



**HOLIDAY WISH FUNDRAISER**

The Holiday Season is the time of year to celebrate with loved ones. We would like to ensure that all Whiteside families have the chance to partake in this special time of year. To support families in need, the Holiday Wish Committee and the Whiteside PAC are working together to fundraise for families who need support during this special time of year, and we couldn't do this without your support.

If you would like to help:

- Please see the attached flyer, or,
- Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9AC29A1F8CF8-45900992-holi>, or,
- Donate during our coin drive: November 27 – December 1, or,
- Donate online: <https://schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/68196/125/False/True>, or,
- Purchase a gift card through the PAC gift card program.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

We need parent help collecting and organizing our donations on November 30, December 1, 4, and 5 between 8:25 – 8:45 a.m. and 2:40 – 3:00 p.m. If you can volunteer for one, or more, of these times, please email our principal, Brett Cameron, at [bcameron@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:bcameron@sd38.bc.ca).



**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, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.!** Please reach out to our PAC at [whitesidepac@hotmail.com](mailto:whitesidepac@hotmail.com) for more information.

**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.



**VOLLEYBALL SEASON**

Mr. Whelan and Ms. Kinsey and our intermediate students continue our volleyball season with practices in our gym. Are next three games are: Nov. 28 (Tue) – at Debeck  
Nov. 29 (Wed) – at Errington.

Go Wolfpack!

**SNOW DAYS**

On a snow day, our school will remain open if possible. No announcement will be made saying that schools will be open. **Only closures will be announced** via the SD38 Twitter account, school and district websites, and on the radio at CKNW AM 980, News AM 1130, CBC AM 690, Fairchild AM 1470, CHQM FM 103.5. Closures will be announced as early as possible.



**MOVIE NIGHT – DEC. 1**

Doors open at 6:15 pm; Film 6:30 - 8:15 pm Whiteside School Gym \$5 per child (at the door only) Chips and juice box are included with a child's ticket. Everyone is welcome including your friends. Bring your blankets and pillows! Children 10 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children Grade 5 and up must be signed in and out by a guardian.



**WINTER BAND CONCERTS AND MUSICAL**

Ms. LB is busy preparing this year's winter concerts and school musical. Please save the following dates to watch your children shine:

Dec. 12 – Band Concert at 1:30 pm/6:30 pm  
Dec. 19 – Musical performance at 1:30 pm/6:30 pm  
Seating may be limited to 2 members for each family. We encourage families to attend our afternoon performance when possible to ensure every family can attend. Thank you.

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**Our Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Community Calendar**

| November |                                       |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 5        | 6                                     | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12       | 13                                    | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19       | 20                                    | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26       | 27                                    | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |
| 1        | Musqueam Day                          |    |    |    |    |    |
| 7        | National Inuit Day                    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 8        | Indigenous Veterans Day               |    |    |    |    |    |
| 11       | Remembrance Day                       |    |    |    |    |    |
| 13       | Statutory Holiday for Remembrance Day |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12       | Diwali 🙏🙏                             |    |    |    |    |    |
| 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       | Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib 🙏    |    |    |    |    |    |



**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**HEALTHY EATING HABITS**

Make mealtime the focus!  
Focus on spending time together.

Try not to focus on how much your kids are eating. Let your kids decide how much they eat.

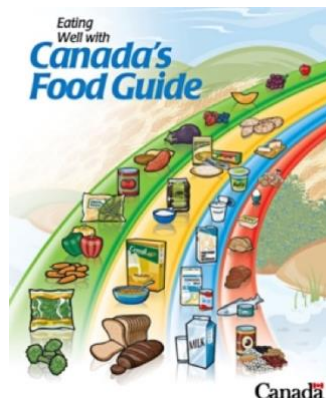
Put away toys and screens during mealtime. Without these distractions, you and your family can enjoy eating and talking with each other. Ask each family member about their day.

You can also use food as a conversation starter. You can talk about:

- how food is grown
- how foods can impact your overall health
- the role food plays in culture and food traditions.

Learn more at:

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



**WHITESIDE WEBSITE**

Our Whiteside website (<https://whiteside.sd38.bc.ca/>) hosts important information and reminders. Please visit to check our calendar, read the newsletter, see our school story, sign up for SchoolCashOnline or Munch-a-Lunch, and more!



**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 [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten) for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November to January, in order to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on 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 [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten).



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| 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    | Winter Wonderland skating       |
| Dec. 21    | Reports published               |
| Dec. 22    | Last day before Winter Break    |
| Jan. 8     | Whiteside re-opens              |
| Jan. 15-19 | Jess Dance workshops            |
| Jan. 29    | Pro-D day                       |
| Feb. 16    | Pro-D day                       |
| Feb. 19    | Family Day                      |
| Feb. 28/29 | Early dismissal for conferences |
| Mar. 14    | Last day before Spring Break    |
| April 2    | Whiteside re-opens              |
| May 17     | Pro-D day                       |
| May 20     | Victoria day                    |
| June 27    | Last day of school for students |