



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY NEWS FROM THE WOLF PACK

Helpful Info

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (Mid Year Summary)

There will be early dismissal on February 12th and 13th to support conferences. Some teachers may need to conference outside of this block of time due to the Quebec trip or other school events.

Breakfast Club and Parent Coffee Club 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.

Book Fair

Begins Monday, February 11th to Thursday, February 14th before school, during lunch, and after school. Proceeds go to resources, books, digital tools and maker space tools.



January has flown by, with students and teachers jumping right back into the school learning community. Students in grade 6 and 7 enjoyed some outdoor learning at Mount Seymour, and many students began preparing for either a trip to Quebec or a trip to camp. Thank you to everyone who participated in the “Cash for Clothes” event, and to the parents who organized it. These parents collected and organized the items brought into the school and made sure they were ready for pick up. \$966 was raised to support students attending the grade 6 camp in April.

There are many great things happening around the school that are important to take note of.





UPCOMING DATES

Mon, Feb 4th Grade 6
Water Safe @ 10AM
Watermania

Tues, Feb 5th Salem Noon -
Parents @ 6:30PM

Wed, Feb 6th PAC Meeting
@ 6:30PM; Students Leave
for Quebec Trip

Wed, Feb 6 & Thurs, Feb 7
Saleema Noon Presentation

Mon, Feb 11th Transfer
Applications Begin; BOOK
FAIR BEGINS

Tues, Feb 12 & Wed, Feb 13
EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2PM

Thurs, Feb 14th Camp
Forms Due; Spirit Day
(Neon/Rainbow Day)

Fri, Feb 15th PRO-D
SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon, Feb 18th Family Day
SCHOOL CLOSED

Fri, Feb 22nd PAC Movie
Night

Wed, Feb 27th Pink Shirt
Day

OUR SCHOOL STORY

Teachers have been using student portfolios and a wide variety of classroom exercises to work towards the goal of making our students more reflective learners. Our desire is that students will be better able to understand who they are as learners, be able to articulate how they can improve and then goal set. We are definitely seeing growth in this area and are excited in knowing that our students are becoming deeper thinkers. These goals are the focus in “Our School Story”, (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning).

PARENT/ TEACHER/ STUDENT CONFERENCES

It is now well understood that learning should not be a passive act, but a part of a co-created process. Students need to fully understand what they need to do to improve in their learning, and thus need to be a part of the conversations around it. Our conferences this term will reflect this shift, with students being a large part of the process.

VANCOUVER SUN RUN - JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Sun Run is a large scale race that will be held in Vancouver on Sunday, April 14th. Training occurs Mondays and Thursdays at lunch, and Tuesday after school, for students in grades 4 and up. There is the option to sign up for the 2.5 km Shaw Mini Run, or the 10km Sun Run (for older students) on the Sun Run 2019 website. Sign up under our team name “les loups de Whiteside Wolves”. If you select the “Pay Now” option, the T-shirt and bib will be delivered to the school and given to your child before race day. While teachers will be at the event on April 14th, it is the responsibility of the parent to supervise their children.

PAC NEWS

Our Whiteside Spring Fair will be happening on Thursday, May 30 from 5pm to 8pm! Mark your calendars now—this event only happens every other year and is the talk of the town! There will be bouncy castles, a dunk tank, a rock climbing wall, obstacle courses, and so much more!

If you would like to help with planning, join us at the planning meeting on **Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30pm**. If planning’s not your thing, we will need bakers, concession workers, game supervisors, and many more helpers on the day. 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.