

# Whitney Word

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## school dates for **january**

- 30** Monday, 8am  
**Choir Practice**
- 30** Monday  
**Lunch Time Activities Start**
- 31** Tuesday  
**Kindergarten Night**

## school dates for **february**

- 3** Friday, 10:30 Assembly  
**SPA Day Trait: Fairness (Mr. Gadsden's Gr 2)**

Theme is "**Backwards Day!**" Come with your clothes turned backwards...walk backwards or just be backwards!

- 10** Friday, 2:30  
**Theatre Direct Canada Presentation**
- 17** Friday  
**PA Day**
- 20** Monday  
**Family Day**
- 21** Tuesday, 6:30-8:30  
**"At Home Alone" Workshop Grade4-6**
- 22** Wednesday, 6:30-7:30  
**Whitney School Council General Meeting**

## from the principal



We are excited to announce that during the week of **February 6-10, Theatre Direct Canada**, one of the Country's leading theatres for young audiences will be at Whitney P.S. All students will have the opportunity to explore through drama and movement, themes associated with our school-wide commitment to Equity and Inclusion as well as connections to mental health and self-regulation. All classes will receive one dance/movement and one drama session as well as 2 follow up sessions for integration of the material and rehearsal before the presentation.

On **Friday February 10th @ 2:30pm**, there will be a school-wide presentation for all parents and students. We thank the parent council for their support in this new and exciting program!

**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.

## Annual Giving Campaign

Dear Whitney Families,

As the Whitney School Council, one of our key responsibilities is to ensure the annual Council budget is well funded for the upcoming school year. These funds enhance the educational experience of all Whitney students. *Please see the following two pages for the Council welcome letter from early September, which includes budget details.*

Thank you to all the families who have already generously donated. We have raised \$24,000 towards our goal of \$30,000 so far.

Donations are gratefully received and are 100% tax deductible:

Donate Online [here](#)

- Please note “Annual Give” in comments section

**OR**

Donate by Cheque:

Payable to “Whitney School Council”

- Please include your name, mailing address, email address (for delivery of tax receipt)
- Please leave in bin in Main Office

The total budget is \$67,000, approximately \$240 per student per year.

Thank you in advance for all your support of Whitney!



**your  
school  
council**

**WSC Executive Slate  
2016-17**

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## CALLING ALL NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS TO WHITNEY!

If you have a child who will be entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2017 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 31st, 2017** to hear about our Junior/Senior kindergarten program for next September 2017.

If you know of a neighbor with children ready for JK in September 2017 please pass on this information to them. Children who will be four years old before December 31, 2017 (born in 2013) may enter Junior Kindergarten next September 2017.

Registration will occur between February 1st and 16th, 2017.



**Dear Parents:**

Welcome to the Whitney School Council. You'll be hearing from us throughout the school year.

**Who are we?**

12 parent volunteers representing all grade levels at the school (Kindergarten to Grade 6).

We are always open to meeting parents who would like to be involved.

**What do we do?**

We are the main communication channel between parents and the administration. You can always approach someone from the council with ideas, questions or concerns.

We meet monthly and hold general meetings open to all parents four times a year. The general meeting dates will be published in Whitney's newsletter, the "Whitney Word".

We are responsible for the annual Council budget. The Council's goal is to enhance the educational experience of Whitney students through balanced investment across key learning categories. There are two key sources of educational spending at Whitney:

The Principal's budget is provided by the TDSB and is designated to run the school, with strong focus on Numeracy & Literacy

The Council budget is designed to enhance the Principal's budget, particularly in Science & Technology and The Arts

Funding comes from parent donations, supplemented by fun community events.

**The cost is approximately \$240 per student per year.**

*Please see the next page for what is being funded this year.*

Thanks to your donations, we are also proud to say that we are one of the most technologically advanced public schools in the TDSB! Whitney students have access to interactive smart board technology, advanced projectors, computers, printers, iPads packed with educational apps and a new sound system for school gatherings and performances.

**THANK YOU in advance!** We look forward to another successful and collaborative year at Whitney!!!

*Meric Koksai and Ashley Rutledge*  
Whitney School Council Co- Chairs  
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**YES, I/we want to help fund educational enhancements for Whitney Students.**

\_\_\_\_ \$100

\_\_\_\_ \$250

\_\_\_\_ \$500

\_\_\_\_ Other Amount

To donate online:

Visit [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/whitney-school-council](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/whitney-school-council)

To donate by cheque:

Make cheque payable to "Whitney School Council" and return it in the envelope with your other school forms. Please include the information below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for delivery of charitable tax receipt): \_\_\_\_\_



# Whitney School Council Annual Budget

100% of the funding for these enhancements comes from donations from Whitney parents.

## 2016/2017 Budget

### Science & Technology – 19% of Council Budget

Visiting Scientists: Twice per year for JK/SK and 3x per year for Gr. 2-6. [36] sessions in total.  
Technology Investments: e.g., computers, smart boards, iPads, software  
Director's Cut (Tech Allocation: 50%): Grades 2-6, once per year for each class

\$ 7,200  
3,500  
1,700  
**12,400**

### The Arts – 23% of Council Budget

Visiting Artists: Once per year for Gr. 2-6, twice per year for JK – Gr. 1. 17 sessions in total.  
Music (All grades), Junior Choir (Grades 4-6)  
Theatre Direct workshop (for each grade)  
Performing Arts, Dance & Movement: All grades, twice per year  
Director's Cut (Arts Allocation: 50%): Grades 2-6, once per year

5,500  
2,500  
2,500  
3,500  
1,700  
**15,700**

### Numeracy & Literacy – 15% of Council Budget

Mathletics online math learning platform: Grades 2-6, one licence per student  
Jump Math booklets: Grades 3-6, two booklets per student  
Additional math resources  
Math and Literacy enrichment activities (50% numeracy, 50% literacy)  
Ontario readers for Grades 2-6 and Ontario writers for Grades 3-6  
Visiting Authors for all grades, 2-3 times per year  
Book purchases for Library, Battle of the Books, etc.  
Student agendas for Grades 3-6

2,000  
1,800  
1,000  
1,200  
2,000  
1,000  
1,000  
850  
**10,250**

### Athletics, Health & Wellness – 14% of Council Budget

Healthy relationship workshops: All grades (e.g., anti-bullying, mindfulness, yoga)  
Gym supplies: all grades  
Health promotion: Lice check for all grades, 2-3 times per year  
Healthy sexuality classes: Grades 5 and 6  
Student leadership: Grade 6 peer mentors  
School teams: Grades 4-6

3,000  
1,250  
1,700  
1,500  
1,000  
750  
**9,200**

### School Spirit and Other – 8% of Council Budget

Grade 6 legacy project and graduation  
Council Fund (council discretion - flexibility for additional spends, as needed)  
Holiday concert, Spirit Assemblies, Terry Fox Run: All grades  
Teacher recognition, coffee for staff room, Kindergarten Information Night

2,500  
1,300  
1,000  
750  
**5,550**

### Teacher and Principal Allocations – 19% of Council Budget

Classroom Allocations (teacher's discretion - typically used for classroom supplies)  
Principal's Fund, Outreach (principal's discretion)  
Home School Program  
French: Grades 4-6

7,700  
3,750  
500  
500  
**12,450**

### General & Administration – 2% of Council Budget

Administration (bookkeeping, office supplies, bank fees)

**1,450**

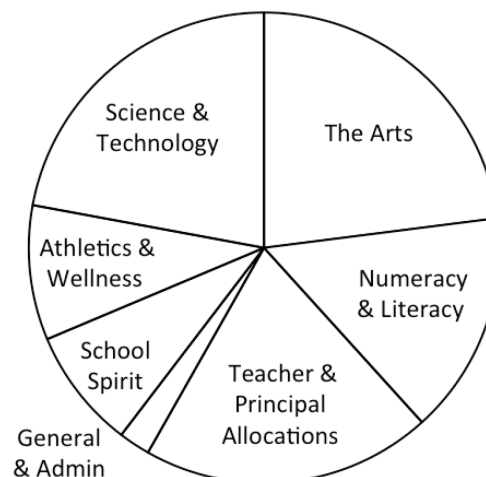
### TOTAL Council Operating Expense for the 2016/2017 School Year

**\$ 67,000**

### Council Goal

To enhance the educational experience of Whitney students through balanced investment across key learning categories:

- The Council budget (shown here) is designed to enhance the Principal's budget, particularly in Science & Technology and The Arts.
- Principal's budget is funded by the TDSB.
- Council budget is funded by Whitney parents.





## Whitney Peace Room

The Whitney school climate is by and large one of kindness, caring, learning and fun. Our student surveys show that most of our students feel safe and connected when at school. But everyone is entitled to a challenging day and sometimes we need a chance to catch our breath.

To this end, Whitney created a safe place for calm reflection in our Peace Room a few years ago. This room is located in the room next to the Mrs. Stern in the school office and has soft lighting, inspiring artwork and calming drawing books.. Thanks to the generosity of both staff and parents, our Peace Room is a place where students can take a moment or two for themselves. Parents are always welcome to come by and take a look...it is used and appreciated by many students throughout the year. If you have any items and or ideas you would like to contribute, please let us know.



Items we always welcome include: [Plants and flowers for the window sill](#). Squeezable [stress balls for restless hands](#) · [Our bookshelves are empty! Positive reading for grades 1-6](#) · Small [stereo and collection of calming music and sound](#). If you are interested in contributing to this valuable initiative, please contact **Joe Conway or Allison Walker**.

# FNST



## First Nations School of Toronto!



On **January 9, 2017** the First Nations School of Toronto opened its doors at their new location in the former Eastern Commerce CI.

As a result of the move, the school has more space to expand for K-8 next school year and will also be adding a grade 9 program. The school is open to all TDSB students and may be of particular interest to First Nation, Métis and Inuit students. Note that there is a Parent Information Night at the school on February 2nd at 7 pm. Refer to the new school [website](#) for additional information.

If you have any questions, please direct them to [Principal Jonathan Kakegamic](#). Note the school is 100 percent Optional Attendance and even though the school will be growing, space will be limited. There is also a school boundary limited by bussing that extends from Victoria Park in the East to the Humber River in the West.



# At Home Alone

## 5 Easy Steps to Independence

A fun family workshop for **Parents of Grades 4 to 6** to help families prepare their children to be home alone safely.

This interactive workshop for parents and their 10 – 12 year olds will help them:

- communicate together
- find out if their children are ready to be home alone
- increase safety knowledge
- develop an At Home Alone plan together

**Date:** **Tuesday, February 21, 2017** **Time:** 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**Place:** Whitney JR PS – 119 Rosedale Heights Drive

To register please RSVP by February 14<sup>th</sup> [whitneyschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

We need a minimum of 12 parents plus their 12 or more children to run this workshop.

Maximum is 15 parents. The earlier you register, the better!

Parents must attend with their child(ren)

**Toronto Public Health is committed to making the workshop accessible and to accommodate disability-related needs. If you require accommodation, please contact the Parent Council email by February 14, 2017.**

# wittenberg's wall

sports. house leagues. wildcats

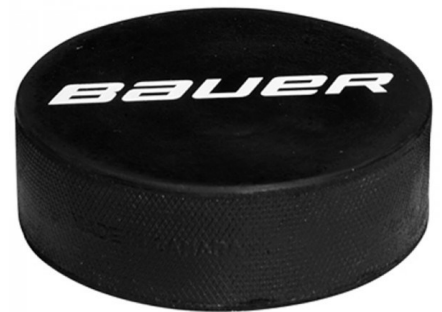


## Whitney Wildcats Hockey

Congratulations to the boys and girls on the Whitney Wildcats hockey team on their unbelievable start to the season. The team has played 3 games, and in each game have put on a dazzling display of skill.

They opened their season with a 4-3 victory over Rosedale, winning in dramatic fashion as Zach flew down the wing with 20 seconds left and fired a shot to the top corner. Only a few days later, our athletes were back on court against Rosedale, but this time they were not interested in having the game so close. This time they jumped all over Rosedale and finished with a 7-2 victory. The third game of the season saw Whitney go up against Oriole Park. This game was over before the coaches could finish their cappuccinos on the bench, as Whitney scored 5 goals in the first eight minutes!!

There are three games left in the regular season, and it appears as though this Toronto based hockey team is ready for a long run into the playoffs!



## Boys Basketball



The boys basketball team opened up their season with a hard fought 15-8 loss. Despite not having many practices, the boys learned to play an outstanding zone defense which Frankland (who scored 39 in the opening game) had a very tough time dealing with. The boys were able to force many turnovers and hit a few jaw dropping deep shots! The boys are back on court on Monday January 30th when they head to Davisville. Good luck boys!

## Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the girls volleyball team on an incredible start to their season. The girls traveled to Niagara St. PS and to Davisville PS for two outstanding volleyball matches. In the season opener, the girls won 2-0 defeating Niagara 25-23 in two hard fought sets. The girls followed that up by defeating Davisville in a 3 set marathon. In both matches, there was some incredible serving by Beats and Veronica who kept finding the open spots on the floor for aces!! Way to go girls!





# at a glance two weeks

sports, house leagues, wildcats

## Monday 30 — Friday 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30	31	1	2	3
Boys Div 2 basketball game @ Davisville (leave @ 3:20)	Girls Volleyball Practice 7:30	Boys Div 2 Basketball Practice 7:30  Hockey – Whitney vs. Palmerston @ Bill Bolton	Girls Volleyball Practice 7:30  Girls Volleyball Game Davisville @ Whitney	Boys Div 3 basketball practice 7:30

## Monday 6 — Friday 10

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	7	8	9	10
Boys Div 2 basketball practice 3:30 – 4:30	Girls volleyball practice 7:30  Girls volleyball Game Frankland @ Whitney (3:45)	Boys Div 2 basketball practice 7:30  Boys Div 2 basketball game Withrow @ Whitney (3:45)	Girls Volleyball practice 7:30  Girls volleyball game Whitney @ Frankland	Boys Div 3 basketball practice 7:30