



# Whitney Public School

## March 2021 Newsletter

### Message From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We had lots of fun in February—and a few 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. You can also sign up for email notifications and follow Triboard on Twitter @BusDelayNCancel and @triboardbus . Check the calendar for our planned spirit days!

It is hard to believe that this month marks a year since the Pandemic changed so much of how we live our everyday lives—and for many of us, along with those changes comes a lot of stress and worry. As we look forward—and backwards—let's remember patience, kindness, and love. To each other, between each other, and through each other.

We have recently shared updated guidance on self-assessment, testing and isolation from Public Health. We thank you for your ongoing patience as we once again adjust to the new guidelines. Please ensure you are using the self-assessment tool daily.

At this time I would usually be wishing everyone an enjoyable March Break—however this year our spring break has been moved to the week of April 12. March 12th remains a board holiday—so please enjoy the long weekend with your loved ones!

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

*Jessica Poff*

Good mental health is something we all want for ourselves, our friends, our family and others in our community. Just like we care for our physical health, there are things we need to do to stay mentally healthy.

Visit: <https://smho-smso.ca/> for Practical resources to support student mental health during COVID-19



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<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, March 8th** - International Women's Day

**Sunday, March 14** - Daylight savings time begins, clocks spring ahead by one hour

**Week of March 15th - 19th** - March Break is postponed to week of April 12th -16th

**Wednesday, March 17th** - Wear green for St. Patrick's Day

**Friday, March 19th** - Wear multi-coloured socks to support those with Down Syndrome

**Saturday, March 27** - Earth Hour 8:30-9:30pm

## Earth Hour

Earth hour at school takes place on March 26th, during the last hour of the day. All the lights, computers and electronic devices will be turned off as we take the time to demonstrate and explain to the students the importance of conserving energy and protecting our planet.

Earth Hour around the world takes place on **Saturday, March 27th** from 8:30-9:30 pm.



## 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



## New Release From the Health Unit

Effective February 22nd the COVID-19 School and Childcare Screening Tool has changed to reflect new COVID-19 variants.

**The screening tool must be completed everyday** before attending school/daycare.

Once the screening is complete, the individuals must follow the instructions they're given.

If a child is ill, the guardian must monitor the illness and keep them home from school/daycare. If you or your child is sick, contact your family doctor, or the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) at 1-844-727-6404 to schedule an appointment.

If it's an emergency - contact 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

For more information, visit the RCDHU's website at:

<http://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronaviruseo-vid-19-2/> or call 613-735-8654 or 1-800-267-1097



<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](mailto: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](http://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.

## 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?

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

**Continue** (No students? [Click here](#))

Copy the link and paste it into your web browser. If the link doesn't work, contact support at 1-866-863-2822 or email [support@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:support@schoolcashonline.com). Thank you. Your School Cash Online Support Team.

# WEAR YOUR MASK

Wear your mask in the:

- hallways
- classroom
- outdoors when distancing cannot be maintained

Protect each other

Renfrew County and District Health Unit  
Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District