



Whitney Public School

November 2020 Newsletter



Message From the Principal

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend! The festive season will soon be upon us - so let's remember to slow down and enjoy the festive atmosphere and excitement. We will continue with our new Friday tradition-PJ Day every Friday until further notice!

The cold weather is here and winter is on the way. The days are getting shorter - we will set our clocks back on November 1st. With winter knocking on our door, we need to be ready for the cold and snow! Students need to be dressed properly for the weather. We are spending LOTS of time outside, so please ensure everyone is dressed for it!

Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause for a minute of silence in remembrance of the men and women who have served and who are serving our country. We remember these brave men and women for their courage. We wear poppies, attend ceremonies, and visit memorials. For one brief moment of our life, we remember why we must work for peace every day of the year. As we can not hold our traditional ceremony with St. Martin's Catholic School, we will be preparing a recorded ceremony which will be shared with our families .

Progress Reports will be coming home on November 10th, with Parent-Teacher interviews to be scheduled for Nov. 12th (evening)/13th(morning). See below for information about interviews. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to call the school to speak with your child's teacher.

Treaty Recognition Week takes place from November 2-6.

— please check out the Virtual Living Library:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties#section-4>

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

Jessica Puff



Thank you!

- Whitney and Area Algonquins & Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini Algonquin First Nations for the very generous donation of masks for all of our students and staff!
- Jamie McRae for donating two truckloads of stumps for our outdoor classrooms!
- The South Algonquin Fire Department and Don Kruger, Fire Chief for the fire safety presentation for our students earlier in October
- Sandy Nicholson for inviting and hosting students during a visit to see his piglets
- Madawaska Camp for their generous donation to the Healthy Snack Program at Whitney Public School

We appreciate your kindness!

Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday, Nov. 12th & Friday Nov. 13th

Attached to this newsletter is a **Parent Teacher Interview Request Form** for the Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews taking place on the afternoon/ evening of **Thursday, November 12th and the morning of Friday, November 13th**. Please return the form as soon as possible with your preferred time for a phone meeting or a **Google Meet** with your child's teacher.





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Important Dates

- Nov. 6th - Dress like a hunter day
- Nov. 9th - Poster, Poem, Video Contest Entries Due for the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day Contest
- Nov. 10th - Progress Reports Go Home
- Nov. 11th - Remembrance Day
- Nov. 12th - Random Acts of Kindness Day / Parent Teacher Interviews (pm)
- Nov. 13th - PA Day & Parent Teacher Interviews (am)
- Nov. 24th - "Unique Talent Day" - Dress to show us or tell us about your unique talent

Remembrance Day Poster, Poem & Video Contests

All students are invited to take part in the Legion's annual Remembrance Day Poster, Poem or Video Contest. We would like to have entries collected by the **end of the day on November 9th** so they can be displayed at the school for Remembrance Day - Wednesday, November 11th and then they will be submitted to the Legion on Thursday. An entry form and contest guidelines have been distributed to all students in October.

Milk Orders are Available in November!



Milk is available now to order through **School Cash Online ONLY**. You can choose which days throughout the month your child(ren) would like to receive milk.

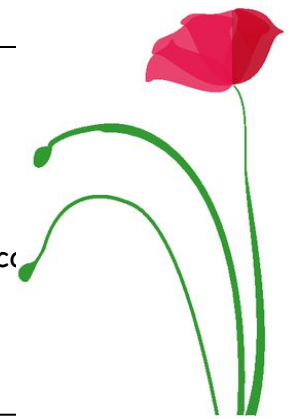
If you have any questions about signing up for or using School Cash online - feel free to call the school and we will be happy to help you get set up!

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

Show Us Your Unique Talent! November 24th, 2020

Everyone has a talent or something they love to do. On November 24th **show us your talent** in some of these ways:

- 1) Dress up in the clothes you would wear for eg. if you are a talented skater, horseback rider, gymnast, hockey or baseball player - dress in the uniform or clothes you would wear to do those things.
- 2) Bring something to represent your talent, for eg. a microphone if you love to sing, paint brushes if you love to paint, a wrench if you love to fix things
- 3) Show and tell - take a little time in your class to talk about your talent!



Healthy Snack Program

We are providing "Grab 'n Go" snacks each morning for the students at WPS. **Thank you so much** to the 3 Organizations who have funded our program this year:



We appreciate your generosity and dedication to making sure our students have healthy snacks to learn and grow everyday!

Picture Day

We have been unable to book a formal picture day due to pandemic restrictions so far, but will keep you posted about any changes as we move forward.



Reminder Our Family Lending Library is Available!

Based on surveys that were sent out to all parents last year, 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.

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.

The Third Path

www.thirdpath.ca

A Relationship-Based Approach to Student Well-Being and Achievement.

Each month we will be exploring a different condition with our students and staff.

“Walking the Third Path means always asking the question,

“What matters most?”

Progress Reports Will Be Sent Home on Tuesday, November 10th



School Cash

(Ordering items online)

All milk orders must be placed through School Cash Online this year. If you have not registered or set up ordering online in the past, please feel free to call the office at 613-637-2171 and we can help you register and help you place your initial orders.

Instructions are also 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 to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 am



Featuring: WPS STUDENT WORK

I'd like to give the senior room a big **SHOUTOUT** for not only meeting their goal in French, but surpassing it by **25 points**. They enjoyed a well deserved - relaxing movie afternoon last week for picking out **175 french words** in the podcasts they participate in on a weekly basis. Way to go, guys! Our next goal is 2000 so stay tuned!!

Ca va bien!

- Ashley



Decorating the Community Garden for Fall in October by WPS Junior Class

Sora is a web-based platform that allows all students to access our huge digital eLibrary collection and has an accompanying mobile app as well. You can find information and resources at library.rcdsb.on.ca

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Remember to complete the COVID-19 School Screening each morning with your student - it will tell you, based on symptoms, if you should send them to school

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

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