



# Whitney Word

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## school dates for january

- 24** Sunday 6pm  
**Lunchtime Activities Reg CLOSES**
- 25** Monday, 8am  
**Choir Rehearsal**
- 26** Tuesday, 2:30pm  
**K-6 Dance Show**
- 26** Tuesday, 6:30pm  
**Kindergarten Info Night**
- 27** Wednesday to Friday  
**Island School—Grade 5's**

## school dates for february

- 1** Monday  
**Choir Rehearsal**
- 1** Monday  
**Lunchtime Activities Start**
- 1** Monday  
**Kids Lit Quiz Team, Mattamy Centre**
- 5** Friday, 10:30am  
**SPA Day Assembly**
- 9** Tuesday  
**Mistism, Young People Theatre (Gr 1-6)**
- 11** Friday  
**PA Day**
- 14** Monday  
**Family Day—No School**

## from the principal



The generosity of the Whitney community never ceases to amaze me. I recently received an email from Jim Stathopoulos, the Principal at Essex Public School and Hawthorne II Bilingual Alternative School. He wanted to share with me some photos of his students enjoying the skates and helmets that were donated by the parents and students here at Whitney.

‘In a **gentle**  
way *you*  
can shake the  
**world**,’  
-Mahatma Gandhi

Thank you for all you do to make a difference in so many lives.

**Debbie Stern**

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

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the gym**. The show will run approximately 30-45 minutes in length. Costume information was emailed this week.

## Library Volunteers

We are interested in having one or two parent volunteers come in a couple times a week to help with the book shelving and cataloguing in the library.

If you would like to help, please email Mr. Winter [jeffrey.winter@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jeffrey.winter@tdsb.on.ca) . If you have had previous experience as a library assistant, that is a bonus. I am also happy to train new people!

# Lunch Time Activities

The Winter 2016 session of Lunch Time Activities at Whitney Public School are starting the week of February 1st! Have you signed up your son or daughter? There are spaces remaining in these fun and enriching classes, which run at the school during the lunch break, so please go on line to register, and encourage others to do so as well!



[Winter Program Policies](#)



[Winter Schedule](#)

'All Pretty Things' and 'Wowology' are at risk of being cancelled due to low enrolment. If these classes are in fact cancelled, we will be in touch with those who have enrolled.

To find out more or to register, click through to the attached documents or visit our webpage at <http://whitney.primux.com>. Registration is open now and will close on at 6:00pm on January 24th. To register, select a program, enter the required information about your child and click submit. And then 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.

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 check with the school for scheduling conflicts (such as band and strings).

We hope your children enjoy these activities!

**Janice Meredith, Susie Sabapathy and Diana Parsons**



## Police Visits

Officer Janet Stather will be in all classes on Wed Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thurs Feb 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss various topics, age appropriate with children such as internet safety, traffic safety or Youth and the Law.



## SPA DAY

– Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> –

Fairness is the character trait and the spirit theme is SPORTS DAY – put on a shirt, hat or equipment and support your favorite athlete, team or sport. Assembly @ 10:30AM

# wittenberg's wall

sports. house leagues. wildcats



## Girls Volleyball (Grade 6)

Congratulations to the members of the girls volleyball team on a great first game of the season. Whitney hosted the girls from Niagara Street Public School on Thursday after school. There was some amazing service, bumping and volleying from both teams. Congratulations to the members of the girls volleyball team on a great first game of the season. Whitney hosted the girls from Niagara Street Public School on Thursday after school. There was some amazing service, bumping and volleying from both teams. In the end though, our Whitney Wildcats came away with a decisive victory!

The girls have two regular season games left...  
Thursday January 28th (Frankland @ Whitney)  
Thursday February 4th (Whitney @ Davisville)



## Girls Volleyball (Grade 4/5)

The members of the girls grade 4/5 volleyball team will be playing a half day volleyball tournament on Thursday February 11th at Balmy Beach.



## Boys Basketball

Good luck to the boys basketball team as they open up their season on Monday January 25th in a game at Frankland Public School. The boys will play two more games (February 1st @ Norway, and February 8th @ Withrow). The boys will have their regular practice times, as well as a lunchtime practice on Monday January 25th to get ready for their opening tip off!

## Whitney Wildcat Hockey

Congratulations to the 19 members of the Whitney Wildcats hockey team, on two amazing victories to start the year! The boys and girls opened their season with a nail-biting 1-0 victory over a very tough squad from Wilkinson. The goalie from Wilkinson stood on his head, as he was barraged with nearly forty 100 mile an hour shots from our Wildcats, before finally being beaten on a sweet deke by Charlie! The second game of the season wasn't as close, as the boys and girls defeated Oriole 11-1. There was some outstanding passing (the defence was even complimented by the opposing coach during the game!), some hard skating, and some brilliant shots!

There are two games left in their regular season (February 4th and February 11th).



# at a glance

# two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

## Monday 25—Friday 29

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>12:00</b> Boys Basket- ball Practice <b>3:20</b> Whitney @ Frankland (boys bas- ketball)	<b>7:30am</b> Girls Volleyball Practice	<b>7:30am</b> Boys Basket- ball Practice	<b>7:30am</b> Girls Volley- ball Practice <b>3:45</b> Frankland @ Whitney (girls volley- ball)	<b>7:30am</b> Boys Basket- ball Practice

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