



# Whitney Public School

## October 2018 Newsletter



### Message From the Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wow! The first month of school has flown by quickly. It is hard to believe, but 1/10th of the school year has passed us by! In addition to learning subjects like Mathematics and Language, our students have already been involved our Spirit Teams, The Terry Fox Walk and in Crazy Hair Day! We are looking forward to the Partridge Run and more!

As you may have heard, we all walked down to the Community Garden and harvested some produce. Mr. Wannamaker and Del Kuiack volunteered to make us a delicious lunch with our harvest. It was enjoyed by all! We will continue to be involved in the community garden and our initiatives to reduce single-use plastics - very much a student-driven goal!

On September 17th, we had our first Parent Council Meeting. Our second meeting will take place on **October 17th at 5:15 pm** and we would love to see more faces join us. Plans are well underway for our 4th Annual Fall Fun Extravaganza - Which will be taking place on **November 4th** - we are looking for volunteers to help out with the day.

The Week of October 8th-13th is Fire Prevention Week - and we look forward to learning from and exploring with visitors from the Fire Department. This year's theme is - "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere". Visit <http://www.fiprecan.ca/> for more information and check out the KidZone.

We are thrilled to have our Third Path Bulletin Board underway, and we are all learning together about conditions that support well-being. In October we will be focussing on Safety - represented by violet on our Rainbow Path. Make sure you check out our bulletin board next time you're in the school!

Finally, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving Weekend.

We`re all in this together,

*Jessica Poff*  
Principal  
Whitney Public School



<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>





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## Important Dates

- Monday, Oct. 1st - Orange Shirt Day
- Thursday, Oct. 4th - Partridge Run at St. John Bosco
- Friday, Oct. 5th - P.A. Day
- Monday, Oct. 8th-12th - Fire Prevention Week
- Monday, Oct. 8th - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Wednesday, Oct. 10th - Fire Drill, Fire Safety Assembly
- Thursday, Oct. 11th - Ice Cream Sundae Fun Day!
- Saturday, Oct. 13th - Fall Gathering 2018
- Monday, Oct. 15th - Parent Council Mtg. 5:15pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 17th - Twin Day
- Friday, Oct. 19th - Wear Your Hat All Day (0.25)
- Tuesday, Oct. 23rd - Picture Day
- Wednesday, Oct. 24th - Dress in Purple Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 30th - Gr. 7 Immunizations
- Wednesday, Oct. 31st - Halloween Dress Up or Black & Orange Day



### 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. Our pizza hot lunches will begin in October - watch for the order form next month. You may choose to return the order form with payment or order online on our School Cash system. (see last page of newsletter for instructions on how to register for online ordering or feel free to call the school anytime.)

### 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.



**YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**  
YOUR COMMUNITY IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.

**Ontario Dress Purple Day: Celebrating the community that cares for kids**

On October 24 Children's Aid Societies join their children's services partners to let kids know they are not alone and that help is available. Learn more about the community that cares for kids at <http://www.oacas.org/dresspurpleday/>.

**Dress Purple October 24th**

### WPS Parent Council

The next school council meeting is on:

**Monday, Oct. 15th at 5:15 pm**  
All parents are welcome - please let us know if you are planning to attend this meeting.

Thank you!



Check out the Whitney Public School Website at:  
[wps@rcdsb.on.ca](http://wps@rcdsb.on.ca)

## Reminder Our Family Lending Library is ready!

Based on surveys that were sent out to all parents last spring, the parent council compiled a list of resources that could benefit families in the following areas of interest:

*Anxiety, ADD/ADHD, building relationships, bullying, character traits, math, literacy, mindfulness, mental health, parenting, and so many more!*

**We have attached a list of books and critical thinking games to this newsletter** that are available to borrow for two weeks at a time. Feel free to request to borrow a resource through your child's agenda and we will send it home with them for the next two weeks, or feel free to pop into the school and take a look at the resources for yourself anytime.

## 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 ext. 3332](tel:613-735-0151).

## Games Review

Feel free to borrow any of our educational games in our Family Lending Library!

One of the favorite games is "Labyrinth"

"Labyrinth is the kind of game where the concept, the gameplay and the artwork come together to provide a masterpiece of family entertainment. Labyrinth is definitely a 5-star game with a unique gameplay. I expect it to remain as one of our most often played games for the next few years!"



## 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 below. Thank you



*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.



## Reminder: School Photos Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018