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school dates for **october**

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Tuesday
Cross Country Meet at Ashbridges Bay

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Monday
Thanksgiving (No School)

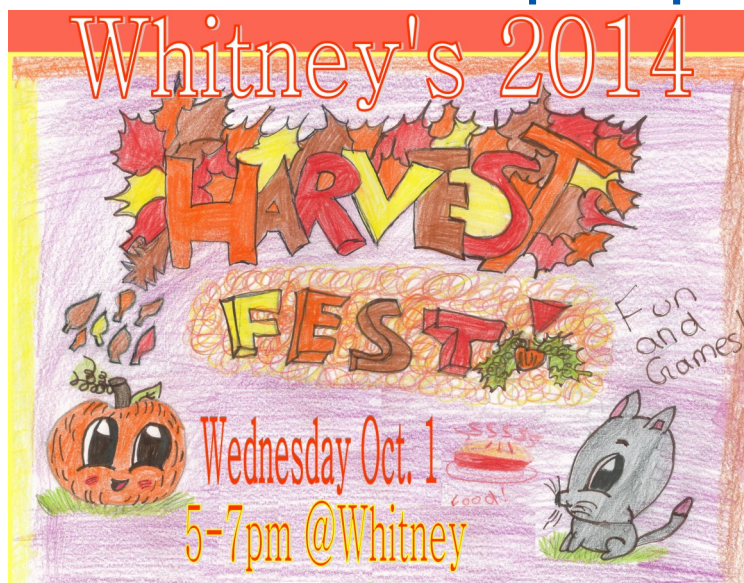
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Wednesday
Last Day to Hand In Terry Fox Pledges



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from the principal



The rain held off and Whitney's 5th Annual Harvest Fest was another wonderful success. I know how much work is involved and the generosity and inclusion of all staff and all the parents continued support it is greatly appreciated!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the Whitney parents for a wonderful evening at Harvest Fest!

Debbie Stern

Want to report a student absence? Want to know when the deadline is? Need a copy of a field trip form?

Save yourself a call and program allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca in your smartphone and email Allison in the office for any of your Whitney School needs.

thanks donors!

Loblaws

(Bayview and Moore,
Manager Cheryl Teles)

Summerhill Market

Manager Josh Romaniuk

Starbucks

(Laird and Kenrae

Manager Carl Ann)

Toronto Fire Services

"The Knights of Balmoral"

HARVEST FEST

2014

What a fun evening! We were happy to see such a terrific turnout of students, families and staff at Whitney's 5th annual Harvest Fest. And, check out all those signatures on the Whitney Plow. Thanks for that idea Tom — what a hit!

We can't say enough THANK YOUs to all of the volunteers and Whitney staff who made the evening such big success, including **Debbie**, the faculty and fellow Council members for their support of the event. This event requires a lot of "people power" and simply cannot happen without the commitment of many, many volunteers. A big thank you also to our Whitney neighbours and Toronto Fire Services too - it was wonderful to see them at the event. And hats off to the awesome balloon people/fillers too - you know who you are!

A special thank you to **Tom, Roddy and Arvin** for all their help.



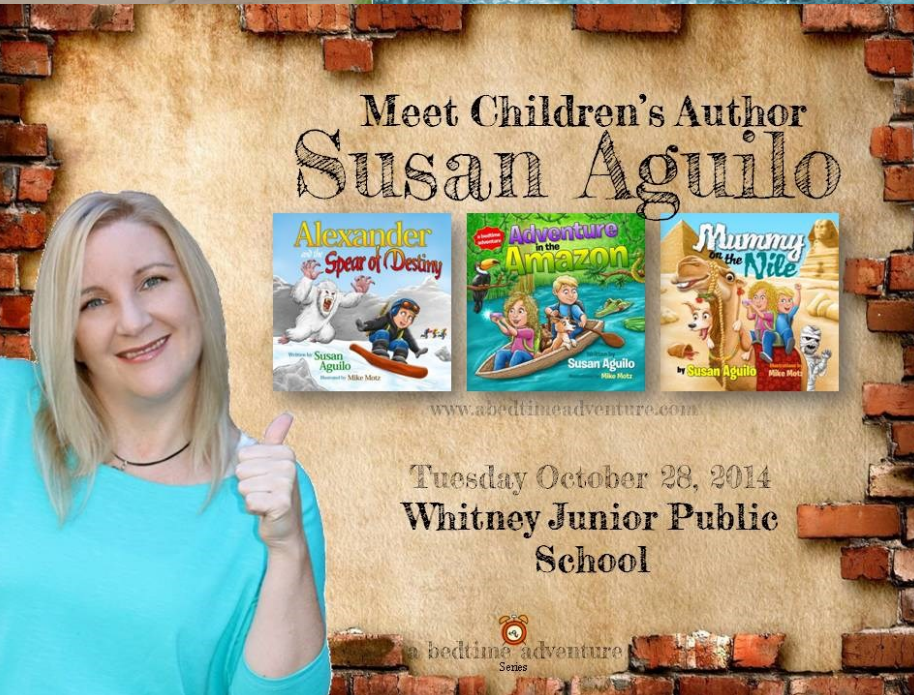
authors visit whitney

We are excited to be hosting two wonderful authors this month who will be talking to all classes from Grade 1 to 6. **David Carroll's** book "*Ultra*", about a boy who does a 100 mile ultra-marathon is exciting and was nominated for the 2014 Silver Birch Fiction Award. He will be talking to the grade 5 and 6 students. **Susan Aguilo**, author of the **Bedtime Adventure Series**, will be speaking to grades 1 to 4 about her stories and writing. An order form is attached if you would like to order her books in advance.

Mrs. Roberts, Teacher-Librarian



Susan Aguilo
Order Form





As you may know **Mrs. Gini Gray** is currently on a short leave from school and we wish her all the best in a speedy return to school. In her absence, we welcome **Nafiska Vlassis** to the music position. Ms. Vlassis will teach the music program curriculum expectations to all grades JK to 6 during music class time. As well, Ms. Vlassis has agreed to work closely with our primary teachers and arts lead, Ms. Mandel, to prepare and perform at our holiday concert in December.

Traditionally, our grade 1, 2, and 3 students perform as a grade group as well as our junior choir, band and strings. Band and strings will perform, but, unfortunately, given Mrs. Gray's absence, the junior choir will likely have to be postponed until her return. Recently, a few parents have inquired as to how they may help with a junior choir. We will keep you informed. Thank you!



Library volunteers required! The time commitment would be for 2 hours, one or two afternoons a month. Timing can be flexible. The role would include checking books in and out, re shelving books and keeping the library tidy.

Orientation for the role will be offered. If you are interested email Rachel James

rejtonto@yahoo.ca

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 past two Whitney Words there has been a reference to a "form attached", which was in error. **You must obtain the form from the Main Office.** Allison Walker is also available to answer any questions you might have about the process.

**Volunteering
at
Whitney?**



learning skills & work habits

progress report card (grades 1-6)

Next month your child will receive his/her Elementary Progress Report Card. The purpose of a progress report is to encourage early and ongoing communication between you and your child's teacher. As you may be aware, a large focus on all report cards is on the learning skills and work habits. At Whitney, we feel that the development of these learning skills is an integral part of a student's learning. We feel it is important that all children clearly understand teacher expectations with regards to their learning and work habits on a day to day basis in all subject areas for self-improvement.

*What is necessary
to change a person
is to change his
awareness of
himself.*
Abraham Maslow

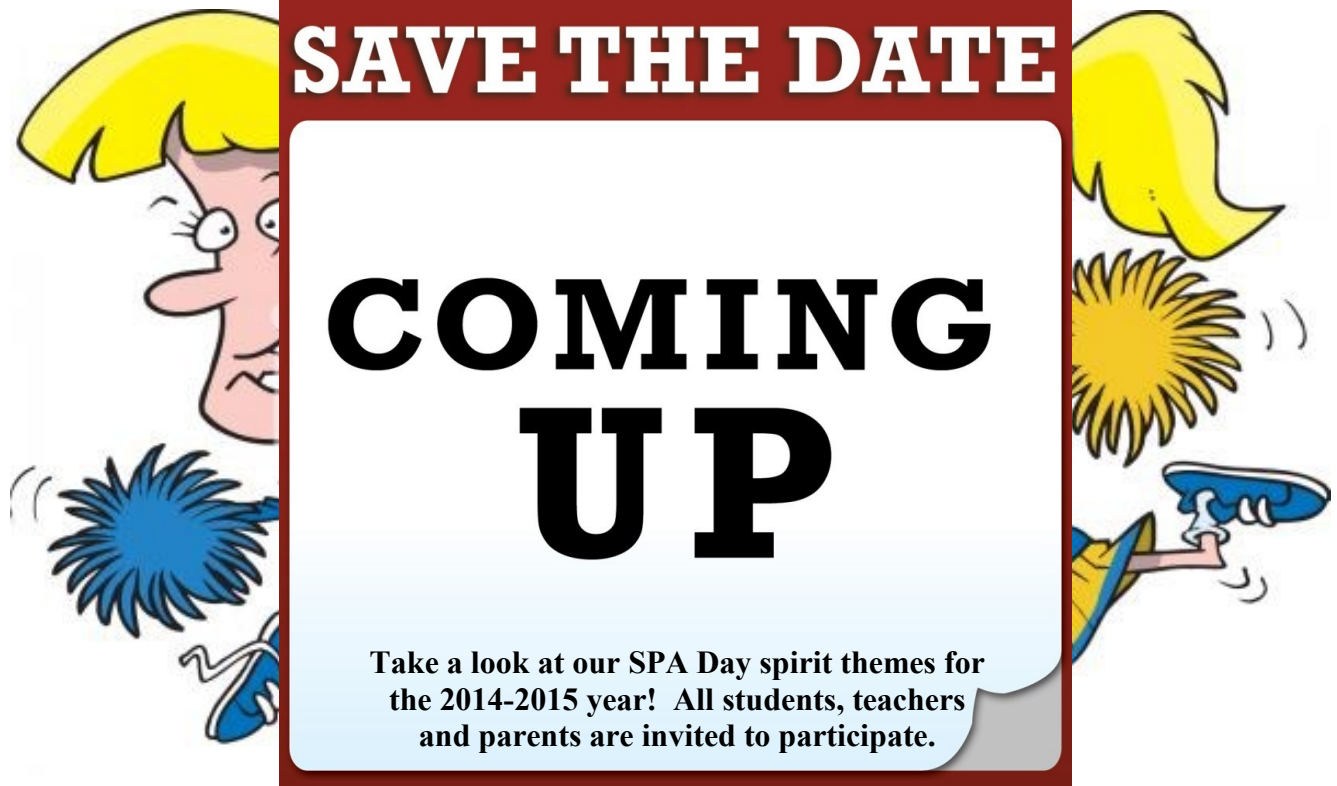
In an effort to support students learning in advance of the reporting period, the teachers at Whitney have created the attached charts (primary- grades 1-3) and junior (grades 4-6) into child friendly language. Teachers will go over these terms with the students in class and we also ask that you take a moment to review them with your child, using the chart(s) below to help guide you.

Junior PLC – Learning Skills: 'What does it look like?'

Responsibility	Organization	Independent Work
Consistently hands in ALL work (including notes and agendas) without reminders Takes care of school supplies Actively participates in all learning situations Takes responsibility for own and others learning	Continually completes work in an organized manner with care and detail Understands and follows instructions Uses agenda Takes care of own belongings (including agenda and homework) Tracks unfinished work to completion Tidy and organized work space	Stays focused on task Uses resources in the room before asking for help Uses anchor charts, success criteria, class resources When responding to questions, reads question carefully on own, in order to ensure they have correctly answered the question
Collaboration	Initiative	Self- Regulation
Works willingly and well with all students Listens and values all other opinions Shares own ideas and thoughts in group Accountable talk and contribution to group Accepts roles Solves conflicts effectively Works well in partners, small, medium groups and whole-class activities	Accepts feedback in a positive way and will make self improvements Extends his/her own learning Actively seeks new challenges and approaches them with enthusiasm while at school Sets goals and makes plans to accomplish them Asks and answers questions Finds opportunity for learning when assigned task completed Takes a chance, gets involved	Takes responsibility for his/her own actions and words Ability to handle his/her own emotions and behaviour Openly and actively accepts criticism Leads by example in the classroom, in the school yard, during assemblies Perseveres when tasks get challenging

Primary PLC – Learning Skills: 'What does it look like?'

Responsibility	Organization	Independent Work
Behaviour management Listens Follows lesson, routines, instructions Submits work on time Considers the learning of others	Belongings are in the right place Does not lose things Uses agenda Uses time and resources well Tracks unfinished work to completion Tidy	Follows instructions Stays focused on task Takes care and does not rush Uses anchor charts, success criteria, class resources
Collaboration	Initiative	Self- Regulation
Stays with group, not wandering off Accepts roles Values others' opinions Listens and shares Solves conflicts effectively Works well in partners, small, medium groups and whole-class activities	Positive attitude Finds opportunity for learning when assigned task completed Takes a chance, gets involved Applies learning outside of school Demonstrates learning (does not hold back)	Sets goals Makes plans Reflects on next steps Is always where he/she is supposed to be Does not give up Finds opportunities for learning



SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

Take a look at our SPA Day spirit themes for the 2014-2015 year! All students, teachers and parents are invited to participate.

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

October 3rd (Rm 308 gr.5)

Responsibility

November 7th (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 2nd (Rm 202 gr.1/2)

Co-operation

May 1st (Rm 207 gr.1)

Integrity

June 12th (Rm 302/JK/SK)

Perseverance

Peer Mentors & Kindies

June 22nd **Awards Ceremony**

@ 9:00 a.m.

School Spirit Themes

OCTOBER 3rd - **Sports Day at Whitney** (Put on a shirt, hat or equipment and support your favourite athlete, team or sport)

NOVEMBER 7th - **Gum Day & Wear a Moustache** (Chew your Halloween gum (classrooms only!) and if you want, wear or draw on a moustache since it is Mo-vember)

DECEMBER 4th - **P.J's & Stuffie's** (Wear your coziest pyjama's and bring in your favourite stuffed creature)

JANUARY 9th - **Crazy Hair & Hat Day** (Change your look with a new hairstyle, wear a wig or just put on a fun hat).

FEBRUARY 6th - **Be a Different Person for the Day** (Dress up to look like a certain friend, teacher, singer; or be a character from a book, video game, T.V. show or movie)

MARCH 6th - **Beach Day** (Let's forget about winter and put on some summer clothes for a day at the beach)

APRIL 2nd - **Creature Day** (Come as an animal, insect or reptile. Or make up your own unique, crazy creature)

MAY 1st: **Fashion Disaster** (Wear checks & plaid or polka dots & stripes. Put your clothes on backwards or inside out or upside down...)

JUNE 12th **Whitney Day** (Let's celebrate everything that is great about our school! Show your Whitney spirit by wearing blue & yellow)

June 23rd: **Go Canada Go!** (Be a proud Canadian in preparation for July 1st and wear red and white)

These dates are subject to change

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sports | house leagues | wildcats

Cross Country

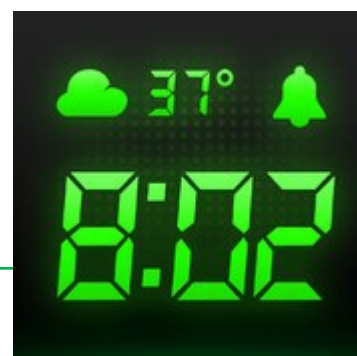
The big day is finally here! On **Tuesday October 7th**, the cross country team will be competing in their first meet down at Ashbridge's Bay. All grade 1, 2 and 3 students are asked to meet their coaches in the gym at 8:30 a.m. (the bus will leave at 8:45 a.m.). Grade 4, 5 and 6 team members will go to class to start the day, and will come down on the bus with Ms. Allen at 9:30 a.m. All students are asked to wear their Whitney t-shirts (if you don't own one, please see Mr. Wittenberg on Monday, and one will be provided), and any clothing that may be suitable for the day (it is generally a bit colder down on the beach, and unless there is thunder and lightning, the students will still be running...fingers crossed for no rain!).

If you would like to drive your child down to the meet, please [email me](#) no later than Monday noon.

Boys Slo Pitch

Congratulations to the 15 members of the boys' slo pitch team on advancing to the South Conference quarter finals! The boys played an incredible one day tournament with lots of twists and turns. In the first game, the Whitney boys were up 9-1 going into Rosedale's final inning when the floodgates opened, and our team held on for a wild 9-8 victory. The second game was equally exciting (a 4-1 victory), highlighted by a double play started by Noah, and a brilliant infield defensive play by Matthew. The afternoon started with a cross over game against the 2nd place team from the other diamond. Our boys showed no fear, and cruised to an 11-0 victory. The one day tournament finale saw the Whitney boys go up against the undefeated team from Eglinton PS. The boys started slowly, finding themselves down by a couple of runs, and going into the final innning, the score was tied 5-5. In the top of the inning, the floodgates opened, and the boys had a bat-around inning, scoring 7 runs! Eglinton put up 3 in the bottom of the inning, but not nearly enough, and our Whitney boys walked away tournament champions!

The boys have now advanced to the Conference quarter finals, which will be played one day after school next week.



MONDAY

Girls' Touch Football practice

7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Pk

Boys Slo Pitch Practice

3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

TUESDAY

Cross Country Meet

Ashbridge's Bay

(Gr 1,2, 3 meet in gym at 8:30)

WEDNESDAY

Girls football tournament at Deer Park

(meet in gym at 7:45 am)

THURSDAY

Boys Touch Football practice 7:30

a.m. @ Rosedale Pk

FRIDAY

Boys' Touch Football practice

7:30 a.m. @ Rosedale Park