

# Whitney Word

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## school dates for april

- 21** Tuesday, 7:55am and 11:50am  
**Junior Choir**
- 22** Wednesday, 7:55am  
**Music Theatre Ensemble**
- 24** Friday 11:50-12:20pm  
**Junior Choir AND Music Theatre Ensemble**
- 30** Thursday, 7pm  
**Whitney's Got Talent Performance (gr 4,5,6)**

## school dates for may

- 1** Friday, 10:30am  
**SPA Day—Theme: Cooperation**
- 21** Thursday, 7pm  
**The Main Event—Toronto Lawn**

Last week *the lost and found* for checking the Lost and Found for your missing clothing items. Quite a few of our lost & found items have been reclaimed. A reminder to students and parents to please have a look across from the office on the 2nd floor and perhaps rediscover your missing items!

## from the principal



Character development continues to be the foundation for building school communities. Building

one's character is a shared responsibility among, families, parents, communities and schools.

April at Whitney equals co-operation! Co-operation means happily doing something that will help others – agreeing to play a game others want to play if it means the group will benefit – helping someone in need by opening a door or helping to carry something – inviting someone who is alone to join the group or offering to do a job that nobody else in the group wants to do.

Please join us on for our next SPA day on **May 1st at 10:30 am**, where we will recognize those students who have demonstrated co-operation and introduce our next character theme of Integrity led by our grade 1 students in room 207!

**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](mailto:allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca) in your smartphone and email Allison in the office for any of your Whitney School needs.



# Battle of the Books



On Congratulations to all 20 teams / 80 children, who participated in this year's Battle of The Books. Everyone should be commended for doing such a great job on reading this year's Sliver Birch Nominees. There were some excellent reads, sure to remain on bookshelves for years.

The **FINAL Battle** saw an extremely close match between The Fastest Readers In the Galaxy (Noah, Ryan, Alexia and Sabrina) and The Electrifying Unikitties (Anne, Cayden, Clarke and Ellie). **The Electrifying Unikitties** won this battle and a pizza lunch for their classroom.

These two teams had their final battle in the gym in front of grades 3-6 (including one grade 2 class). It was a nail biter for sure, as they points just went back and forth. Kudos to all the players for braving the stage, microphones and packed gym. That took guts.

Special mention goes to the **winner of the Consolation Round: The Neon Ninjas** - Keeley, Livie, Sara and Lilah.

Thank you to all the teachers and parents for their support (especially Mr. Wittenberg and interrupting his team tryouts). I would also like to thank the many volunteers who read all the books, came up with the challenging questions and came prepared every morning and lunch hour to moderate: **Leslie Chambers, Lee-Anne Hopkins, Mary Wilson, Maryse Roy, Heather Fraser, Erin Wright, Jane Vokes and Suzie Clapp.**

We can't wait until next year's battles. Until then, happy reading.

**Kathy Clarke**





# spring @ WPS



## Gifted Assessment

Each year in the TDSB, we offer a gifted scanning for those students who have demonstrated skills in the classroom at a gifted level. **Although potentially gifted students in any grade can be considered in this process, the main focus at this time will be on students entering grade 3 or grade 6 in September 2015 who wish to access the gifted programs in Grade 4 or grade 7.**

Classroom teachers and parents can recommend students as possible candidates for this gifted assessment. Parents and teachers would then be asked to complete checklists to assist in creating a profile of the student and all information about a student will be presented at a School Support Team (SST) meeting in late September/early October 2015 to which parents are invited. The SST will consider all requests and make the final decision based on the student's needs.

The focus is on students who wish to access an intensive support programs (ISP) the following year with emphasis on students in Grade 3 moving to grade 4 and students in grade 6 moving to grade 7. As there are no gifted intensive support classes at Whitney P.S., students who meet the criteria would be offered a placement in a school closest to their home. With parent permission, candidates recommended by the SST will then go forward for psychological assessments during the month of November 2015.

You may also choose to have your child assessed privately (at your own expense). The TDSB will consider results of a private assessment when conducted by a registered psychologist or psychological associate. Parents can call the Ontario Psychological Association Referral service ([416-961-0069](tel:416-961-0069)) if you require further details as to cost, etc.

**If you are currently the parent of a child in grade 2 or grade 5 AND have interest, please speak to your child's teacher for more information and/or to submit your child's name for consideration.**



# What's happening in room...

# 205 & 303

Room 205 Grade 2 and Room 303 Book Buddies teamed up to clean the community! Here are some reflections from Mrs. Allen's Grade 2 class.



On Monday, April 13, 2015 I went on a community cleanup with 303 book buddies. We found a lot of garbage and litter but my class and our book buddies cleaned up some of the litter. Scott found a squirrel skull, Nick found a phone number and Nick gave it to me. We found a tree it had a cushion and a bag on it. It is important to keep the environment clean so the plants do not die because they give us oxygen so we can live. Plant trees so the environment does not die. I will keep recycling. **Keiran**



On Monday, April 13, 2015 my class went down Carstowe Road to pick up garbage and recycling. There was so much garbage. People shouldn't litter because animals might eat it and choke. We need to stop littering because how would you like it if you looked out of your window and you saw a place covered in garbage or if you were an animal, maybe a squirrel, ok sure a squirrel. Imagine you're a squirrel climbing up your tree to get to your house and when you arrive your house is full of garbage that blew in by the wind. You wouldn't like it at all, right? Stop imagining you're a squirrel. You should never litter! Keep the city a non-litter, ultra clean, super awesome city!  
**Thomas**

It's important to keep our city clean because litter is bad for our environment. It's bad for our environment and could kill animals. If you keep polluting, the air will smell bad. People should throw their garbage in the garbage can. **Aden**

It's important to keep our city clean because it's harmful to other animals and insects. And I have never seen so much garbage in my life. When it was time to go back to school I still saw more garbage so Mrs Allen said that maybe we could go back this week. We could also help the city by putting up signs that say don't litter.  
**Ethan**



**We especially need...**

**Kids' fun** for Girls (Gr. 2, 4, 5, 6)  
and Boys (Gr. 1)

**Gift cards** from \$10 to \$100 to  
Restaurants, Retailers, Movies,  
Local Attractions, iTunes,  
Starbucks, Indigo...

**Call for Auction Items!**

# WHITNEY MAIN EVENT

Thursday, May 21st  
The Toronto Lawn  
@ 7 PM

The parent teacher Social of the Year  
Super fun!  
Great opportunity to mingle & support Whitney!

The evening includes a silent auction focused on  
experiences that make our Whitney community special.

## KIDS' FUN

We are looking for two events per grade (K - 6).  
Please consider hosting one. For example:

- \* Girls Tea Party (6 kids)
- \* SkyZone & Sundae Making (10 kids)
- \* Ball Hockey Tournament (20 kids)
- \* Pool Party (8 kids)

## GROWN-UP FUN

We are also looking for items and experiences  
for grown-ups, such as:

- \* Gift cards (restaurants, retailers, movies)
- \* Premium tickets to sporting & cultural events
- \* Golf & ski days
- \* Boot camp, yoga & pilates classes

All donations will be recognized in an online catalogue for the Main Event.

Please email Meric at [mkembar@gmail.com](mailto:mkembar@gmail.com) or Marcia at [marcia.moffat@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.moffat@gmail.com)  
to donate or to bounce around ideas!

Thanks!

**THE WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL**



# **Whitney's Got Talent**

## **Schedule of practices**

**When students come to practice, they will have about 20 minutes of practice time on their own, with approximately a 10-minute presentation at the end of every practice, to help enhance their presentation skills and get more comfortable presenting to an audience. Again, costumes are not necessary, but students must come prepared with their own music and/or props that may be needed for each practice.**

| <b>Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>   |
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| <b><u>Group – Dancers:</u></b><br>Team Dance and Fun!<br><b><u>Teachers:</u></b><br>Ms. Mandel, Ms. Hall and Ms. Diniz<br><b><u>Location:</u></b><br>Gym | <b><u>Group- Singers and Musicians:</u></b><br>Team Music<br><b><u>Teachers:</u></b><br>Ms. Carmona and Ms. Hargrave<br><b><u>Location:</u></b><br>Music Room |

**On Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the students will have an afterschool rehearsal, running from approximately 3:20 – 5:00 p.m. It is very important students are here for this rehearsal. More information regarding this rehearsal will be sent home next week.**

**We look forward to your company for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Whitney's Got Talent on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015!**

**The Whitney's Got Talent Committee  
Ms. Hargrave, Ms. Mandel, Ms. Hall, Ms. Gray, Ms. Diniz**



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## Grade 6 Badminton

Congratulations to the 12 members of the grade 6 badminton team on an impressive season. The team traveled downtown to Orde St. Public School to play in the conference quarter finals. All of the games were very close, but in the end our opponents were victorious. Thank you to all of the families who supported the team throughout the season! I also hope that all of you (the players) continue to play badminton in your future years!

## Grade 4/5 Badminton

Congratulations to the 22 members of the two Whitney grade 4/5 badminton teams on a great morning of badminton at Brown PS. It was an amazing morning of drives, smashes, drop shots and clears, and many diving returns (honourable mention to Russ who hit the deck more than anyone!). Sadly, the boys and girls from Brown were a bit too much for our crew and came out on top. There will be a short meeting next week (time and date still to be determined) to set up the match between team 1 and team 2. Thank you to all of the parents who moved their schedules around to drive the kids to Brown early in the morning! .



## MONDAY

**Boys and Girls Soccer Practice**  
students can meet me at school 7:15am  
or Rosedale Park 7:30am

**Track and field - 400m tryouts**  
(grades 4, 5, 6) 12pm on the track

## TUESDAY

**Grade 4/5 and 6 Ultimate Practice**  
(grades 4, 5, 6) - students can meet me at school  
7:15am or Rosedale Park at 7:30am

**Track and field - Triple Jump tryouts**  
(grades 4, 5, 6) 12pm on the track

## WEDNESDAY

**Boys and Girls Soccer Practice**  
students can meet me at school 7:15am  
or Rosedale Park 7:30am

**Make-up track and field tryouts** (if you missed  
any of the tryouts, please come at 12:00 p.m. and  
we will do our best to have you tryout)

## THURSDAY

**Grade Girls soccer vs. Hawthorne**  
3:00 p.m. at Central Commerce  
**Boys soccer vs. Hawthorne**  
4:00 p.m. at Central Commerce

## FRIDAY

**Grade 4/5 and 6 Ultimate practice** students can  
meet me at school 7:15am or Rosedale Park 7:30  
**Grade 6 Ultimate vs. West Prep**  
(8:00 a.m. at Rosedale Park)  
**Track and Field make-up time**