



Whitney Word

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school dates for january

- 11** Monday, 8am
Choir Rehearsal
- 18** Monday, 9am
Lunchtime Activities Reg Open (see Pg3)
- 18** Monday
Lice Check (AM)
- 18** Monday (through to Tues 26th)
School-wide Dance Program
- 22** Friday
PA Day
- 26** Tuesday, 2:30pm
K-6 Dance Show
- 27** Wednesday to Friday
Island School—Grade 5's



from the principal

Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot. Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever

students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school. The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff.

However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by: reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating; reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough; watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever; informing the school if your child is ill; keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

Debbie Stern

Want to report a student absence? Email the school before 9am at whitney@tdsb.on.ca.

Need to know a deadline? Lost a copy of a field trip form? Save yourself a call and program allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca in your home and email program.



WHITNEY P.S. KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT 2016

Tuesday January 26th 6:30–7:30pm

CALLING ALL NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS TO WHITNEY! If you have a child who will be entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2016 **OR** you are new to Whitney P.S. and just want to hear about our outstanding program for Senior Kindergarten, then this is your night!

Please join us on **Tuesday January 26th, 2016** to hear about our Junior/Senior kindergarten program for next September 2016. If you know of a neighbor with children ready for JK in September 2016 please pass on this information to them. Children who will be four years old before December 31, 2016 (born in 2012) may enter Junior Kindergarten this September 2016. Registration will occur between February 1st and February 11th, 2016.

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Bobs & Lolo



OLPH school is so pleased to present an intimate afternoon with 3-time Juno nominated Canadian children's music duo, Bobs and Lolo! Tickets are \$20 each, plus Eventbrite fee (\$21.80). Infants under 1 are free if held in arms. Be aware, we won't have room in the gym for car seats or strollers.

Bobs and Lolo will hang out after the show to meet and greet their fans. See you January 29th!

For more info, and to purchase tickets, please follow click [here](#).



Arts Movement: K-6 Dance Show

On January 18, 19, 20, 21 and 25 all Whitney students, JK-6, will take part in our Dance Program during regularly scheduled gym classes. Kharen Westbye has worked with Whitney students for years and the culmination and final dance performance has always been a great success! The program is provided to educate and empower children with knowledge of various dance styles, the fundamentals of dance technique, aspects of musical theatre and stage performance. This dance program also helps students to de-stress, stay active, and improve posture. This complete performing arts experience further enables students to overcome stage fright, become more confident, improve team spirit and feel a great sense of achievement. Each dance session includes a warm up and dance activities and choreography.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for the final dance performance on **Tuesday January 26th at 2:30 in the gym**. The show will run approximately 30-45 minutes in length. Costume information will follow.



Thank you, Whitney, for your wonderful generosity to the residents of Covenant House this past December. Your contributions made the holiday season a little brighter for young people who rely on this important charity.



Lunch Time Activities



Winter Program Policies



Winter Schedule

We're gearing up for the Winter 2016 session of Lunch Time Activities at Whitney. These are fun and enriching classes offered by qualified instructors in a range of activities such as architecture, clay, science and chess. All classes run during the lunch hour and are held in the school. The program is organized by Whitney parent volunteers.

Classes will begin the week of February 1st and run for 8 weeks, with a one week gap for March break. Monday and Friday classes will run an extra two weeks to make up for the days the school is closed (Feb PA Day, Family Day, Good Friday & Easter Monday).

Please click through to the attached documents to see the class schedule/descriptions as well as general information/policies. We ask that you check with the school for scheduling conflicts (such as band and strings), as once the class starts, no refunds can be issued. We're also delighted to let you know that we will continue one class for the kindergarten students.

Registration will open at 9am on January 18th and close at 6:00pm on January 24th, and is on a first-come-first-served basis. All information and registration will soon be available [here](#). To register, select a program, enter the required information about your child and click submit. At this point, you can register for another class.

A reply email will be sent to you providing details of the class and how to pay. If you have any issues, email [Janice Meredith](#).

We hope your children enjoy these activities!

Janice Meredith, Susie Sabapathy and Diana Parsons



Monday 11—Friday 15

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11 Whitney Wildcats vs. Wilkinson (hockey) 12:00 at North Toronto	12 Girls Volleyball Prac- tice 7:30 am	13 Boys Basketball Prac- tice 7:30am	14 Girls Volleyball Prac- tice 7:30 am	15 Boys Basketball Practice 7:30am

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