



CONCOURS – FRENCH FESTIVAL

This year the Richmond School district is hosting the second annual Festival Culturel Francophone at McRoberts on April 16 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.. This event is open to everyone, regardless of age, background, or language proficiency. We welcome you to come and celebrate with us, meet new people and learn about French culture. Admission is free, so bring your friends and family.



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WHITESIDE READING INFORMATION OF THE WEEK



Reading is one skill in particular where at-home support is vital for healthy progression. Here are some at-home strategies to improve kids' reading skills:

Model a positive reading experience

Like any other behavior, modeling is the first step to getting kids interested in and excited about reading. Let your kids see you reading the newspaper every morning or a novel before bed. Especially at an early age, kids are very receptive to replicating positive behaviors displayed by their parents. When a child sees that a [parent](#) has a positive relationship with reading, it signals that reading can be a fun and enjoyable experience, and will in turn encourage them to read on their own.

PARKING LOT SAFETY



Please help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. **Please do not leave your car unattended in the drop off zone or park in staff parking spots;** if you need to come into the school, please park in a parking space closer to

South Arm Community Centre. When walking to school, please use the designated paths south and adjacent to the driveway as you enter the school grounds. Please follow arrows to keep our students safe and keep our parking lot accident free.

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!



WEST COAST PLAY



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. To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for your child to

have appropriate clothing such as:

- A rain jacket.
- Rubber boots
- Rain pants
- An umbrella
- A rain hat or coat with a hood
- ***A change of clothes to be kept at school (sweatpants, underwear, socks, t-shirt, etc.)**
- When students use their change of clothes, please send another set to school for the next time.

PLAY N' EAT



We invite our students to join us in the gym every Friday morning at 8:10 a.m. for some breakfast snacks and playtime. Entry is through the gym doors.

MORNING ROUTINES AT WHITESIDE

Our Wolfpack are expected to enter school from their outside doors until 8:45 a.m. Please ensure that your children make their way to the back of the school to meet their teachers. This ensures that all children are met by their teacher or supervising adult and can begin the day with their class. Play n' Eat is on Friday mornings only. Only students in our breakfast program may enter the gym early during the week. We do not have morning supervision for students.



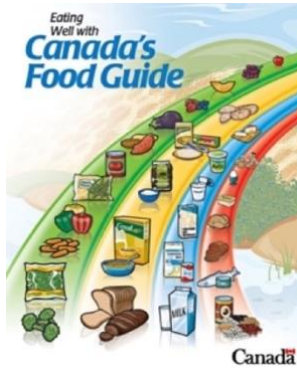


HEALTHY EATING HABITS

Children need a balanced diet with food from all 3 food groups—vegetables and fruit, whole grain products, and protein foods.

Children need 3 meals a day and 1 to 3 snacks (morning, afternoon and possibly before bed). Healthy snacks are just as important as the food you serve at meals.

The best foods are whole, fresh and unprocessed—fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, dairy, and meats; and home-cooked meals.



FEEDING FUTURES

Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students. We currently provide breakfast and lunch options for students that need extra support during the school week. If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to our principal, Brett Cameron (bcameron@sd38.bc.ca).

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.



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.



- April 16 Concours/French Festival @ McRoberts
- April 17 Class photos
- April 25 Term 2 reports published
- May 1-3 Grade 6 Outdoor Education trip
- May 13 Speed Control concert
- May 17 Pro-D day
- May 20 Victoria day
- May 22 Welcome to K event
- May 27 Track Meet
- May 24 Ian Maskin concert
- June 4 Gr. 7 rafting trip
- June 14 Sports Day
- June 21 Grade 7 farewell celebration
- June 27 Last day of school for students