

Whitney Word

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school dates for june

- 16** Tuesday through Friday
Grade 6 trip to Ottawa
- 16** Tuesday, 6:30-7:30pm, library
School Council Annual General Meeting
- 22** Monday
Play Day and BBQ
- 23** Tuesday, 1pm
Awards Assembly (all grades)
- 23** Tuesday, 2:20pm
Graduation Rehearsal
- 24** Wednesday, 5:30pm
Graduation Ceremony
- 25** Thursday
Last Day of School



from the principal

Do's and Don'ts Sunscreens & Sunburns

The sun is high in the sky and we're looking at some hot and sunny weather over the next three weeks! June is a time when the school heats up and students spend more time outside to cool off, so we're asking parents to please send students to school **with sunscreen on**. Also, we are asking parents to keep sunscreen in your child's back-pack so they can apply a second layer, if needed throughout the day. Thank you!

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.

Farewell...



Mary Ann Roberts

Mary Ann Roberts - After 15 years at Whitney P.S., Mary Ann Roberts is retiring! Ms. Roberts joined the Whitney staff in 2000 and has worked with many students both as a classroom teacher and as a French/ Teacher-Librarian achieving great success. She has also been a tremendous help and promoter of new technology as our report card administrator, website lead and our overall technology specialist. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Ann for all her efforts in many areas of the curriculum and wish her all the best in her retirement!
Congratulations!

...& THANK YOU

I would like to thank the students, parents and community of Whitney Public School as well as the exceptional staff I have worked with for a wonderful 15 years. I have appreciated the support of the community and the school and the wonderful spirit that the students have shown. It will take a long time for the memories to fade... **Mrs. Roberts**

Jennifer Kruk After two years as our half time drama/ dance teacher, Ms. Jennifer Kruk will be leaving us. Jennifer has accepted another teaching job at both Huron P.S. and Runnymede P.S. We would like to thank her for all her efforts these past two years and wish her the best of luck in her two new schools!

Naomi Siddiqi We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Naomi Siddiqi for being such a wonderful addition to the Whitney staff as one of our kindergarten teachers. Ms. Siddiqi was hired late last August as a long term replacement teacher for Mrs. Alex Steane, who has been on a maternity leave this past year. We wish Ms. Siddiqi the best of luck in her future endeavours and thank her again for all her efforts!

Linda Meier I would like to thank Ms. Linda Meier for all her help and support as our temporary Educational Assistant in our HSP/Resource room. She has been such a wonderful addition to the staff and has done a great job supporting our special needs students this year. We would like to thank Ms. Meier for all her hard work this past year!

Ms. Natasha Taylor joined the Whitney teaching staff as our HSP/Resource teacher in March of 2015 when Ms. Cuciniello went on a leave of absence. Ms. Taylor transitioned into her new role with ease and has established some wonderful connections with many of our students. She has also been a great asset to our school in the past as an educational assistant contributing to sports extra-curricular activities! We wish her the best of luck!

Stacie Carmona I would like to thank Stacie Carmona, our temporary music teacher for all her hard work and efforts this year! Filling the big shoes of a veteran music teacher would not be easy, but Ms. Carmona gave it her all and lead a fantastic musical theatre group and junior choir to perform at our annual talent show! I would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her the best of luck in her future teaching career!



Welcome

Welcome back to **Mrs. Alex Steane** who has been on a maternity leave this past year! Congratulations to her and her new family. We are excited to have Mrs. Steane return to Whitney and look forward to a great school year!

I would like to welcome **Ms. Hong Sau** who will be taking over the role of HSP/Resource teacher at Whitney P.S. Ms. Sau comes to us from Kensington Community School where she has taught HSP/Resource as well as many different primary and junior grades and subjects over the past 9 years of her teaching career. Ms. Sau has obtained her honours Bachelor of Sociology and Concurrent BEd program as well as her Special Education Specialist, Mathematics and ESL qualifications. She has years of experience working with students with special needs and we are very happy to welcome Ms. Sau to the Whitney staff!

I would like to welcome **Mr. Jeffrey Winter** who will be taking over the role of the French/ Teacher-Librarian at Whitney P.S. Mr. Winter comes to us from Ernest P.S. where he has taught Junior Core French (grades 4-6) as well as Kindergarten to grade 2 and library over the past few years. Mr. Winter has obtained his French additional qualifications and we are thrilled to welcome him to the Whitney staff!



your school council

Whitney School Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2015
6:30-7:30 pm, Library

2014/15 spending

A general meeting of the Whitney School Council (the "Council") has been called for Tuesday, June 16, 2015, in the Whitney Library, at which time three (3) motions will be proposed with respect to spending a portion of the excess funds the Council currently has in its bank account. Parents and teachers are invited to vote in person or to send in a vote by proxy (appended).

Current Financial Position

We are in the position of having \$22,400 of excess funds above what is required to fund the remainder of the Council's 2014/2015 operating costs.

Also, historically, the Council has started each school year with at least 100% of funding in place for the budget at hand. In the 2014/2015 school year, we raised net revenue of approximately \$61,000 and expect to generate a further \$8,000 from Pizza Lunches, for a total of \$69,000, which will fully fund the upcoming 2015/2016 school year's anticipated operating budget.

Spending motions

teacher resource request (three motions)

Principal Stern initiated a consultative process with Whitney teachers and staff, culling a comprehensive list of items geared towards enhancing the educational experience for all students.

A formal Teacher Resource Request was then submitted to WSC and summarized as follows:

Technology – 3 refurbished computers, 29 memory upgrades, 7 computer monitors; gym sound system; 10 Apple mini iPads & protective cases	\$ 9,000
Furniture and Fixtures – 100 assembly chairs	\$ 2,200
Literacy – Leveled Readers & other literacy/social studies enhancement materials	\$ 3,000
Total (including all taxes)	\$14,200

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AGENDA

- Motion to Approve Agenda**
- Motion to Approve Past Meeting Minutes**
- Co-Chairs' Report**
- Principal's Report**
- Treasurer's Report**
- Proposed School Budget for 2015/2016**
- Motion to Approve 2015/2016 Budget**
- Special Spending Vote**
- 2015/2016 Council Executive Slate**
- Motion to Elect 2014/2015 Council Executive**
- Other Business**
- Motion to Adjourn**



Notice of Motions 1-3 and Proxy Vote Form



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teacher resource request descriptions

Please see below for additional details on the Teacher Resource Request Motions.

We look forward to seeing you on

June 16 or receiving your proxy by 1pm on June 16, 2015.

Please drop your proxy off at the school office,
or simply email us at whitneypscouncil@gmail.com with how you would like to vote.

1

Technology

Total Cost: **\$9,000**

A. Computers and computer monitors (Estimated Cost: \$2,400). Purpose: To purchase 3 refurbished computers to replace older Dell 520 computers, upgrade 29 computers with 2gb of data (making them windows 7 compatible), and purchase 7 classroom monitors.

B. School Sound System (Estimated Cost: Up to \$3,400). Purpose: To purchase a new sound system for the gym that could replace the aging microphone and sound system. It will be used for assemblies, presentations, SPA days and school wide performances, including the Holiday Concert, Talent Show and after four drama performances. Currently, the Council rents sound system for the Holiday Concert and Talent Show at a cost of \$400 - \$500 per rental. Purchasing an updated sound system is a more cost-effective solution in the long run.

C. 10 Mini iPads and protective cases (Estimated Cost: \$3,200). Purpose: To build on our initial investment in Apple iPads, to purchase 10 min iPads for in-classroom academic support and enhancement, student documentation & assessment. These would be charged by our October 2014 investment in an iPad charging and syncing cart capable of charging up to 30 iPads/mini iPads. This investment brings our total number of iPads & mini iPads up to 26.

2

Furniture and Fixtures – Assembly Chairs

Total Cost: **\$2,200.**

Purpose: To purchase 100 stackable assembly chairs to replace our older and mix-matched chairs for school performances. Acquiring these chairs will benefit the school, in that we will not have to remove chairs from classrooms for any whole school performances as the new chairs will remain the gym area under the stage (cost \$22 including tax per chair)

3

Literacy – Leveled Readers & other literacy/social studies enhancement materials

Total Cost: **Up to \$3,000.**

Purpose: To enhance and enrich our library of leveled primary readers as well as the social studies inquiry based curriculum.

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Phys Ed Teacher for the Day

A big thank you to Nick and Ellen who came in to be the P.E. Teacher of the Day. They kept all of the students incredibly active, and on many occasions I heard students say, "You (Nick and Ellen) are the best gym teachers ever!"



Ultimate Frisbee

Thank you to all of the parents and extended family members who came out for the students vs. adult ultimate games. All of the players (students and adults) had a great time, and there is already a call for next year's game.

Track and Field

Congratulations to Beate and Sam on their amazing performances at the Track and Field City Championships on Thursday.

Beate finished 2nd in the 80m dash and **Sam** finished 5th in the 800m race!

Way to go you two!