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With 3 months left in the school year, there is still much left to do. The blossoms have arrived, bringing with them a long awaited spring. “April showers bring spring flowers”, and we are ready to begin planting in our garden beds again. Stay tuned to see what we are growing! Students from Divisions 8, 7, 5 and 3 are preparing for the Heritage Fair – an inquiry project focused on Canadian history. Parents are welcome to attend the exhibition. Others students are training hard for the upcoming Sun Run which occurs on April 22nd. There is building excitement for our students in Grade 6, who will be heading off to Camp Summit, and also for students in Grades 4 to 7 as the track season is about to begin. What an amazing month!

The Vancouver Sun Run

For those students participating on Whiteside’s Sun Run team, we are almost ready to go. The T-shirts and bibs will be picked-up a few days before the race, and we will ensure that all students have them.



Heritage Fair – Divisions 8, 7, 5 and 3

Students in divisions 8, 7, 5 and 3 will be displaying their Heritage Fair projects. Parents are welcome to attend the exhibition on **April 13th from 9:15am to 12:00pm.**



The Kilometer Club Is Back!



On Monday, April 9th, our kilometer club will be starting. At recess and lunch, students will have the opportunity to participate in running, as a group, for as long as they can. Students get a popsicle stick for every lap of the field (they will be well supervised). Let’s see how many kilometers Whiteside students can run!

Camp Summit



Students in grade 6 will be leaving for Camp Summit on April 17th and returning on the 20th. The camp, set in the valley of Squamish is an amazing experience for everyone, with a high-ropes course, a mountain biking track, canoeing, hiking, and so much more!

LET'S GO TO CAMP



Reporting

For those students who have portfolios, you can expect a Learning Check-in on Friday, April 20th.

PAC Corner



PAC Movie Night – Friday, April 6th at 6:15pm

PAC Meeting – Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30pm

Gift Card Fundraiser Due Friday, April 13th

Parent's Night Out – Saturday, April 14th at 6:00pm

PRO-D – Schools Closed on Monday, April 23rd

Thank you to our Whiteside Wolf Pack for the incredible support of the family of Karalyn!

We did it! Our school community came together to help Karalyn and her family through an unspeakably difficult situation, showing them and all of us that even in the darkest hour, there is light. As her family wrote on their latest update to the YouCaring funding page:

“Your support and love have comforted us in the worst time of our lives. We are so grateful to everyone and have been in awe that there were so many of you that came together and stepped up for us in our time of need.”

Together, we raised over \$10,000 at the school and a lot of familiar names donated through online YouCaring page... and unfamiliar ones that came from all over after hearing through the Whiteside network about Karalyn's situation.

We would like first to acknowledge the students and teachers that made crafts for the **Whiteside Community Fair for Karalyn** on March 10, and the numerous other volunteers and donors that helped us raise **over \$4,400 on that day alone!** Donors included: Color Perfection for the outrageously successful claw machine, Creative Embroidery for making the Together We Are Whiteside t-shirts, White Spot for legendary platter coupons, PriceSmart foods for hot dogs and drinks, Icy Bar for bubble tea, Curry House for samosas, Fresh Slice for pizza, Richmond Martial Arts, Crumble Bakery, Ava's Angels, Herband, as well as numerous parent bakers and knitters and card makers and essential oil givers and last but not least, thank you for the generous last-minute donation of a beanie bear collection that was a huge delight (and sold out quickly!)! We are grateful to so many neighbours and families of Whiteside for attending, spending and flat out stuffing donation boxes with \$20 bills! What a day!

The list of helpers over the last two months goes on, in so many ways. **Thank you in particular to the following:**

- Everyone who made paper cranes to hang in the foyer to show our support for the family
- Two grade 3 girls' birthday parties (they asked for donations in lieu of gifts!)
- Herband for donating vitamins for sale
- Herband, Amco Electric, Sabre Security, Qualitech and Digital Security cash donations
- McRoberts Student Council for selling bubble tea (& Icy Bar for donating the tea)
- Valentine's Day bake sale and "hot chocolate and a muffin" sales run by Whiteside students
- Numerous cash donations brought to the office by Whiteside families
- Sweet and Savoury Pastries' pop up bakery cookies

- PAC Movie Night donation collection bin
- Jessie Wowk Elementary PAC cash donation
- Libby's Kitchen—lunches for Karalyn's siblings during time of need

Thank you to Mme Karen MacDonald for starting it all and spearheading the staff initiatives for Karalyn's family. And **a very special thank you to Ms. Erika Pablico** in the office who tracked every donation, and managed the vitamin sales and zillions of other things! We could not have done this without Erika's help and administrative expertise.

TOGETHER WE ARE WHITESIDE!!!
Charlotte and Brenda