

Whitney Word

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school dates for april

- 27** Monday through Wednesday
Dental Screening
- 28** Tuesday, 7:55am and 11:50am
Junior Choir
- 29** Wednesday, 7:55am
Music Theatre Ensemble (Bring costumes)
- 29** Wednesday
Grade 6 Bake Sale
- 29** Wednesday, 3:30-5pm
Music Theatre and Choir (Talent Show run through on stage, please try your best to attend this practice)
- 30** Thursday, 8:10am
Junior Choir
- 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

from the principal

Spring's greatest joy
beyond a doubt is
when it brings the
children out.

- Edgar Guest



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.

Staffing Model for 2015-2016

Thank you to the parents and staff who worked collaboratively to create a staffing model for 2015-2016. Superintendent Louis Papathanasakis has approved our staffing model based on 283 students and 14.5 teachers.

It is important to understand the Ministry & TDSB mandated criteria in the creation of all classes:

- Must create all classes based on projected enrolment numbers (not actuals).
- Must create three FDK classes, not to exceed 30 students/class.
- Must create four grade 1 to 3 classes, capped at 20 students/class with NO exemptions.
- Must create one 3/4 split class (not to exceed 23 students).
- Must create three Junior classes with no cap size.
- Must provide the mandated 240 minutes/5 days of preparation time for each full time teacher.
- Mandated 0.5 Library, 0.5 HSP & 0.5 Resource.

Preparation time for teachers for 2015-2016, will be delivered through a combination of gym, French and the arts by specialist teachers, with some prep minutes delivered by some junior teachers.

Please note: At this time, the grade 6 class is projected at 39 students. We will be looking at various options to support and reduce this class size in early September.

Given the mandated set criteria and after much discussion and collaboration, we have created the following model for 2015-2016. Please remember that this model is based on the staff allocation and the **projected number** of students, subject to **September reorganization and realignment**.

At this time, it is anticipated that there may be a slight difference in projected and actual enrolment in specific grades, and **some classes may need to be reorganized** in early September.

FDK	1.0 Gym
FDK	0.5
FDK	0.5 French
Grade 1	0.5 Resource
Grade 1/2 (likely gr.1)	0.5 Library
Grade 2/3 (likely gr.2)	0.5 Home School Program
Grade 2/3	
Grade 3/4	
Grade 4/5	
Grade 4/5	
Grade 6	
	Staff Allocation = 14.5

WHITNEY

Please check out your child's backpack for a reply card to this year's Main Event!

If it's squashed beyond recognition, no worries...

MAIN

just **print out the next page** or
pick up an extra in the Main Office.

The Main Event will be on
**Thursday, May 21 @ 7pm at
The Toronto Lawn** (44 Price Street,
near Yonge & Summerhill).

EVENT

Parent-Teacher Social of the Year!
Super fun! A great opportunity to
mingle & support Whitney!

RSVP by May 14th to the Main
Office or to Vicky Resznetnik
vickyresznetnik@gmail.com
(or 29 Hudson Drive).





WHITNEY MAIN EVENT

The parent teacher
Social of the Year!

The Toronto Lawn

44 Price Street

Yonge & Summerhill

Thursday, May 21st @ 7:00pm

RSVP by May 14th

to the Main Office

or

to Vicky Reszetnik

(vickyreszetnik@gmail.com)

or 29 Hudson Drive)

NAME(S): _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

Address is required to receive tax receipt.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Attendees will receive a welcome beverage, two drink tickets, appetizers and finger food. Please note that a portion of the ticket proceeds goes directly to the school.

☐ Please accept our reservation(s) for _____ people @ \$100 per person.

☐ Sorry, we cannot attend, but enclosed is our contribution to the event.

RSVP and Payment: Please return form and payment by cheque to Whitney School Council to the Main Event bin in the office.

SUPPORT THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOUR CHILD'S DAY GREAT

WHITNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL, 119 ROSEDALE HEIGHTS DRIVE, TORONTO, ON M4T 1C7



Whitney's Got Talent!

Dear TALENTED students and proud family members,

The countdown to the talent show is on! We have a few important rehearsals and due dates for you to remember.

With our show just 1 week away, starting next week we will have 3 special lunch-time rehearsals.

Monday, April 27th: 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Acts 1-7)

Tuesday, April 28th: 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Acts 8 – 13)

Wednesday, April 29th: 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Acts 14 – 19)

These rehearsals will provide an opportunity for students to show us their personal talent they have been rehearsing. Therefore, students are required to bring any props that they may need to these rehearsals, if music was submitted to Ms. Diniz, they DO NOT need to bring their music.

Students have been broken up into three separate groups and have been sent home with information informing them of their group and rehearsal date. These rehearsals will run from 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the gym.

Additionally, students will also have a FULL DRESS rehearsal and run through on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 29th, 2015 afterschool from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 30th, 2015 in the morning from 9:10 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Please note that our rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday will be dress rehearsals.

Students are expected to bring the props and/or equipment they will be using, as well as their costumes.

Thank you for your support,
The Whitney Talent Show Committee



KEEP
CALM
AND
GO TO THE
TALENT SHOW

Please Join Us for an Evening of Amazing Talent!

Your Invitation To

WHITNEY'S GOT TALENT

THIS THURSDAY APRIL 30TH @ 7:00pm

If your grade 4, 5, 6 child is in the talent show (or you just want a night out and like to watch **other** people's children sing, dance and perform!) please join us in the gym for an incredible night of incredible talent!

(*Students in the show should be at Whitney at 6:30 pm)



Yummm.....

The Grade six class will be hosting another Bake Sale on **Wednesday April 29th**.

Proceeds will be going towards funding their graduation party!

The sale will be held over the morning and afternoon recesses. hopefully outdoors (weather permitting).

So bring your loonies and enjoy some treats!



53 DIVISION

TORONTO POLICE SERVICE

Open House

Join us on **May 2nd**, between 11am to 4pm at 53 Division's Annual Open House, 75 Eglinton Ave W. There will be BBQ, Snacks and Drinks; Various TPS Units including: Mounted, Marine, Police Dogs, ETF; Vinatge Police Car Displau, Couirt Services, Tour of 53 Station

Tribal Vision Dance

Visions of Turtle Island



On Tuesday, April 21 everyone one at Whitney School enjoyed a very high energy dance and story telling show by Tribal Vision Dance. Whitney was very fortunate as the dancers and story teller not only danced but shared information about First Nations Peoples. For example, we heard the story about Turtle Island. It was amazing to see the colourful outfits the dancers wore and to hear the instruments they also played. Two special dances were the Jingle Dance and the Hoop Dance, both performed by Naomi. These dances are usually performed at Powwows. During the Hoop Dance, Naomi created different kinds of images out of five hoops such as an eagle, a mouse and a butterfly. After all the students and teachers watched the show, the grade three students and their teachers had a special dance workshop with Tribal Vision and these students created their own dances. Everyone loved Tribal Vision and we hope they come again to our school.

Nate and Ellen, Rm 308



What a wonderful year of dance opportunities for Whitney students. We literally 'danced around the world' throughout the year! In the fall, we learned about music from the 70's and 80's. In the winter students were introduced to Bollywood dancing. Students in the junior grades also enjoyed a dance workshop with a teacher/dancer from the National Ballet School as well as a performance by young dancers with the National Ballet Company at the Betty Oliphant Theatre. And now in the spring, we learned about some of the dance and other cultural traditions of some of the First Nations with Tribal Vision Dance.



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Boys Soccer

Congratulations to the members of the boys soccer team on an impressive 3-1 victory over Hawthorne in their first game of the season. It was a cold and windy day but the boys brought some sizzling skills to the pitch. The crowd of onlookers were treated to some outstanding passing, blistering shots and some courageous goal keeping! The boys are back on the pitch Monday after school against Frankland.

Girls Soccer

The opening game of the regular season didn't necessarily go as planned. The girls were forced to wait nearly an hour in the frigid temperatures as their opponents forgot to leave school. When the game did start it was a back and forth affair and sadly the girls from Hawthorne walked off the field with a 3-1 victory. The girls will get a chance to avenge this loss a little later in the season.

Track and Field

The students in grades 3 - 6 have been busy in class trying out for the track and field team. The students have the opportunity to attempt the 60m dash (80m for grades 4-6), standing long jump and running long jump. Students in grades 4 - 6 also have the opportunity to try out for the 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, triple jump and shot put (but these do not take place during class time). There will be a meeting announced during the week (likely Wednesday at morning recess - make sure to listen to the announcements) to discuss who will be representing Whitney in each event (we can only send one student per gender and grade for each event).



MONDAY

Boys and Girls Soccer Practice
at school 7:15am / Rosedale Park 7:30am
Track and field - Make up tryouts
(please see Mr. W if you missed a tryout)

TUESDAY

Grade 4/5 and 6 Ultimate Practice
at school 7:15am / Rosedale Park 7:30am
Track and field - Shot Put tryout/clinic
(grades 4, 5, 6) 12pm on the track
Girls Soccer
Whitney vs. Withrow @ 4pm

WEDNESDAY

Boys and Girls Soccer Practice
at school 7:15am/ Rosedale Park 7:30am

THURSDAY

Badminton - Grade 4/5 Team 1 vs. 2
7:30am in the gym
Grade 6 Ultimate
Whitney vs. Withrow @ 4pm

FRIDAY

Grade 4/5 and 6 Ultimate practice
at school 7:15am or Rosedale Park 7:30

This year all students in grade 2 and 3 will be competing in a fun day of track and field during the week of June 15th. Students from East York CI will be helping the students while they have a great time attempting the running long jump, standing long jump, 60m dash and relay!