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school dates for february

16 Monday
Family Day—No School

18 Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm
Whitney School Council General Meeting

school dates for march

6 Friday
SPA Day

16 Monday
First Day of March Break

23 Monday
Back to School

from the principal



On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for the wonderful staff appreciation lunch on Friday—it made for a “sweetheart” of a day! The salads and sandwiches were outstanding! Special thanks to the Whitney School Council Executive for their organizational acumen. The staff truly appreciate all that our parents do!!

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.

**Whitney School Council
General Meeting**
Wednesday, February 18, 2015
6:30-7:30 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.

We respectfully request that all Class Parents attend General Meetings. Class Parents are a vital conduit of information for so many Whitney parents.

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WSC Nov 18 2014 GM Minutes



WSC 2014/2015 Income Statement

**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**



AGENDA

Welcome & Chair's Report
Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat

**Motions to Approve Agenda & Past
Meeting Minutes (November 18, 2014)**
Marcia Moffat

Treasurer's Report
Elizabeth Knox
*YTD Income Statement
and Financial Position*

Principal's Report

Committee Reports

Appointment of Recording Secretary

Other Business

Motion to Adjourn
Jalyn Anderson and Marcia Moffat



Family Day

The purpose of **Family Day** is to *allow families to spend some quality time together*. What are you planning to do with your long weekend? Here is a list of some activities

that you and your family can do to spend some time together this Family Day:

1. From Friday to Sunday, it's the **TIFF NEXT WAVE FILM FESTIVAL**. Programmed for youth aged 14-18, this features the best in film from around the globe. Free for high school students.
2. From Friday to Sunday on the Danforth, it's the **WINTERFOLK BLUES AND ROOTS FESTIVAL**. All ages, mid-winter, weatherproof! Paid and free concerts.
3. From Saturday to Monday, it's a **CASA LOMA FAMILY FUN FEST** with a Pan Am Games theme!
4. Saturday through Monday, it's **FAMILY FUN FEST AT DOWNSVIEW PARK**. Picture it: 30,000 square feet of Indoor Fun Zone, including 30 rides.
5. From Friday through to Monday, it's a busy **FAMILY DAY WEEKEND AT TODMORDEN MILLS**. All kinds of family fun, including creating a take-home family flag.
6. Sunday and Monday, it's the **HARBOURKIDS SKATING FESTIVAL** which includes on-ice performances, multi-media activities, family skating and more.

Have a wonderful Family Day long weekend!

Credit: insidetoronto.com

Debbie

neighbourhood news



Way to Whitney students **Jaqueline, Caitlin and Ellen** of the North Toronto Huskies. The team conducted a book drive on behalf of the Children's Book Bank, collecting 400 books, 10% of the total books the bank goes through EVERY MONTH!

The team now has the opportunity to gather votes every day until February 28 to win a chance to train, eat, play like a Raptor at the ACC! You can vote here to support the girls in their effort:

<https://raptors.forddrillsandskills.ca/Home/View/8815db52-db29-4d10-94bb-591cbfb95079>



Special Education Information Sessions for Parents/Guardians/Care- givers of TDSB Students

Topics:

The Individual Education Plan (IEP)
&
The Identification, Placement and
Review Committee (IPRC)

February 24, 7-9pm





Evergreen Brick Works - Spend the day at Evergreen Brick Works and don't forget your skates. This rink is perfect for beginner skaters of all ages. The trail of ice winds around planted gardens. Ice skate rentals are available on site and skating is free. www.evergreen.ca



Colonel Sam Smith Park - Another awesome City of Toronto run outdoor rink on our list, Colonel Sam Smith Park is a true jewel in the city. The skating trail is located steps from Lake Ontario. The Power House Recreation Centre houses a change room/washroom space for visitors. Skate the completely naturalized ice trail...a real treat for skaters of all skill levels and ages. www.toronto.ca/parks



Natrel Rink at Harbourfront - The rink is now open! Enjoy a skate on the edge of Lake Ontario on this iconic outdoor ice rink. Skating is free and there is a skate rental facility on site.



Greenwood Park - The first fully covered outdoor rink opened in the east end Greenwood Park. Visitors can now enjoy a leisurely skate on the 215 metre ice trail or inside the covered hockey rink. The new facility has a change room space, with large windows overlooking the ice path. www.toronto.ca/parks

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grade 4/5 girls volleyball

Congratulations to the members of the girls grade 4/5 volleyball team on an incredibly display of volleying, bumping, serving and spiking! The team played a one morning tournament against Leslieville and Sprucecourt. The first match was against an unbelievably talented team from Leslieville (not only did they possess a girl nearly 6 feet tall...she could also spike the ball with authority!). Sadly, our girls came up short against the Leslieville Lions, but all was not lost. The top two teams from the tournament advance, so it all came down to a battle against the girls from Sprucecourt. Our mighty girls were ready to play, and had some incredible 10 shot rallies against their opponents. Following some amazing serving from Ellen, Caitlin and Jacqueline, and some brilliant bumping from Anne and Beate, the Whitney girls advanced with a 25-11 and 25-18 victory! The girls are on court again next week against Balmy Beach in the South Conference Quarter Finals. Good luck girls!



TUESDAY

Girls Volleyball practice
7:30am in the gym

WEDNESDAY

Boys Basketball practice
7:30am in the gym

THURSDAY

Girls Volleyball practice
7:30am in the gym

FRIDAY

Drop-in Badminton (Gr 4,5,6)
7:30am in the gym

boys basketball

There are not enough words in the English language to describe the thrilling, winner take all basketball game our boys played. On Thursday after school, the boys travelled to Bowmore PS to battle for the one playoff spot remaining. The winner of the game would advance to the quarter finals, the other team's season would come to an end. The game didn't start out as planned, and the boys were battling from behind for the majority of the game. Things seemed to take turn in the second half, when the Whitney boys decided to really play some lockdown defense, and stifle some incredible Bowmore shooters. Whitney was leading with only a few seconds left, when #71 for Bowmore put up a long distance shot. The crowd went wild as the ball swished through the hoop, and it lead to OT. In OT, both teams played outstanding pressure defense, and only one point was scored...another free throw from Sloan! At the final buzzer, Whitney defeated Bowmore 27-26, punching their ticket into the Elite 8 of the South Conference! Honourable mention goes out to Josh who made an incredible pick and roll with Sloan; Noah, on his many outstanding drives and shutdown defense; and Robbie, who stepped up big for the 6-2 team! Way to go boys!!