

Whiteside Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Principal's Report

Principals report

Principal's Report – January 16, 2024

Whiteside Fun!

- Thank you for so many things!
 - Wonderful holiday luncheon
 - Thoughtful cards and holiday wishes
 - Hot lunches
 - Attendance at our musical and concerts
 - Volunteering at skating
 - Everything you do for your children and their classes
- Jess Dance
 - Hip Hop classes on right now
 - Parent concert at 2:00 p.m. on Friday – please attend
- Coming up:
 - January 24: Spirit Assembly – Family Teams activity
 - Gr 7 transition work – McRoberts visiting classrooms to talk about course selection
 - Toque Spirit Day at the end of the month
 - Family Literacy Week – Literacy Open House January 30th

Staffing Update

- Welcomed new staff this month:
 - Mme St Cyr – PE teacher

Reporting

- Reports sent via MyEdBC in December
- Learning Conferences with students on Feb. 28/29
- Second reports will be sent home at the end of April

Outdoor Education

- Gr. 6 camp – May 1-3 at Camp Elphinstone
- Gr. 7 rafting - June

Feeding Futures

- In December, opened program to support students
 - Breakfast and lunch provided to those that may need a little extra assistance or security
- Please let us know if you or anyone you know may need support

Portfolio and Tech Update:

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Literacy and SEL

- School focus is Literacy
 - Professional learning this month:
 - Exploring new opportunities to expand literacy education in the classroom
 - Oral language teamwork among staff

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- Mme. David-Harel has created a bookroom to allow easier access to literacy resources for our teachers, and students.
- Secondary focus is building a social responsibility/leadership framework
 - Working with district team to create a matrix of expected behaviours and goals at Whiteside
 - After listening to students, HOWL will be the acronym
 - H – honest, helpful, hard working
 - O – open minded, optimistic
 - W – welcoming, wise
 - L – learning, leadership, love, loyalty
 - 2 year process with district support
 - Will continue to create a framework to guide our Wolfpack

Safety Drills

- Completed 4 evacuation drills, one earthquake drill, one hold/secure

Questions:

- Reminder: Jess Dance payment at the end of the week
- SeaCan for storage will be about \$5000 – the school is covering the site prep and maintenance. What is a reasonable split for PAC and the school for the cost?
- Does anyone have a favourite muralist? We would like to work with someone that can assist on a few projects over time:
 - Front entrance
 - Gym
 - SeaCan

Student and Family Affordability Fund

- Feeding Futures – hot lunch: order first and payback.
- Last year, the provincial government announced the [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.
- At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to Ms. Navin or Mr. Cameron if they are in need of 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 in order to be successful at school.

Notes:

Thank you for supporting our school. Whiteside is a great place to learn, work, and play because the community came together to support each other.