

Whitney Word

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school dates for september

- 8** Monday
Return Date for TDSB Forms/Notices
- 8** Monday
Lice Check
- 8** Monday
Hot Lunch Program Starts
- 10** Wednesday, by 5pm
Lunch Time Activities Lottery Due Date (Pg 8)
- 10** Wednesday
Fire Drill
- 12** Friday
School Lockdown Practice
- 16** Monday (6-8pm)
Lunch Time Activities Registration Night
- 17** Wednesday 9:00pm
Terry Fox Run (storm date: Sept 18)
- 18** Thursday
Curriculum Night—parents of K-6 students
- 23** Tuesday 7pm, Library
Whitney School Council General Meeting

from the principal

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I welcome you to the 2014-2015 school year at Whitney P.S. It was a pleasure to see both familiar and new faces on the first day of school. I continue to feel extremely blessed to have the privilege of working alongside knowledgeable and dedicated parents and staff who hold high expectations and continue to raise the bar for students and themselves. I continually challenge myself, as well, to grow and place high expectations on students both socially and academically.

I look so forward to seeing all of your children and being a small part of their lives. Like the desires I hold for my own children, I want the very best for each of your children. Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts regarding your child's school success.

Your concerns, ideas and positive comments are appreciated and respected. Communication is vital to their success and to our overall growth and sense of community here at Whitney.

Thank you again for your continued support. I am looking forward to another great year!!

Debbie Stern



TDSB Mental Health & Well-Being

As many of you may be aware, the TDSB has recently launched the Years of Action 2013-2017 which outlines how the TDSB will direct and align resources to support student achievement and well-being. Mental health and well-being is essential to student success and achievement which is why it has become a clear priority for all schools.

Well-Being Surveys (last year)

At Whitney P.S., we believe in the importance of continuing to promote positive mental health, identify and intervene early to prevent the onset of problems and respond to children and youth in distress. Last May 2014, a dedicated team of teachers created a well-being survey for both our primary and junior students. The purpose of this anonymous survey was to get a baseline understanding of how students at Whitney were feeling about school and their overall school experience. The questions gave them an opportunity to understand and express their feelings of worry with regards to their day to day dealings at school on a very general level. Results from that survey were posted in the WW in June 2014. Following that survey, we asked students and teachers to give some feedback in order to improve the questions for more accurate results.

Well-Being Surveys - 2014-2015

So, based on student and teacher feedback from last Spring, we will be administering a revised well-being survey during the week of September 22nd and then again in June 2015. This will allow us to see the benefits of any program implementations and support provided over the school year for this cohort of students. A team of teachers will review these results and we will share them in a future WW. As well, at that time, we will share our school plan with regards to activities, programs and support for all students.



As many of you know, each month we will focus on a TDSB Building Character themes. In the month of September, the theme is **RESPECT**.

Throughout this month, teachers will be discussing this theme in their classrooms, PA announcements will be reflective and teachers will be

watching for student actions that demonstrate respect both inside and outside of the classroom setting.

We are all very excited and look forward to celebrating and recognizing those students who have demonstrated **RESPECT** beginning next month at our first SPA Day Assembly on **October 3rd**, hosted by our Grade 5s (Room 308) @10.15am. As always, parents are welcome to attend.



school hours

Morning Session	8:42 am
Morning Recess	10:05 – 10:20 am
Lunch	11:30 – 12:32 pm
Afternoon Session	12:35 pm
Afternoon Recess	1:55 – 2:10 pm
Dismissal	3:20 pm

school calendar 2014/15

The official school year calendar for the
Toronto District School Board runs from
September 2, 2014 to June 26, 2014, incl.

First day of classes for all students is
September 2, 2014.

The last day of class for elementary students is
June 25, 2014.



Holidays & Professional Activity (PA) Days

Labour Day	September 1, 2014
Thanksgiving	October 13, 2014
Board-wide PA Day	November 14, 2014
Board-wide PA Day	December 5, 2014
Christmas Break	December 22-Jan 4 2015, inclusive (last day of school: Dec 19; school resumes Jan 5)

PA Day (Elem. only)	January 23, 2015
Family Day	February 13, 2015
Mid-Winter Break	March 16 to 20, 2015 inclusive
Good Friday	April 3, 2015
Easter Monday	April 6, 2015
Victoria Day	May 18, 2015
PA Day (Elem. only)	June 5, 2015



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR, 2014-2015

Month	Number of Instructional Days	Number of Professional Activity Days	Number of Scheduled Examination Days	1 st Week					2 nd Week					3 rd Week					4 th Week					5 th Week							
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August 2014								1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29			
September 2014	21			1 H	2 FD	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30						
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July 2015						1 H	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31			
TOTAL	188	6																													
PA	Professional Activity Day			B	Board Designated Day			H	Statutory Day			FD	First Day of School for Students						LD	Last Day of School for Student											

HOT LUNCH

La Recolte Catering is back for Whitney's Hot Lunch Program. La Recolte currently provides hot lunches for approximately 2000 children in many of Toronto's private and public schools, daycares and camps. Whitney's Hot Lunch Program starts on Monday, September 8th (thank goodness!).

The Program is available to those students in Grades 1 through 6. You asked for partial participation and you've got it. You can now participate any day of the week, as long as your child consistently eats on those days for the term e.g. Monday, Wednesdays from Sept-Dec. The Program is separated into three terms: fall, winter and spring. The first term will run from September 8 - December 19.

The cost is \$5.50 per lunch and includes the main menu item, fresh vegetables and fruit, and milk. A portion of the proceeds of each lunch will be donated back to Whitney.

In previous years, the Hot Lunch Program has provided water bottles every lunch. In an effort to reduce and reuse, **Whitney is asking that all students bring a reusable water bottle with them for use at lunchtime.** The adults in the lunchroom will help students fill them as needed. We appreciate your support in keeping Whitney green.

Forms went out the first day of school. If the form and menu did not make it home, you can get it here. Forms were due **Friday, Sept 5** but if you did not get your cheque and form in time and you don't want to pack a lunch on Monday, please email Tricia Tait [here](#). Make sure you send her a note so that the caterer makes enough meals for the kids. We don't want to run out of food. All questions relating to the menu and invoicing should be sent directly to [Tricia](#).



Fall Menu



Fall Order Form

Carmen Tang

Don't forget:

SPA DAYS

2014 / 2015

SPA Assemblies 10:15 a.m.
Parents are welcome!

September 4th	(Rm 302 gr.6)
Respect	
October 3 rd	(Rm 308 gr.5)
Responsibility	
November 7 th	(Rm 303 gr.4/5)
Empathy	
December 4th	(Rm 301 gr.3/4)
Kindness & Caring	
January 9th	(Rm 307 gr.3)
Teamwork	
February 6th	(Rm 306 gr.3)
Fairness	
March 6th	(Rm 205 gr. 2)
Honesty	
April 2 nd	(Rm 202 gr.1/2)
Co-operation	
May 1 st	(Rm 207 gr.1)
Integrity	
June 12th	(Rm 302/JK/SK)
Perseverance	
June 22 nd	Peer Mentors & Kindies Awards Ceremony @ 9:00 a.m.

forms and notices

Many forms have been sent home with your child this week that require your attention. Please review the following forms and return them to your child's teacher by Monday September 8th:

- lunch registration form (grades 1-6)
- the medical information form (511E)
- walking excursion form (511H)
- physical education information/intramural form (511K)
- media release form (529C)

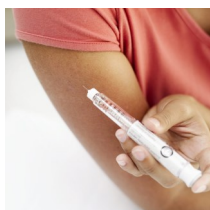
safe arrivals

If your child will be absent or late for school, please call Whitney PS **Safe Arrival @ 416-393-9384**, leaving your child's name, room number and reason for absence or lateness. You may leave messages at this number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (Please do not call the main school number with Safe Arrival messages).

Please help them ensure that all children have arrived safely at school by using the Safe Arrival reporting procedure each time your child is absent/late.

health & safety reminders

anaphylaxis



There are students in our school who have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly peanuts and nuts. Please do not send

peanut butter or products with peanuts to school in your child's lunch or snack. If your child has peanut butter or any peanut product at home, they should wash their hands and brush their teeth before coming to school.

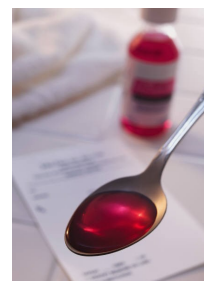
The medical form sent home with all students asks about health concerns, but if your child is anaphylactic and you have not informed the school, **please do so immediately.** Please continue to keep the school updated as medical information and/or needs change and **provide the school with two epi pens – one will be kept in the office** and it is recommended that we have an epi-pen in the classroom if a student is not carrying the pen with them at all times. Epi pens kept in the school need to be replaced by parents when they reach the expiry date.

epi pens

If your child requires an epi pen please make sure the office and classroom teacher is informed and aware of your child's needs and you have filled out the required paperwork. Students should carry their epi pen with them at all times and provide an extra one to be stored in the office. Please provide one to the office immediately (with your child's name on it).

medication

School staff cannot administer medication (Tylenol, cough syrup, antibiotics, etc.) unless the proper TDSB forms have been filled out by parents and signed some cases, by a medical doctor, giving permission and listing specific instructions for administering. These forms can be obtained from the office and upon completion will be kept on file in the office with all medication. Please call the office if you have any questions.



greetings from the school council

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elcome to the 2013/2014 school year at Whitney Public School. We hope you've enjoyed your summer and are ready to start an exciting new school year at Whitney!

The School Council (WSC) and the many parent volunteers are ready to make this year a memorable one. Plans for action packed SPA days, Lunch Time and After School programming, the Terry Fox Run and Harvest Fest are already underway.

We are very fortunate to be part of such a vibrant school community with so many events and extra activities. The success of all Whitney events and enrichment activities hinge largely upon the financial and voluntary efforts of all parents. You can read more about Whitney and the work of the WSC in the 2014/15 Parent Handbook found online [here](#).

Our first GENERAL council meeting will be in the school library at 7 - 8pm on September 23. Please attend - this is your chance to get important updates from our Principal and the School Council on decisions that are being made to support the learning and growth of our student body. We welcome all comments, suggestions and questions.

In the meantime, take a look at the Volunteer Form (link below), we can always use another helping hand! There are a variety of activities needing a variety of skills - some only require a one-time, small time commitment. The Whitney Community is a fun and dedicated group of parents and caregivers that really help to make a HUGE difference at our school for our kids.

All of us on council are looking forward to a fun-filled year!

Marcia Moffat and Jalyn Anderson
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Fall '14 Volunteer Sign-Up Form



The 2014-15 WSC Executive Slate

Co-Chairs:

Marcia Moffat & Jalyn Anderson

Vice-Chair: Jane Edwards

Vice-Chair: Amy Westin

Treasurer: Elizabeth Knox

Secretary: Sandra Ross

Outgoing Chair: Robin Porter

Don't forget:

**Whitney
General Council
Meetings**

Tuesday Sep 23, 2014
Tuesday Nov 18, 2014
Tuesday Feb 10, 2015
Tuesday May 28, 2015



"REPRINTED FROM TC MEDIA, SEAWAY NEWS 09/12/13"

Dear Whitney Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers,

This will be the 24th consecutive year that the Whitney community has supported The Terry Fox Foundation and the legacy of Terry Fox. This year's run will take place on **Wednesday, September 17th** (storm date **Thursday, September 18th**).

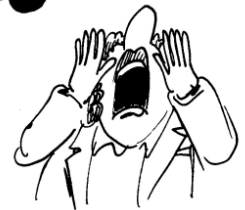
This is a big event for our school, and we depend on parent volunteers for the success of this day. We require a parent/caregiver on every corner of the Terry Fox route in order to make the run safe and fun for our children. Please consider volunteering if you can.

Volunteers are required to take their designated spots immediately after morning drop off and remain in their spots until the last runner is accounted for. It is preferable that volunteers be able to make the rain date (if it becomes necessary to postpone the run).

Attached is a copy of the Volunteer Form. Please drop off your completed form in the office as soon as possible. Thank you! We couldn't do it without your time and support.

This year's commemorative T-shirt will be sold to students and parents in the coming weeks. Date and times to be determined. Also look for **Student Permission and Pledge Forms** to be sent home next week.

Volunteers!



Terry Fox Run Volunteer Form

Shelley Moretti and Mrs. Allen

dr.moretti@rogers.com



harvest fest

Wednesday October 1st, 5-7pm

volunteers needed!

Everyone is welcome - Whitney families, friends, and alumni too! There will be delicious food, including Summerhill Market burgers and hot dogs, smoothies, and baked goods. Come out, as well, for the bouncy castle, dunk tank, fire truck, face painting, wacky hair, button making, and more!

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for more volunteers for the Harvest Festival. This year each grade has the chance to take responsibility for a part of the Festival:



Email [here](#) to volunteer!

- JK & SK:** Thank you notes to our suppliers
- Grade 1 & Grade 1/2:** Fire Truck volunteers
- Grade 2:** Button Making booth
- Grade 3 & 3/4:** Bake Sale
- Grade 4:** Popcorn booth
- Grade 5 & 6:** Whitney Idol, Wacky Hair & Face Painting
- Grade 6:** Wacky Hair & Face Painting
- All Grades:** BBQ, Bakers

The Class with the most Harvest Festival Volunteer parents will win a popsicle party!



calling bakers
calling BBQ'ers
calling ticket sellers
calling game runners



calling bakers

Dear Parents:

Fall is fast approaching and so is the time for the Harvest Festival! This year the Festival will take place on **Wednesday, October 1 from 5-7 pm** in the Whitney schoolyard.

So...it is that time again to ask for volunteers to put on their chef's hats and bake us some treats.

WHAT WE NEED

We need bakers for items such as shortbread, rice crispy squares, cookies, cupcakes, etc. Keep in mind when you are baking that individual items will sell for \$1 each (please cut into pieces accordingly) and packaged items for \$5.

All baked goods must be nut and peanut free. Some gluten free items may also be appreciated!

In addition to volunteers for baking, we need volunteers to work in shifts at the bake table. Baked goods should be dropped off in the teachers lounge by 1 pm on Wednesday, October 1st.

Please [email me](#) if you are able to assist in any way. Thank you in advance for your support and help!

Ruth and the Harvest Fest Committee

SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, LONG BOARDS and BIKES

This is a very important reminder for all students who bring their scooters, skateboards, long boards and bikes to school. Scooters, skateboards, long boards and bikes may be used to **get** to school, but are **NOT** to be used on school property.



Students must walk their bikes onto school property and lock them up by the bike racks. Also, scooters, skateboards and long boards must be left outside under the overhang outside the main doors and not used between the hours of 8:30 and 3:45. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Lunch Time

Activities

Did you know that Whitney offers fun and educational activities during the lunch hour? Classes will run for eight weeks beginning the week of September 29th.

As in past years, registration will be done by lottery. Please send an email to:
whitneyafterfour@gmail.com

by September 10th at 5pm, requesting a lottery number. You will receive a reply email in a few days advising you of your lottery number and what time to come to the school on September 15th to register your child(ren).

A schedule of activities can viewed by clicking on the mouse link below. For information on the policies and procedures, please click through to the attached document.

We hope your child(ren) has lots of fun and learn something new through these activities!

Diana Parsons and Janice Meredith Wismer



Fall Lunch Time Activities Chart



After Four

Activities

After Four Registration is still open and spaces are filling up quickly! Please continue to the next page to see the entire list of programs available for your child(ren) to enjoy in the comfort of Whitney Public School, during after school hours, run by Mooredale.

If you have not registered yet, please click the registration link and make sure you secure a spot in the program so that your child does not miss out!

Mooredale membership is required and can be processed as part of your registration.

Online Registration: Sign up [here](#).

For those who have registered, we hope that your children enjoy the great programs this Fall term.

If you have any questions about the programs, feel free to contact Eric Musselman at Mooredale: T: 416-922-3714 ext. 105 or by [email](#).

▶ Whitney Public School - After 4 Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Kangoo Jump Fitness Grades 1-6 3:40 - 4:40 pm Max 23	Lego Engineering (Gr 1-3) Robotics (Gr 3-6) 3:40 - 4:50 pm Min 5 Max 14	Karate Grades 1 - 6 3:40 - 4:45 pm Min 8 Max 20	School Play Grades 1 - 3 3:40 - 5:30 pm Min 8 Max 30

Kangoo Jumps Kids Fitness

Monday, 3:40 - 4:40

Grades 1 - 6 (child must be min 50 lbs)

Gym

September 22 - November 24 *No Class Oct 13

9 Classes, \$189

You might have heard about Kangoo Club Canada on tv or seen the fitness classes offered at gyms. Using low impact exercise rebound boots, Kangoo Club instructors lead children in a variety of exercise activities using thie specially designed boots which provide amazing health and fitness benefits, while putting 80% less impact on joints than normal jogging. Most importantly, they are fun to use! The boots help improve balance, coordination, body posture, endurance and self-esteem. This fun and enjoyable workout challenges both the body and mind in one of the most interactive, innovative ways around. Kids are having so much fun that they don't even realize that they are exercising!



Lego Engineering

Grades 1 - 3

Lego Robotics

Grades 3 - 6

Tuesday, 3:40 - 4:45 pm

September 23 - December 16

13 Classes, \$286 - Engineering / \$312 - Robotics

Come build, tinker, and create using lego in new and creative ways! Younger grades love being able to build and engineer their lego creations, while older children will enjoy the challenge of bringing their robot to life. Students can use this experience as a stepping stone for future competition in the fast growing Lego League. Unleash your inner creativity and join us Tuesdays for the coolest club in the school!



Karate

Wednesday

3:45 - 4:45 pm

***Returning students to 5:15**

Grades 1 - 6

September 24 - December 17

13 classes, \$273

James Greer returns to teach Karate for white belts and beginners. Trained as a second-degree black belt, James designs and teaches karate programs specifically for children. Students will be introduced to the principles of self - discipline, self-control, leadership and teamwork in addition to learning traditional Okinawan Karate. A karate gi (uniform) is required and can be purchased through the instructor at a reduced rate. *PLEASE NOTE: Returning students stay until 5:15.*



School Play

Thursday

3:45 - 5:30 pm, Grades 1 -3

September 25 - December 12 *No Class on Oct 9th and 16th

10 classes, \$240

Play performance at the end of the season

This term Stefani Kleinberg will be running a production of **Cinderella** at Whitney. Stefani Kleinberg is a director, writer, singer and actor. A graduate of the theatre program at Queen's University, she received her Bachelor of Arts Honours before moving to Berkeley California where she attended Berkeley Digital Film Institute. Children will explore a variety of performance platforms through fun filled games and exercises to do with theatre and film techniques. The program runs for ten weeks and concludes with two 45 minute performances, one for the school and the other for friends and relatives.

“This (lack of physical excerise) really is the big public health concern of our time, or our generation. How our communities are shaped, how we move around and the impact it has on the leading causes of death and illness in our society is something that all health organizations are coming to grips with”

~ Toronto Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David McKeown
Build exercise into communities: Doctors
Toronto Metro. Thurs May 18, 2014



Welcome Back to School Syllable Poems By the Grade Five Students (Room 308)

School is Here

School is here
School supplies
Pick a desk
Write a test
Meet new kids
Same faces
Pay attention
Good first day
School is here

by Nate V. and Robbie M.

School

Grab your bags
Time to learn
Fun in class
Nice teachers
In the hall
Grab our bags
Finish class

by Nick R.

School Time

It's school time
We are ready
Grade five now
Work is steady
In the doors
Summer's done
Whole new year
We all cheer!

By Dylan S.

School is Back

School is back
Are you ready
Nice teachers
Walking 'round
Science, math
Drama, Art
School is back!

by Rebecca G.

Wittenberg's Sports

Soccer, baseball
Football and more
Tryout for teams
Show sportsmanship
Have fun all day
Rainy, sunny
Cloudy, windy
Wittenberg's sports

by Ella D.

School is Back

School is back
Got my books
Recess time
Pencil case
Homework too
Hard questions
Desks are full
Ten more months
School is back!

By William V.A.

wittenberg's wall



sports | house leagues | wildcats

Welcome to Wittenberg's Wall. My name is Asher Wittenberg, and I am the Physical Education teacher at Whitney. Here is some information regarding the Phys. Ed department and the sports that will be running at school this year.

physical education class

In class I have been talking to the students about the **STARS** program that I will be running with them. **STARS** stands for:

During each class, the students in grades 1-6 have the opportunity to earn five stars. They will be competing against the other classes in the school, and at the end of two months, a prize will be awarded to the class with the most stars. One area students sometimes have a problem is not having the proper footwear. Please make sure that your child is wearing or has a pair of running shoes at school everyday.

team sports

There are a number of teams which Whitney will be fielding throughout the year. Unfortunately most sports are only offered to students in grades 4, 5 and 6 in the TDSB.

Students in Grade 1 can participate in Cross Country team. The grade 2 and 3 students are allowed to participate on the Cross Country and Track and Field teams. All other teams are for the junior students only. Here is a breakdown of when the teams will be running:

September to December: Cross Country, Slo Pitch (boys and girls), Touch Football (boys and girls), Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball

January to March: Ice Hockey, Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Badminton

April to June: Track and field, Soccer (boys and girls), Ultimate Frisbee

A form has been sent home with the students which needs to be filled in to allow for your child to try out and make any of these teams. Please return the form no later than **Monday September 8th**, as tryouts and practices will begin shortly thereafter.

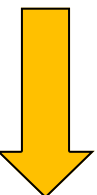
If you are interested in helping with one of the teams, please do not hesitate to contact me.

house leagues

In the next couple of weeks, the Whitney house leagues will start up. The first league will be a soccer baseball or kickball league for the students in grades 4, 5 and 6. All games will be played during the lunch period. Leagues for the primary students will begin at the conclusion of the junior league.



Stay on task
Try your best
Active participation
(include bringing proper shoes to class)
Respect for self, others
and equipment
Sports etiquette and
fair play



sports calendar



MONDAY

Girls' Slo Pitch tryouts 3:30 - 4:30 @ Whitney

TUESDAY

Boys' Touch Football tryouts – students can meet me at school at 7:15 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Boys' Slo Pitch tryouts 3:30 - 4:30 @ Whitney

WEDNESDAY

Girls' Touch Football tryouts – students can meet me at school at 7:15 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Girls' Slo Pitch 4 tryouts @ Whitney PS 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Boys' Touch Football tryouts – students can meet me at school at 7:15 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Boys' Slo Pitch tryouts @ Whitney PS 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls' Touch Football tryouts – students can meet me at school at 7:15am or 7:30am down at Rosedale Park