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school dates for september

- 16** Monday (6-8pm)
Lunch Time Activities Registration Night
- 18** Thursday 9:00am
Terry Fox Run NEW DATE!
- 18** Thursday
Curriculum Night—parents of K-6 students
- 23** Tuesday 7pm, Library
Whitney School Council General Meeting

happy
birthday

NEW – Daily morning announcements will now include a mention of student birthdays!! (weekend birthdays too!) Yahoo and Happy Birthday! (listen for a few staff names who may get honorable mention too!!)

from the principal

curriculum night

All parents and their children are invited to come and meet your child's teacher in an "open house" forum on **Thursday September 18th** beginning at 6:30 pm.

We will begin the evening in the gym with a welcome assembly and then teachers and students are invited back to the classroom to see the room and meet the teacher. Children will take their parents on a tour of the classroom...so be prepared to be dazzled!

There will not be a formal presentation by the teacher, but all teachers will be available to answer any curriculum questions you may have in the classroom. As well, teachers will have handy dandy handouts to provide you with more information about the curriculum content for the school year. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Debbie Stern



curriculum night

6:30-7:00 Assembly in the Gym

Come and meet the principal, all staff and parent council to hear about our school wide initiatives and specialty programs for 2014-15.

7:00-8:00 Classroom Open House

All parents and children are invited to visit classrooms to see the room, activities, meet the teacher...etc. Please feel free to roam the school and visit our speciality classrooms as well including our music room, gym and French room!

JK/SK Joanna Karadimas room 209

JK/SK Paula Seigel room 210

JK/SK Naomi Siddiqi room 208

Grade 1 Joe Conway room 207

Grade 1/2 Jennifer Hargrave room 202

Grade 2 Patti Ann Allen room 205

Grade 3 Shelley Robinson room 307

Grade 3 Heather Hall room 306

Grade 3/4 Brad Gadsden room 301

Grade 4/5 Bert van Hoeijen room 303

Grade 5 Carole Mandel room 308

Grade 6 Ally Diniz room 302

French/Library Mary Ann Roberts room 305

Music Gini Grey room 204

P.E. Asher Wittenberg Gym

HSP/Resource Dorothy Cuciniello room 206

Prep Jennifer Kruk room 203



Whitney School Council General Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
7:00-8:00 pm, Library

We welcome the participation and input of all parents at every WSC meeting. A minimum of 20 parents is required for any vote to pass.

As part of the 2014/15 School Council's continuing effort to expand our communication reach, we respectfully request that **all Class Parents** attend General Meetings. Class Parents serve as a vital conduit of news and information for so many Whitney parents, new and old. We are confident that the attendance of a representative from every class in the school will benefit the parent community as a whole.

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WSC June 17 2014 AGM Minutes



WSC Spending Proposal



WSC Proposed Budget 2014-15



WSC Financials July 2014

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

Technology: Andrew Pollock
and Paul Pelton

Past Chair: Robin Porter

Principal (Ex Officio):
Deborah Stern

**your
school
council**



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AGENDA

Welcome & Chair's Report

Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat

Motions to Approve Agenda & Past Meeting Minutes (June 17, 2014)

Marcia Moffat

Presentation of Proposed Slate for 2014/15 School Year + Motions to Reconfirm and Approve

Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat

Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Knox

*Presentation of 2014/15 School Budget
YTD 2013 Income Statement
and Financial Position*

Principal's Report

Spending Proposal

Committee Reports

Other Business

Motion to Adjourn & Dates for GCMs

Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat



DID YOU KNOW?

**Whitney HAS raised \$230,000
over 23 years For cancer research**

Our Terry Fox Run is this week!

We will be having our 22nd annual Terry Fox Run in the morning on **September 18th**. This week we had our kick-off assembly for the Run and your child will have come home this week with a Permission and a Pledge Form in his/her backpack.

The Permission Form must be completed, and returned to your child's teacher by **September 15th**, in order for them to participate in the Run. For your convenience, we have also attached a copy of the Permission and Pledge Forms.

You can also pledge online at Whitney's school page - click [here](#).

The Terry Fox Committee



Terry Fox Run Pledge Sheet



Terry Fox Run Permission Form

terry fox reminders

pledge sheets and money can be brought in at any time to your child's teacher, but no later than October 15th, or pledge online at Whitney personal page - click [here](#).

clothing The children should wear a t-shirt and a hat and sunblock (if it is a sunny day) and of course appropriate shoes. The Run will only be cancelled if the weather is extreme. If there is a light rain, please dress your children in rain gear. Loblaw's has donated apples for the participants.

water It is very difficult to provide water in cups for 280 students so please consider sending your children with their own bottle. We will only have one water station. This will be set up at the school and it is just for the 10k runners who do the route twice.

volunteers If you would like to volunteer, please email dr.moretti@rogers.com. Please check in on the day of the Run with Patti Ann Allen or Shelley Moretti at 8:50 am sharp in the schoolyard. We are counting on you to help supervise the route. Thank you for your assistance. If for whatever reason you are unable to do your job could you please find a replacement and let us know.



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 Toy Story bouncy castle, demolition obstacle course, chef challenge, fire truck, sign the Whitney plow, 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:



JK & SK: Toy Story Bouncy Castle, Demolition Obstacle Course and Fire Truck volunteers

Grade 1 & Grade 1/2: Kick and Score Soccer booth & Hockey Slapshot booth

Grade 2: Button Making & Animal Jar booth

Grade 3 & 3/4: Chef Challenge booth & Popcorn booth

Grade 4/5: Drink table

Grade 5: Ticket & Wristband Selling booth

Grade 6: Wacky Hair & Face Painting booth

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



Volunteering at Whitney?

Last year, the TDSB stated that any parents/guardians who wish to volunteer at a TDSB school are required to obtain a validated police check. In the spring 2014, we asked all parents who were interested in volunteering for the 2014-2015 school year to complete the attached form and return it to the school office with a cheque for \$15.00 written out to Whitney Public School. Many thanks to the over 110 parents who completed this form!!

Below is a reminder of the steps involved in completing the entire process and having your name added to our approved volunteer list.

Step 1 Fill out a police reference check form (see attached) and bring it to the school office with your personal cheque of \$15.00.

Step 2 You will receive (at your home) your original validated police check.

Step 3 Bring your original validated police check that you have received in the mail to the school office ASAP. **(Many parents have not done this step and will not be approved until we get the original from you.)**

Step 4 The school will send your original validated police check to the TDSB reference check office for approval.

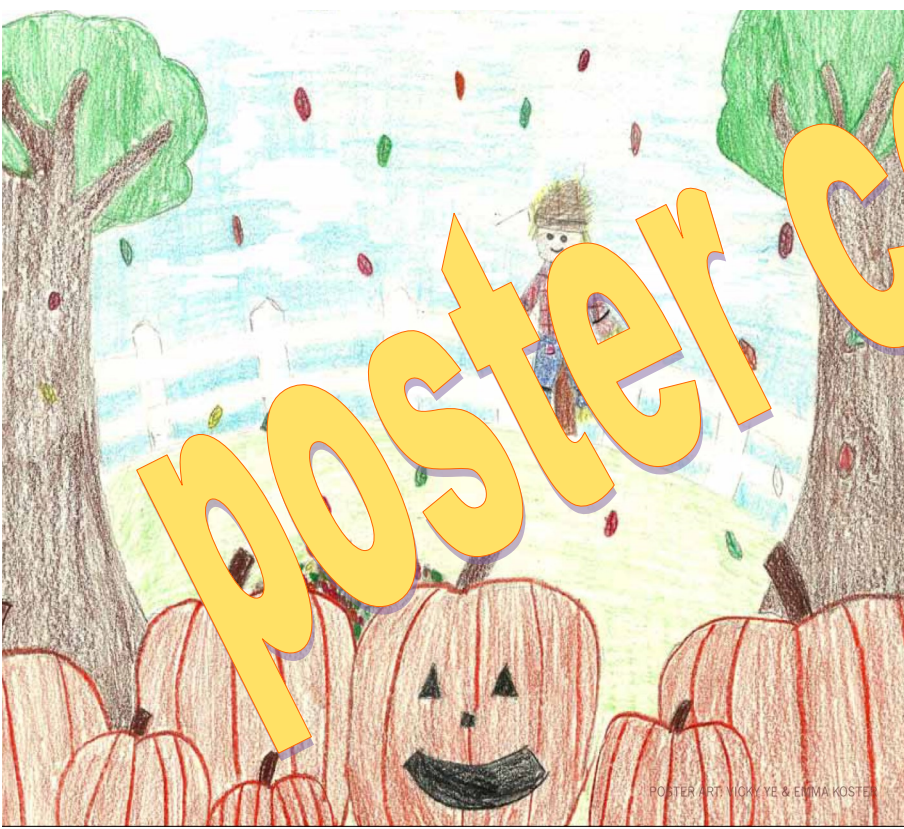
Step 5 The school office will let you know that your police check has been cleared and you are on the TDSB approved volunteer list.

Calling all Whitney student artists...sharpen your pencils and start thinking about what you love most about the Fall!

We are hosting a Harvest Fest Poster Contest for the third year. Due date is **Friday September 19**
- bring your poster to school.

The posters will be judged on creativity, fall colours, and incorporating the spirit of the Harvest Festival.

Your creations can be submitted on 8 1/2 by 11 sized paper, and please be sure to include your name and room number on the back.



MINDUP



daily physical activity @ whitney ...back by popular demand!

Almost 10 years ago, Education Minister Gerard Kennedy at that time, announced that every elementary student will take part in a minimum of 20 minutes of daily physical activity as part of the government's Healthy Schools Program. Since 2005, Whitney students have proudly participated in this program by attending regular Physical Education classes as well as being involved in numerous team sports, cross country running, track & field activities.

Last year we introduced EXTRA DPA (Daily Physical Activity) for all students and it was well received by all! So, back by popular demand, we will continue with our “divisional” physical activity program! Twice a month, for 20 minutes, all primary and junior students as a division, will participate in a fun filled physical activity exercise with our specialty teachers. This twenty minute period will occur just prior to lunchtime and will be held either outside (weather permitting) or in the gym. Through the lunch hour, classroom teachers will continue to collaborate, plan and share resources as a primary/junior division. This collaboration and team building is of great importance to school improvement planning and increased student achievement.

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”
Helen Keller*


Drop everything and “Mind Up!”

As a part of our health and wellness focus and in support of the Health/Physical Education Ontario Curriculum, we are introducing a new and exciting opportunity in all our classes – JK- 6. The support curriculum being used by all teachers is called *“MindUp – Brain focused strategies for living and learning”*.

Beginning in September 2014, one period per week, for 30 minutes, all students at the same time, will participate in this comprehensive, classroom-tested, evidenced based curriculum that fosters social and emotional awareness, enhances psychological well-being, and promotes academic success. The activities are fun, interactive and grade appropriate. Broadly defined, mindful attention centers on conscious awareness of the present moment by focusing our attention and controlling our breath to reduce stress and optimize the learning capacity of the brain.

If you are interested in learning more about “MindUp” and some of the exciting activities happening in the classrooms, please check out their website at thehawnfoundation.org and or speak to your child’s classroom teacher for more information. If you have further ideas and ways to support, please do not hesitate to share with us.

HOT LUNCH



I was onsite for this week's Hot Lunch Program. The kids are excited to see what's for hot lunch: "What's for lunch today?" is a popular question. The kids have taken well to the Program. There are some picky eaters but experience tells me that they will start trying more protein items as the term progresses.

There have been a few hiccups on the caterer's end, such as using paper plates instead of reusable plates and running out of cutlery. Now that the numbers have levelled off, this should not happen. Forms are still trickling in. Please get your forms and cheques into the office as soon as you can.

A reminder: plastic water bottles are no longer allowed in Whitney. Please send your kids to school with a reusable water bottle.

I'll try and be there next week as well to check in on the Program. It is not too late to join. If you think your child would like to participate, please send an email to Tricia Tait at [Tricia](#).

Carmen Tang



Fall Menu



Fall Order Form



Whitney Eco Club Students interested in participating in Whitney's exciting ECO Club for this year, are invited to come for a quick meeting on Wed. Sept. 17 at afternoon recess to find out what the club will be doing this year and to pick up a permission form. Due to space considerations, the club will be limited to 20 participants. Some of the activities will include waste analysis, announcements, yard and class clean up, and learning about the world in order to be a good environmental steward. Meetings will be held approximately every second Friday.

See attached form which will be handed out during the meeting on **Wednesday the 17th.**

Mr. van Hoeijen



Student Safety & Parking

As we begin a new school year I would like to review and remind parents and caregivers of the safety rules for student drop off and parking.



There is only **ONE** designated Drop off/Pick up zone which is located on the south side of Rosedale Heights Drive between the No Stopping Zone and the Bus Loading Zone. Parents should not be parking their cars in this Drop off/Pick up zone and walking their children into school. If your child is not ready to walk in on their own, you need to park your car on one of the other streets designated for parking and walk your child onto the school grounds.

Adhering to these rules is for the safety of the children as well as a courtesy to all parent/caregiver drivers and our resident neighbours. We appreciate your cooperation and support of these rules and your adherence to the signs posted indicating drop off and pick up zones.

Based on parent request from last year, we continue to work with the police and parking division with regards to this drop off area. We will keep you apprised of any new information as it comes to us. Please help us ensure everyone's safety and well-being.

Mathletics at Whitney!

This year, we are happy to announce that Mathletics is back at Whitney.

Beginning next week, all students will have access to their logins and passwords and are encouraged to begin their explorations on Mathletics. Students in **kindergarten to grade 1**, will be using Mathletics mainly as homework, to help reinforce the math concepts they are learning at school at home! Students in **grades 2 - 6**, will be using this incredible program both at school and as part of their homework.

Here are some exciting new things in Mathletics this year:

1. Mathletics is now available offline!

The Mathletics app for tablets was released this summer and now has the ability to access Mathletics completely offline! This would be great for road trips or cottage weekends!

2. Mathletics has more curriculum content!

There are now over 35 brand new curriculum aligned activities covering a range of topics that are specific to our Ontario Curriculum!

Dear Parent or Guardian

Your child's school is now using Mathletics as an important part of its math learning program. Your child will have 24 hour access to Mathletics through a unique username and password*. This means that students can work at their own pace; anywhere, anytime.

About Mathletics

Mathletics is a web-based learning program that integrates home and school learning via the internet; it is one of the world's most used educational websites. As an online learning resource it is the next generation in learning, helping students enjoy math and achieve outstanding results.

Mathletics at Home

We recommend that you spend time looking at the program with your child so that you can gain the greatest understanding of how Mathletics will benefit his or her learning. As a parent or guardian, you can sign up to receive **Weekly Reports**. These reports will provide you with details on your child's progress and achievement.

To register for this service:

- Visit www.mathletics.ca/parents
- Complete the fields and click **Submit**.
- Record your new username and password

Your child's username and password can be obtained from your child or his or her class teacher.

To access the **Parent Centre**:

- Visit www.mathletics.ca
- Sign in using your own user details

Further information and guides on Mathletics can be found under the **Help** tab.

Each student's Mathletics account holds information relating to individual results and progress. Unfortunately, it is not possible to correct results or retrieve credits if the account has been accessed by someone else.

Welcome to the Mathletics Community!

If you experience difficulty in loading the Mathletics website at home please contact us on **1-877-467-6851** or customerservice@3plearning.ca.



Lunch Time

Activities

We are gearing up for the Fall 2014 session of Lunch Time Activities. Registration night will take place on **Monday, September 15th** starting at 6:00pm in the Teacher's Lounge at Whitney Public School. Lottery numbers have been issued. If you did not request a lottery number, but would like to register your child for classes this Fall, please come to the school at 6:45 pm. Activities will begin the week of September 29th.

On registration night, please bring one completed registration form and one cheque per child per class. Please follow these links for a full program chart with class descriptions and a second document outlining general information and the registration form.

We ask that you check with the school for scheduling conflicts (such as band and strings), as once the class starts, no refunds can be issued.

We hope your children enjoy these activities,

Diana Parsons and Janice Meredith Wismer



Fall Lunch Time Activities Chart



Fall Lunch Time Activities Reg Form



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



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							
				M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F			
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						
October 2014	22					1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13 H	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31			
November 2014	19	1		3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14 PA	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28								
December 2014	14	1		1	2	3	4	5 PA	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22 B	23 B	24 B	25 H	26 H	29 B	30 B	31 B					
January 2015	19	1					1 H	2 B	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23 PA	26	27	28	29	30			
February 2015	18	1		2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13 PA	16 H	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27								
March 2015	17			2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16 B	17 B	18 B	19 B	20 B	23	24	25	26	27	30	31						
April 2015	20					1	2	3 H	6 H	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30				
May 2015	20							1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18 H	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29			
June 2015	18	2		1	2	3	4	5 PA	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25 LD	26 PA	29	30						
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											



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)

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

Kindergarten hours

Supervised play in kinder area	8:45 -9:00
Class begins	9:00 am
Morning session ends	11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:30
Supervised play	12:30-12:45:
Afternoon class begins	12:45 pm
School ends (p/u in kinder area)	3:15 pm



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

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MONDAY

Primary Cross Country Practice (grades 1, 2 and 3)

7:45am @ Rosedale Park

Girls Slo Pitch Practice 3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Girls' Touch Football practice – 7:30 a.m. @ school

Junior Cross Country Practice (grades 4, 5 and 6)

7:45 a.m. @ Rosedale Park

Girls' Slo Pitch 4 practice @ school 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Boys' Touch Football practice – 7:30 a.m. @ school

Boys' Slo Pitch practice @ school 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Cross Country Practice (all grades) 7:45 am @ Rosedale

Girls' Touch Football practice – 7:30am @ school