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important dates for  
the next few weeks:

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 21 -**  
**- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR**  
**WINTER BREAK!**



**MONDAY JANUARY 7 -**  
**- BACK TO SCHOOL!**

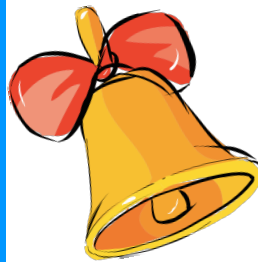
**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9 -**  
**- WALKING WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 17 -**  
**- PARENTS QUIZ NIGHT SOCIAL**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 18 -**  
**- PA DAY**



from the principal



## HOLIDAY WISHES



As the Holidays approach, we would like to wish all Whitney families a very happy and joyful break. **Friday December 21st** will be the last day before the two week holiday. During this time of year, there are many cultural celebrations and traditions that take place. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and a prosperous new year. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's, Eid, Ashura, or another, we wish you lots of love, joy, kindness and caring.

May the most that you desire, be the least that you accomplish! Enjoy the time with your families and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone on **January 7th, 2019.**



Chris Rzepa

# Winter Holiday Concert

The Holiday concert this past Tuesday was an incredible success! Congratulations to the Junior Choir, the Grade 5 Band and Grade 6 Strings, Grade 4 Recorder students from Room 306, and the many primary classes that presented as well. Thank you to Ms. Seo for her work to prepare the Strings students and Mr. Marshall for his work to prepare the band students. The students played so well after only beginning their instruments two months ago.

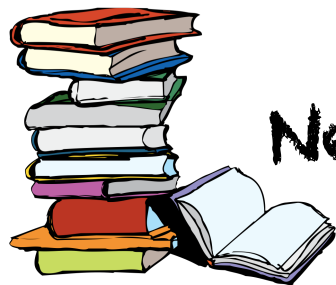
Thank you to our Grade 6 leaders who acted as MCs (Charlotte, Colin, Finley, Phillippe, and Sam) and those who helped back stage as well (Anya, Frankie, John, Kieran, Nick, Omar, and Sophia). Thank you to Marjorie Wiens, our accompanist for sharing her talents and helping us to sound so professional. Thank you to Ms. Johnston for her leadership, expertise and talents. We appreciate the time, skill, and dedication that go into preparing such an incredible concert. Last but not least, thank you to the many staff members who gave of their time to help the concert run so smoothly. We are grateful to have such a wonderful team.



## WALKING WEDNESDAY



**Wednesday January 9th** is our next Walk to School day. We encourage everyone to walk, cycle, scooter, or skateboard on this day. The class(es) with the highest percentage of walkers receives the Golden Shoe award!



# News from the Library!



Dear Whitney parents,

In the new year we will be launching Whitney's Annual "Battle of the Books" for grade 4 - 6 students. While every junior class will be getting two copies of each of the ten books in the competition, I have included a link to the titles in case you are looking for a last minute gift, or wish to purchase a book or two for your child to read over the break.

[http://www.accessola.org/web/OLA/Forest\\_of\\_Reading/Awards\\_Nominees/Silver\\_Birch\\_Fiction\\_Nominees\\_2019.aspx](http://www.accessola.org/web/OLA/Forest_of_Reading/Awards_Nominees/Silver_Birch_Fiction_Nominees_2019.aspx)

**This year, we are looking for some parent volunteers to help us create the questions for the Battle of the Books.** If you are interested in reading one of the books during the winter break and adding some trivia questions about the book to our question bank, please see Mr. Winter in the library before the holidays to borrow one of the class copies over the winter break. He will be there most mornings before school and 11- 11:45am.

We are also looking for parents who are able to help run the Battle of the Books tournament this year. The tournament starts right after March break. Interested parents can contact Mr. Winter at

[Jeffrey.winter@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Jeffrey.winter@tdsb.on.ca)

Thanks!



# From the Parent Council



We had a great day yesterday with all Whitney students participating in **Kits for a Cause**. Thanks to the generous donations of parents, the students were able to put together **over 270 care packages** for women's shelters across the GTA. It was so wonderful to see our kids take such a hands on approach to charitable giving. Big thanks to Sarah Redekopp, Natalie von Teichman and Steph Hill for organizing the effort!





# CHANG'S CHANNEL

Hi Whitney Parents,

As we approach the holiday break I'd like to say thank you for all the support from parents that make sports at Whitney so successful. Whitney athletics depends on parents driving to and from tournaments and games, cheering us on during big games, and getting your children up early for morning practices and tryouts. All of the coaches are thankful for everything you do to help make it work!

Have a wonderful holiday break and a very happy new year!

*Here is your next week at a glance:*

**AM**  
7:45-  
8:30

**PM**  
3:30-  
4:30

	MONDAY December 17	TUESDAY December 18	WEDNESDAY December 19	THURSDAY December 20	FRIDAY December 21
		Girls Tripleball (Volleyball) Practice	Girls Tripleball (Volleyball) Practice		
	Boys Basketball Tryouts (Grade 4 only)	Hockey Tryouts @ Leaside Gardens (3-4 PM)			

