



Whitney Public School

March 2019 Newsletter



Message From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We had lots of fun in February - and a lot of inclement weather days! Winter doesn't seem quite ready to let us go, so we encourage you to keep checking for bus cancellations with Triboard.

February was a busy month with activities for our students to enjoy and learn together!

- We have been enjoying skating - we are very lucky to have a local community rink so close by - I know many students also enjoyed the Community ODR Festival Activities as well. With so many inclement weather days we are hoping to continue to have as many dates as possible before the rink closes for the year!
- Our Junior students had a great time going to Palmer Rapids for the Floor Hockey Tournament. They really enjoyed sporting our new WPS Jerseys — a big thank you to Parent Council for supporting the purchase! Thanks to Mr. Chappell and Ms. Raisanen for joining together our students for the team!
- We are continuing to work on our F.E.R.M. book as a part of our citizenship project for NPDL — if you have any favourite family recipes, please send them in to be included!
- We are starting with our exploration of Identity through March, which will be our next condition on the Third Path.

Report Cards went home on February 21st. Please take a few minutes to review the report card with your child (if you haven't already) and send the signed section back to the school. I encourage you to discuss goal setting with your child - it's all a part of the Engagement (one of our Third Path Conditions!) which we know is so important for student learning!!

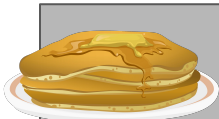
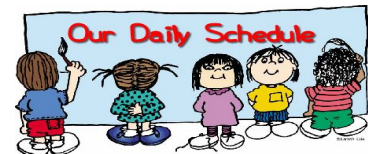
March will be a short month for us at school with March Break starting on Monday, March 11th. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable March Break!

Remember: We're all in this together!

Jessica Poff

Aim High. Dream Big.

"WHETHER YOU THINK YOU CAN
OR YOU THINK YOU CAN'T,
YOU'RE RIGHT..."
-HENRY FORD



Tuesday, March 5th

No need to bring lunch -
Pancakes and Sausages for all students!

March Break

March 11th to March 15th (incl.)

Enjoy!

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



@Whitney_Public School

Important Dates

- Monday, March 4th** - Paper making with Mr. Pratt / Parent council meeting at 5:30 pm
- Thursday, March 7th** - Veseys Orders go home
- Sunday, March 10th** - Daylight Savings begins at 3:00 am
- Monday, March 11th-Friday March 15th** - March Break - Enjoy!
- Monday, March 18th**-Dress in Green for St. Patrick's Day
- Thursday, March 21st** - Sub Day
- Tuesday, March 26th** - Hazard Hamlet Presentation
- Friday, March 29th** - Earth Hour at School 2:00-3:00pm
- Saturday, March 30th** - Earth Hour 8:30 - 9:30 pm



61st Annual North Hastings Music Festival

May 6th-10th, 2019

Entry deadline - March 8th, 2019

The North Hastings Music Festival has been an annual event in Bancroft since 1958. It is a non-competitive festival with an emphasis on enhancing music education in Bancroft and the surrounding area. The Festival offers a supportive environment for amateur musicians to perform, and an opportunity to experience a musical workshop with a professional adjudicator.

Feel free to contact the School if you would like further information



Busing for 2018 - 2019

Jim & Edith Robinson -- Bus Operator

Bus Driver: Craig

Route #346

R&L Bus Lines -Laurie Evans -

Bus Operator

Bus Driver: Brad

Route #349



WPS students show support to stop bullying on Pink Shirt Day!

Spirit Teams

The Red Reapers Kindness Krew, Orange Optimistic Orangutans, Patient Panthers and Superhero Initiators

Our spirit teams have participated in some of the following special days at Whitney Public School in January and February

- Dress Like your favourite storybook character
- Dress in pink or red for Valentines Day
- Dress in red and white for National Flag Day
- Pink Day to support a stop to bullying

Our students have been showing GREAT school spirit and have been gathering points for their spirit team as well!

Thank you to our leadership team who have been meeting, planning and promoting our events and special days!

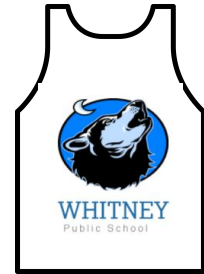
Inclement Weather

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.. Check your email and confirm the subscription. You can also follow Tri-Board busing on Twitter—Tri-Board@triboardbus or on Facebook

Thank you WPS Parent Council!

Thank you to the Whitney Public School Council for purchasing sports jerseys for our students! We were already able to use them at the Primary Cosom Hockey Tournament in Palmer Rapids on February 14th, and they looked great!



iPads

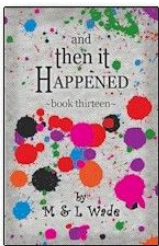
Did you know that you can now get free eBooks and audiobooks from the library? It's easy! Just visit <http://rcdsb.lib.overdrive.com> and borrow digital books with your RCDSB username and password. You can enjoy on all major devices, such as iPhone®, iPad®, and Android™ phones and tablets. The collection 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.

Milk Orders & Special Lunch Days

We have a milk & special lunch 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.**

**** Note: We will be having sub day on Thursday, March 21st - all orders should be in by Friday, March 8th (before the March Break)**

Thank you!! ...



... To Michael Wade, author of the book series "**And Then It Happened**", who came to speak to our students on Tuesday, February 26th. All the students were engaged, entertained and inspired to read! He also generously donated a set of 13 books to the library for all students to enjoy! Thank you St. Martin of Tours for organizing this event!



... To Shayla and Blake (and family) for bringing delicious Valentine cupcakes for all students at Whitney Public School on Valentines day!



... To the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 406 for their donation to our Healthy Snack Program!
We appreciate all contributions to this worthwhile program at WPS.
Please call the school if you'd like to donate!

Weekly Skating for WPS Students

We were able to enjoy a few skating afternoons in January and February at the community rink in Whitney for our winter phys. ed program. We are hoping to get out to skate again but we will watch the weather and rink conditions. Thank you to the Township of South Algonquin for allowing us to skate every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and for preparing the rink so well! Also a big thank you to the parents who came out to tie skates on those afternoons. It was an activity enjoyed by all!

Earth Hour

Earth Hour at school takes place on Friday, **March 29th** during the last hour of the day. All lights, computers and electronics will be turned off as we take the time to demonstrate and explain to students the importance of conserving energy and protecting our Planet. Earth Hour around the world takes place on **Saturday, March 30th** from 8:30 - 9:30pm.



Kids Help Phone

Dear Parents/Guardians,
 Student mental health and well-being is a priority for student success. During school hours, there are school supports and mental health services available for all students. For more information, please talk to the School Support Counsellor and/or Principal/Vice Principal. Managing stress is an important developmental task and crisis support lines have been designed for children and youth which are safe and helpful resources. Crisis/support lines are staffed with professionally trained counsellors that are always available to offer safe and confidential services to support children and youth. Within the Renfrew County District School Board, we are promoting awareness of the Kids Help Phone and Good2Talk. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the RCDSB Mental Health Leader, Lisa LaRiviere at [613-735-0151](tel:613-735-0151) ext. 3332.

Sincerely,
 RCDSB Mental Health Team

March Days



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/pizza)! 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



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

- 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.
- 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.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select Continue
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select Continue
- 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.