



Whitney Public School

February 2021 Newsletter



Message From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Winter has settled in! RCDSB recommends inside recess when the temperature falls below -22°C (with wind chill). We do our best to get outside, as we all need fresh air and the chance to run, jump and play.

We will celebrate National Flag Day & Valentine's Day on Friday, Feb. 12th. We invite everyone to dress in Pink or Red & White. We can share Valentines-with COVID restrictions. Valentines must be brought in at least 3 days ahead to sit before distribution. Please send them in by Monday, Feb. 8th. The Health Unit **strongly** recommends not celebrating with food, so please **don't send food to share in class (cupcakes etc)**.

Pink Shirt Day is on Feb. 24th. **Why a Pink T-Shirt?** "The idea comes from two incredible Nova Scotia high school students in 2007. When a fellow student was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt, they decided to take a stand. They went out and bought pink shirts to give to fellow students to show their support for a boy who was being bullied simply for wearing a pink shirt". Visit www.pinkshirtday.ca for more information

We will continue to celebrate every Friday with PJ Day – "until further notice"

If you are planning on sending a JK student to the school in Sept. 2021, or know a parent who is, we appreciate early registration so we can plan for the coming year. The student must be turning 4 years of age by Dec. 31st, 2021. If you have any questions, concerns - or want to know more about what's going on at school - I am always excited to share - give the school a call!

We're all in this together! Now more than ever!

Jessica Poff

As I am sure many of you have heard, we have had a lot of staff changes over the last little while! While we are always sad to see people leave us, we are also excited for them to start their new adventures!

Erin Mask will be heading off to Killaloe Public School beginning in February – we will let you know when we know who will be in her place. For now, Ms. Fiona will be in the office helping us out!

Junior Class – we will be welcoming Mrs. Glofcheskie who is replacing Mrs. Goulet

Senior Class – we welcome Mrs. Parcher and Ms. Manchester who will be filling in until Ashley Schutt returns (Mr. Pietras will be visiting in a supply teacher role from time to time!).

Best wishes everyone – we will miss each of you!



<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>

February 14th Valentine's Day

Below we have included a list of all students' first names in each class if you plan to distribute Valentine Cards this year. Reminder to bring them to the school by February 11th to comply with COVID protocols. It is also dress in **pink and/or red and white** day as well to earn points for your Spirit Team.

♥ happy ♥
Valentine's
♥ day ♥

Primary Class

Abby
Jace
Keelin
Mia
Weston
Darius
Tristan
Dylan
Freya
Wyatt
Katrina
Jahquan
Malachy
Xavier
Jonathan
Blake

Senior Class

Sam
Graham
Liam
Isabella
Daniel
Jake
Joey
Madeline
Shayla
Kayla
Hailey
Marcus
Alaina



Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022

If you have a child who will be four years old by December 31st, 2021 and would like to start Kindergarten at Whitney Public School in September 2021, please register online on the RCDSB website or call the school to have paper copies sent home to you.

<http://www.rcdsb.on.ca/en/parents/registration-and-transfers.asp>

Please call us at 613-637-2171 for more information

Busing for 2020 - 2021

Jim & Edith Robinson -- Bus Operator

Bus Driver: Joe -Route #346



R&L Bus Lines -Laurie Evans - Bus Operator

Bus Driver: Tammy - Route #349

Important Dates

Monday, February 1st - P.A. Day

Monday, February 8th - Final day to send Valentines to school (to follow RCDHU Covid protocols)

Friday, February 12th - Celebrating Valentines Day & Flag Day at WPS - Dress in pink and/or red & white

Wednesday, Feb. 17th - Report Cards Go Home

Wednesday, Feb. 24th - Pink shirt day for anti-bullying

Fridays in February - Pyjama Day



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COVID-19, Cold and Flu Season

Each day, please do the school screening for each WPS student at:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/context>

If the screening shows a red "X", your child must stay home and follow the instructions to be tested or remain home until symptoms resolve. If the screening shows a green checkmark, your child may come to school!

Check out the Whitney Public School
Website at:

wps@rcdsb.on.ca

Inclement Weather & Bus Cancellations

Winter is 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.. Check your email and confirm the subscription. You can also follow Tri-Board bussing 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.

In regular years, council meets a minimum of 4 times during the school year. The dates will be posted on the calendar and all meetings are open to the Whitney Public School community .

Milk Orders

Milk is available to order online for all WPS students. You can choose which days throughout the month your child would like to receive milk. If you have any questions about how to order online - please feel free to call the school for help at 613-637-2171.

Goodbye and Thank You!

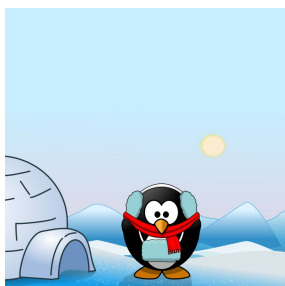
Just wanted to thank all of the parents, staff and students at Whitney PS (and St. Martin's!) for making my job such a pleasure everyday!

This community is close knit and kind and I am thankful to have been a part of it for the three years I spent as secretary at Whitney Public School.

I look forward to crossing paths again in the near future within the small communities we share.

Best Wishes!

Erin (Mrs. Mask)



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)!



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.

School Cash Online

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 15/15
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number?

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

Copy the link and paste it into your web browser. If the link doesn't work, contact support at 1-866-863-2827 or email support@schoolcashonline.com. Thank you.
Your School Cash Online Support Team