



Friday, June 12, 2020

NEWSLETTER

Helpful Info UPCOMING DATES

- Jun. 17** PAC AGM at 6:30 pm
via Zoom
- Jun. 21** Father's Day
- Jun. 25** Last Day of School
***Notice of Late Return
Forms due***
- Jul. 1** Canada Day

NEWS FROM THE WOLF PACK

Dear Whiteside Families:

Our second week of “partial return” to school has gone really well. Our staggered arrival times and dismissal times have helped us maintain the social distancing that is so important right now. In addition, families are using the specified doors, so our hallways are generally clear. If you would still like to send your child to school, you ***MUST contact the office ahead of time.*** We need to assess available spacing in the classrooms first, then assign the day(s) and class that your child can safely join.

Remote learning and the recommendation to maintain our social distance means that many children are spending significantly more time in front of a screen. Many of you have likely already spoken with your child about online safety and the potential risks to privacy when playing games, using Apps, learning, and communicating online. Please continue to have conversations, ask questions, familiarize yourself with the games and Apps that students are using online, and engage with resources so that, together, we can prepare our students to stay safe online. Remind children to keep accounts private and to speak to an adult anytime they are unsure or uncomfortable with a situation online. Resources often focus on teens and older students, but these conversations are important for our younger students as well. Keep lines of communication open and please reach out for help accessing resources or for suggestions on ways to start the dialogue with your child. Take care and stay safe.

We still have quite a few student items remaining in the gym. We will have one final day of pick-ups on Monday, June 15th between 9:30 and 2 pm. After this date, items that have not been picked up will be donated, recycled, or disposed of.

Our Grade 7 students will have their Farewell “Zoom” Ceremony next Friday, June 19th at 1:00 pm. Many thanks to the Mme Lee, Mr. McCuaig, Ms. Randhawa, and M. Pichler for all the work you’ve done to make this a special occasion. A “Virtual Grad” is a new experience for all of us! Congratulations Grade 7s for completing your years at Whiteside.

Our last day of school will be Thursday, June 25th. Please plan to continue with your regular class schedule (either at Whiteside or distance learning from home) through the 25th.

Stay safe and have a happy weekend!

Mrs. Pamela Essex
Principal