

Whitney Public School

December 2018 Newsletter



Message From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

December is a short and busy month as we get ready for the holidays. This is an important time for us to stop, take time, and spend time with the people in our lives - our families, our friends, our neighbours. Take a few moments amidst the hustle and bustle to enjoy each other.

The senior class at Whitney Public School had an amazing experience at We Day, and we truly were inspired to work together to make changes in our world -for the better! I would like to give a very big thank you to our volunteer drivers who made the trip possible.

We are very excited to be planning our December 18th Christmas Concert. We are looking forward to sharing our performances - we've been working hard to get ready! We will hold a Food Drive as we enter December, please feel free to bring in any non-perishable food items for donation to our Christmas Concert.

As in previous years, we are accepting donations for CPAN's Snowsuit Campaign. (The Renfrew County Poverty Action Network). If you have any gently used snowsuits that you would like to donate, send them to the school and we will make sure they find their way to a child/family in need.

This month we will be learning and celebrating together. Don't forget to send lots of warm clothes, as Mother Nature ushers in winter. Mr. Jonathan Pratt will be joining us on December 6th for the Hour of Code - ask your child about what they learned about Coding!

In honour of the season, we will have a busy week December 17th -21st. Christmas Concert (Dec 18th), Paper-making (Dec 19th), Christmas Morning (PJs & a Movie on Dec 21st). I hope each family has a happy and healthy holiday. Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

We're all in this together,

Jessica Puff



<i>1st Inst Block</i>	<i>08:45 - 10:45</i>
<i>Recess</i>	<i>10:45 - 11:00</i>
<i>2nd Inst Block</i>	<i>11:00 - 12:00</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>12:00 - 1:00</i>
<i>3rd Inst Block</i>	<i>1:00 - 3:00</i>
<i>Recess</i>	<i>3:00 - 3:15</i>
<i>Dismissal</i>	<i>03:15</i>

Merry Christmas!





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Important Dates

Friday, Dec. 5th - MADD Presentation for Grade 7&8 students

Friday, Dec. 6th - Hour of Code with Mr. Pratt

Friday, Dec. 7th - SFVH Tree Lighting in Barry's Bay-Isabella Rogers-Avery is the WPS Angel

Wednesday, Dec. 10th - School Council Meeting at 5:15pm

Tuesday, Dec. 18th - Whitney Public School Christmas Concert at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 18th - Senior Class Museum from 5:30pm - 6:15pm

Friday, Dec. 19th - St. Martin of Tours Catholic School Christmas Concert

Friday, Dec. 21st - Last school day before Christmas Break - PJ Day, Gingerbread decorating and hunt & Movie morning "Inside Out"

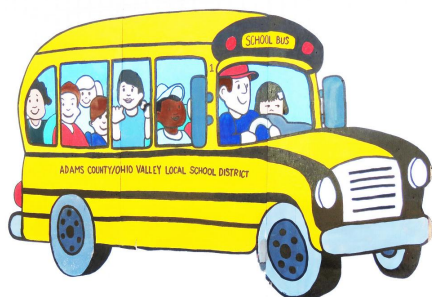
Monday, Dec. 24th to Friday, Jan. 4th, 2019 - Christmas Break - Enjoy!

Monday, Jan. 7th - First day of classes in 2019!

End of Day Busing Reminders

Just a reminder that the school will follow the default instructions from parents regarding end of day busing, (eg. Tuesday and Thursday to daycare, Monday, Wednesday, Friday home) unless there is a note in their agenda or a call from a parent with a change of instructions. Please do not just let your child know they should go home that day when it is regularly a daycare day as we MUST receive a note or call from a parent to make a change.

Thank you!



Busing for 2018 - 2019

Jim & Edith Robinson -- Bus Operator

Bus Driver: Craig

Route #346

R&L Bus Lines -Laurie Evans -

Bus Operator

Bus Driver: Charles -

Route #349



FWL (Future Whitney Leaders) Spirit Team Events

Throughout December:

Christmas colouring pages

Door Decorating

Food Drive Fridays (Deadline: December 14th)

Thursday, Dec. 6th: Dress in Christmas themed clothes or colours

Monday Dec. 10th: Clean Christmas joke day

Thursday, Dec. 13th: Dress like a Christmas decoration or ornament

Monday, Dec. 17: Snowball competition or snow art (Weather permitting)

Friday, Dec. 21st: Comfy/PJs day, movie (am) and gingerbread hunt/decorating (pm)

For all spirit days we are asking for donations that will be collected and given to the St. Francis Memorial Hospital to help with the purchase of 15 new IV pumps - needed to deliver medications such antibiotics and insulin and treatment for cardiac episodes and blood transfusions.

Inclement Weather

Winter looks like it's here! On cold days the children will be kept indoors if the weather (with windchill) is -22 C or colder, otherwise students need to be dressed properly for the weather. Reminder: **When school buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run for the remainder of the day.**

To be informed of bus cancellations you can visit the Tri-Board website at www.triboard.ca and click on **Delays and Cancellations**. You can also sign up for email notifications of delays and cancellations. To do this go to the website and click on Delays and Cancellations then click on subscribe and follow the directions. An email will be sent to you. Check your email and confirm the subscription. You can also follow Tri-Board busing on Twitter—Tri-Board@triboardbus or on Facebook

Parent Council

The purpose of the Whitney Public School Parent Council is to provide a forum where parents/guardians, community and school staff representatives can meet and discuss items pertaining to Whitney Public School and provide advice to the principal.

Council meets a minimum of 4 times during the school year. The dates are posted on the calendar and messages will be sent home to inform you of the dates and time of the meetings. All meetings are open to the Whitney Public School community .

The next meeting is scheduled for: **Monday December 10th, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.**

E-library IPADS

Did you know that you can now get free eBooks and audiobooks from the library? It's easy! Just visit <http://rcdsb.lib.overdrive.com> and borrow digital books with your RCDSB username and password. You can enjoy on all major devices, such as iPhone®, iPad®, and Android™ phones and tablets. The collection has books like Big Nate, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and so much more. Talk to your teacher today for more information or access the site 24/7 through our school website.

Healthy Snacks!

Thank you to **Food for Learning** for the grant money we received this year. A healthy snack is provided to all students at WPS each morning.



Milk Orders

We have a milk order form attached to this newsletter - you can choose which days throughout the month your child would like to receive milk. You may choose to return the order form with payment **or order online on our School Cash system.**

School Spirit Days

Watch the calendar each month for our Spirit Days! Students show school spirit, earn points for their spirit team AND raise money for the hospital by participating! **Check out our FWL Section for more information.**

Thank you!! ...

... To Holly Hayes and the entire school council who organized The Fall Extravaganza and to all the parents and students who helped out and came out to support this great event!

We appreciate all of the sponsors and vendors who continue to support us in this fundraising endeavour.

...To all of the parents who left EARLY in the morning on Nov. 14th to drive the Grade 4-8 students to Ottawa and supervise them throughout the day as they attended the WE DAY event at the Canadian Tire Centre! It was an inspiring and fun day for all!

...To all the parents who came out to Parent-Teacher Interviews on Nov. 15th and 16th.



Join us on:
Tues., Dec. 18th, 2018
at 6:30 p.m.
for the Whitney Public
School Christmas
Concert



Cold and Flu Season

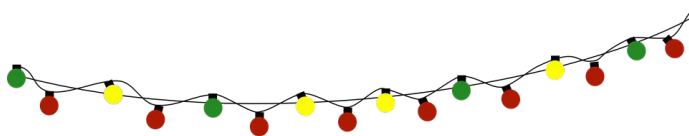
If your child is sick, please make arrangements to have them cared for at home until recovered. Sick children are unable to function well at school, infect other children in their classes, and would recuperate faster and more comfortably at home. Children who have been ill should return to school when they are ready to take part in the full day, including recess. Stay Well!

School Cash
(Ordering items online)

We are hoping to have ALL parents and guardians at Whitney Public School register with School Cash to order items online (milk)! Please feel free to come into to the office if you'd like some help to register or you can follow the instructions we have attached to the right. Thank you



December Days



Give the Gift of a **LIFE LINE** for new IV Pumps at St Francis Memorial Hospital with a donation to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation's Tree of Lights Campaign this Christmas. Purchase a bulb in honour/memory of someone special.

Join us as well for the Annual Tree of Lights Celebrations **Friday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Barry's Bay Railroad Station and the Palmer Rapids Tree of Love, Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Palmer Rapids Community Centre.** Lots of fun for the whole family! For more information call 613-756-3045 ext. 217 or visit www.sfvhfoundation.com.

Check out the Whitney Public School Website at:
wps@rcdsb.on.ca



For safety and efficiency reasons, Renfrew County District School Board would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

- a) If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://rcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps
 *For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**.
 Of those 8 characters you need, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name
- b) Enter the School Name
- c) Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- d) Select Continue
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select Continue
- f) Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.