soon.

## **Rowing @ Whitney**

Are you in grade 4, 5 or 6 and thought about joining the newest team at Whitney? Starting in January, students in the junior division will be able to try their skills at dry land rowing, as Ben Givertz-Steele comes to Whitney to help train our future Olympic champions. If you are interested, please listen to announcements for a meeting in the gym in the not too distant future!





# TWO WEEKS SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY November 20	TUESDAY November 21	WEDNESDAY November 22	THURSDAY November 23	FRIDAY November 24
<b>Boys Volleyball</b> Practice (7:30 am)  <b>Boys Volleyball</b> Game Whitney @ Withrow (depart Whitney at 3:15pm)  <b>Girls Basketball</b> Game Bowmore @ Whitney (3:45pm)	<b>Girls Basketball</b> <b>TRAVEL TEAM</b> Practice (7:30 am)  <b>Boys Volleyball</b> Game Whitney @ McMurrich	<b>Girls Basketball</b> <b>TOURNAMENT</b> <b>TEAM Practice</b> (7:30 am)  <b>Girls Basketball</b> Game Whitney @ Adam Beck (depart Whitney at 3:00 pm)	<b>Girls Basketball</b> <b>TOURNAMENT</b> <b>TEAM Practice</b> (7:30 am)	<b>Boys Volleyball</b> Practice (7:30 am)
MONDAY November 27	TUESDAY November 28	WEDNESDAY November 29	THURSDAY November 30	FRIDAY December 1
Check the whiteboard by the gym to see the athletic schedule for the week!				<b>PA DAY</b> No School

