



PAC HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Whiteside Halloween Party is BACK! Tickets are available at the door for \$10. The

activities are geared towards K-Gr. 5. All ages are welcome to attend. *Children in K-Gr. 4 must have a guardian stay with them during this event. Grade 5 and up must be signed in at the front door.*

“Trick or Treat” Others with Respect

The time to plan costumes is upon us. Halloween can be fun. However, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for ALL and not at the expense of equity seeking groups. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. In doing so, it is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events. A few things to keep in mind: It’s good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

- RACE (black face/brown face)
- CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab)
- GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- TRAUMA (hangman’s noose/weapons)



PAC MEETINGS

PAC are amazing resources for our entire school community. A strong PAC bonds our school community with our families. PAC is an excellent way for our families to connect directly

with the action at our school as well as develop relationships within the parent community. **Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:45 p.m.!** Please reach out to our PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com for more information.



STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Our school has been hand-picked to be part of an

exciting, environmentally-friendly initiative for ordering school photos! Instead of receiving an order form with proofs, students will instead receive their proofs only, along with instructions to order online using Edge’s new ordering site. Online ordering not only helps to reduce wasted paper, but it also unlocks access to free shipping and innovative specialty products that are not available via the paper order form! Order online today at edgeimaging.ca/order. If you have any questions, call Edge at 1-888-416-3343. **Photo retake day is Thursday, November 16th at 9:00 a.m.**



VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Mr. Whelan and Ms. Kinsey and our intermediate students started our new volleyball season with practices in our gym. Games are being scheduled for November and December. We look forward to

inviting you to our home games soon! Go Wolfpack!



HOT LUNCH

Subway Day is on Monday. Thank you, PAC, for your delicious lunches!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2024.

Instead of in person information evenings this year, we have posted short videos that provide our new parents with information about the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options – Early French Immersion and Montessori. These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>.

WEST COAST RECESS:

During recess and lunchtime breaks, students are expected to be outside at all times this year. Students are strongly encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. You may also send a change of clothes to school just in case your child gets wet. Playing outside will ensure our students get some fresh air and exercise to enliven their day.





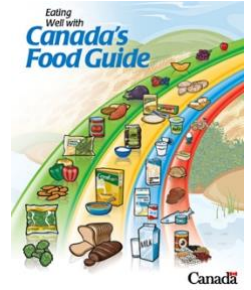
Our Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Community Calendar

November						
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1	Musqueam Day
7	National Inuit Day
8	Indigenous Veterans Day
11	Remembrance Day
13	Statutory Holiday for Remembrance Day
12	<i>Diwali</i> 🙏🏻
12-18	Multiculturalism Week
16	International Day for Tolerance
16	Metis Day
20	World Child Day
20	Transgender Day of Remembrance
24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur 🙏🏻
25	Holodomor Memorial Day
27	<i>Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib</i> 🙏🏻

HEALTHY EATING HABITS

Childhood and adolescence is a time of growth, development, and learning. As a parent, you play an important role in:



- developing your family's **food skills**
- creating a healthy **food environment**
- supporting your child's interest in healthy food
- shaping your child's eating habits and behaviours.

How you choose and prepare your food will shape your family's attitude, skills and eating behaviours.

As children grow, their peers may become more of an influence. Children, however, still look to their parents and other adults around them for guidance.

Learn more at:

<https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/tips-for-healthy-eating/parents-and-children/>

STUDENT AFFORDABILITY FUND

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.



Currently, we are requesting that families reach out to our principal, Brett Cameron (whiteside@sd38.bc.ca) if you need assistance with school supplies, fees, or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



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| Oct. 30 | Hot lunch |
| Oct. 31 | HUB Cycling begins for intermediate. |
| Oct. 31 | Halloween costume parade |
| Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Nov. 10 | Hot lunch |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day |
| Nov. 13 | Remembrance Day observed – school closed. |
| Nov. 16 | Photo re-take day |
| Nov. 20 | Pro-D Day (school closed) |
| Nov. 24 | Hot lunch |
| Dec. 7 | Grade 6/7 immunizations |
| Dec. 12 | Winter Concert – 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 15 | Hot lunch |
| Dec. 19 | Winter musical – 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 21 | Reports published |
| Dec. 22 | Last day before Winter Break |



ALLERGY ALERT:

All families should be aware that Whiteside School has many students with severe, life-threatening food allergies. Some classrooms may be designated nut free to protect the health of these students. Please help us limit the nut products entering our school overall, as the impact on a student can happen anywhere in the school. If possible, please do not send food to school containing nuts.

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

If your child is arriving late to school, please check in at the office through the front entrance.

If your child needs to leave school early, please sign your child out at the office and wait at the front entrance for them.

