



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER NEWS FROM THE WOLF PACK

Helpful Info

Point of Progress Notice

On December 21st, you will be receiving a point of progress notice for your child. This is a reminder of where to look in your child's portfolio for specific information on your child's progress. The portfolios, unlike report cards, are meant to be a year long look at your child's work and their reflections on this work. They should be accessed whenever you would like to know what your child has been working on. If you are having troubles accessing the portfolio, please speak to your child's teacher.

Breakfast Club and Coffee

Breakfast Club will be occurring every Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. **All students are welcome!** Parents may also stay for coffee and treats from 8:00 to 8:45 in the library to connect with others.



With the days still getting shorter, and the cold weather upon us, it is clear that we are deep into the winter season. Students have been involved in a wide variety of learning activities and there are many successes to be celebrated. It was obvious how much students had learned about the importance of keeping peace in the world by the beautiful job they did of honouring our veterans at Whiteside's Remembrance Day assembly. Many students participated in the "Be A Giant Program", put on by the Vancouver Giants Hockey Association, talking about and taking action around things that they could do to support their home, school, community or personal health. Many students then received tickets to go to a Giants hockey game. A number of





UPCOMING DATES

Tues, Dec. 4th - Photos with Santa

Wed, Dec. 5th - PAC Meeting @ 6:30PM

Thurs, Dec. 6th - Gr. 7 vs. Staff Volleyball 1:25PM

Mon, Dec. 10 - Fri, Dec 14 - COIN DRIVE

Mon, Dec. 10 & Fri, Dec 14 - Order Pick Up (Purdy's & Gift Cards)

Tues, Dec. 11th - Band Concert @ 1:30PM & 7PM

Wed, Dec. 12th - DARE Grad
Quebec Forms Due

Fri, Dec. 14th - Spirit Day :
Holiday Theme
PAC Movie Night @ 6:15pm
Hot Lunch - Pizza

Tues. Dec 18th - School Musical @ 1:30PM & 6:30PM

Wed, Dec 19th - Winter Wonderland 11:45am & 1:15pm

Fri, Dec. 21st - Last Day of School Before Winter Break

grade 7 students participated in WE Day, an event at Rogers arena. Many motivational speakers were present, to create a “call to action” for students to make a change in their communities. Ideas ranged from environmental changes to supporting students with mental health issues, and our students left ready to make a difference in the world. Our leadership students continued to collect money for Kidsport BC, through popcorn sales, and in total raised \$722 for children who can’t afford sporting activities. I am proud to be the principal of such an amazing group of students.

FRAMEWORK FOR ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING

We are now in year two of developing our school’s framework for enhancing student learning, a framework given to us by the Ministry of Education to track and improve student achievement. At Whiteside, our goal is to help students better understand themselves as learners so that they can recognize in themselves what they need to do to improve. Teachers have been using reflective tools, and engaging in discussion with students around what their learning really means. Our goal is to have all of our students able to explain what they are working on, how they are doing with their learning, and what they need to do to improve. Learning is a continuous act, and we want students to understand that it is never finished.

PAC NEWS

Spring Fair may seem a long time away (May 30th), but it is never too early to think about helping out. Please email whitesidepac@hotmail.com if you think that you would like to support the cause.