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It is hard to believe that we are in our last month of the 2016/2017 school year! Whiteside has continued to be a fun-filled, engaging learning environment and I am proud to be the principal of such a fabulous school. I want to thank you all for making this first year at Whiteside a welcoming experience and I look forward to our journey together as a community.



A Fond “Good-Bye” and a “Welcome”



It is time for May Wong, our amazing Vice-Principal, to start a new adventure by joining the team at Dixon in the fall. We will miss her kind heart, her big smile and her dedication to innovative education practices. She has been the Vice-Principal at Whiteside for three years and has been an important part of the school community. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new Vice-Principal, Mitchell Ward who is currently the Vice Principal at Byng Elementary School.

Sports Day – Friday, June 9th

On June 9th, our Green Moose, Blue Beavers, Red Orcas and Yellow Spirit Bears will be competing in our Whiteside Sports Day. Come and join the fun! The schedule will be as follows:

8:30am–8:45am	Face painting in the library. Bike Parade Bicycles to be parked in the gym
9:00am	Attendance
9:25am	Bike Parade
9:45am	Pre-School Race
10:00am	Station Events
11:30am	Lunch
12:15pm	Shoe Game & Tug-O-War
1:15pm	Student Dismissal



Parent/ Staff Appreciation and Farewell Luncheon – June 13th

We would like to celebrate all of the parents, guardians and teachers who have worked hard to make this year at Whiteside a rich learning environment for our students.



We are asking parents to support the event by bringing food items or just joining us to celebrate. Whiteside staff will provide a special dessert and beverages. If you would like to prepare a salad, appetizer or main dish, please bring your contribution to the staff room or gym kitchen by noon on the day of the luncheon. Please RSVP if you would like to come.

Band Concerts – June 15th

It's the last time to hear our fabulous Whiteside Bands play this year! Please join us at our afternoon concert (1:30pm) or evening concert (7:00pm).



Movie Night – June 16

Join us for our final movie night. Thank you to the PAC for running this family event!



Student Placement Request Form

Student placement request forms for the upcoming school year is available on the Whiteside school website and at the office. Please return the completed form no later than Friday, June 16th.

Grade 7 Farewell – June 23rd

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It's time to say good-bye to our grade 7 students, who have been such an important part of our school community. On June 23rd, we will be celebrating with a morning graduation assembly at 9:00am, followed by a luncheon and a dance in the afternoon. Further details will be given to grade 7 students as we get closer to the date.



LAST DAY of SCHOOL June 29th

The last day of classes for the 2016/2017 school year will be on June 29th. The day will begin with a recognition assembly and dismissal will be at 11:30am.

PAC Corner

*Important
DATE!*

Mark your calendar! June 8th is the date for the Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting. If you would like to join the PAC in any capacity, please come and see what positions are open.



MAY ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE

Wheelchair Basketball



We are thankful to one of our teacher candidates (student teachers), Cindy Mei, for bringing wheelchair basketball to Whiteside. Students learned many lessons about wheelchair accessibility, and the difficult nature of this unique sport.

Welcome to Kindergarten



We are excited to have met the kindergarten students who are going to join us this fall. Our potential students created, played, danced and were read a story as their parents learned more about what kindergarten looks like at Whiteside. Thank you to our kindergarten teachers and Marie Thom for making this event such a success.

Zone Track Meet

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in our zone 6 track meet on Tuesday, May 30th. Despite the pouring rain, our students were able to show everyone their Whiteside Spirit, demonstrating good sportsmanship, amazing behavior and hard work as they participated in both track and field events.



Spring Fair

Message from PAC

Thank you for an unforgettable Spring Fair! Sunshine and good friends mixed with so many fun things to do and eat! What a celebration of our country and our school! It seemed everyone who came, enjoyed the evening last Thursday—THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who came out over the last many months and the day of the fair to pitch in. From cake bakers to sign makers, ice cream scoopers to table haulers, class basket donors to silent auction bidders, every single contribution is vital in such a huge celebration.

The teachers and staff are the heart and soul of Spring Fair, and their enthusiasm in the run up to the fair and boundless energy on the day show just how lucky we are to have such a dedicated team at Whiteside!

The City of Richmond supported us as well through their Richmond Canada 150 grant program, which gave us a huge head start on planning BIG. Many thanks for their support!

Did you see the variety in this year's silent auction? Thank you to all of our generous donors! We've included all of their logos—if you happen to go to their business, mention you are from Whiteside and that we are grateful for their support of our school!

We're still tabulating final figures, but we can safely say this year's fair raised over \$8,000!!!!!!

What was your favourite part of Spring Fair?

We would love to hear YOUR thoughts on what is essential and what is not so we can plan for next Spring Fair in 2019! **Tell us before June 8** so we can make sure your MUST HAVES are there in 2019!

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