



## **Ecole élémentaire James Whiteside Elementary School**

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### **See you in September!**

I can't believe that the school year is over – and what a fabulous year it has been! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all a bit better in my second year here at Whiteside, and look forward to what is still to come. Whiteside would not be the school that it is without the amazing community that we are all a part of.



As a parent community you have done so much to support both teachers and students, and I am very aware of how lucky we all are. You volunteer your time and energy, to ensure that Whiteside students can have the best educational experiences possible, and this makes Whiteside a truly special place.

Thank you for all of your support! I look forward to the many years to come.

### **Staffing Update**

As the year draws to a close it is time to say a fond farewell to some of our staff members:

#### **Farewell to the following staff members:**

**Mr. Tim Ball** who is headed off to new adventures in Kelowna

**Mme Julie Curran** who is flying to Holland to teach in an International School

**Mme Kelly Leclerc** who is going to be at Dixon with her daughter as a French Resource Teacher

**Ms. Sippi Lee** who will be heading to adventures at a new school in Richmond

**Ms. Vivian Lam** who will be heading to adventures at a new school in Richmond

**Mr. Henry Cheung (EA)** who will be heading to adventures at a new school in Richmond



#### **Welcome Back:**

**Mme Torrance** who is returning to Whiteside from maternity leave



**September 4th**

The first day of school will be one hour long. Parents who wish to stay are invited to catch up with one another over tea and coffee in our Gym.

Students in Grades 1-3 will attend school on September 4 from 9:00-10:00 am

Students in Grades 4-7 will attend school on September 4 from 1:00-2:00 pm

Kindergarten students will be mailed a gradual entry schedule by the end of the first week in July.

**Students will return to their last year's teacher, but as there have been some changes, a list of which classrooms to report to will be posted on our website and on the front door of the school by August 31<sup>st</sup>.**



## September 5-7

Regular school hours 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We will be moving students to their new classes during the day, on either Friday or Monday.



### Looking for Things to Do This Summer?

The summer is a time to get outdoors and explore your community.

Are you looking for inexpensive or free things to do with your family this summer? Here are some suggestions;

- ❖ FREE! The Ironwood Branch of the Public Library has FREE summer reading programs. They also have FREE shows and events. Check their website at [www.yourlibrary.ca](http://www.yourlibrary.ca) for more information.
- ❖ FREE! Take a trip to Steveston. Walk on the boardwalk, visit the fisherman in their boats or fly a kite at Garry Point park.
- ❖ FREE! Explore the Shell Road trail.
- ❖ Visit the Richmond Nature Park. Admission is by donation.
- ❖ FREE! Visit Centennial Beach in Tsawwassen and explore the beach environment and/or play on the giant adventure playground.
- ❖ FREE! Visit Stanley Park and walk on the seawall, go to the water park, play on the many playgrounds or relax on the beach.
- ❖ FREE! Visit Granville Island Water Park.
- ❖ Go swimming at one of Richmond's pools; South Arm, Steveston, Minoru or Watermania.
- ❖ FREE! Go fishing at the #3 Road pier.
- ❖ Go ice skating at Richmond Ice Centre
- ❖ FREE! Visit one of Vancouver's many beaches.
- ❖ FREE! Go on a hike along the Richmond dykes, or on the North Shore Mountains.
- ❖ Ride the Canada Line downtown and explore the Waterfront and Gastown. Hop on the Sea Bus and explore Lonsdale Quay.
- ❖ Richmond has many FREE special events on this summer. Find all events happening in Richmond at [www.richmond.ca/events](http://www.richmond.ca/events).
- ❖ There are many more FREE events put on by the City of Richmond and your local community associations this summer. Check out the leisure guide at <http://www.richmond.ca/culture/about/guide.htm> for all the details!



## Keep Up Your Reading and Math Skills This Summer!

It's always a good idea for students to keep up their reading and math skills over the long summer break. Find books and magazines that interest your child at the local library and/or read the free local newspapers together to find out what is going on around our city.

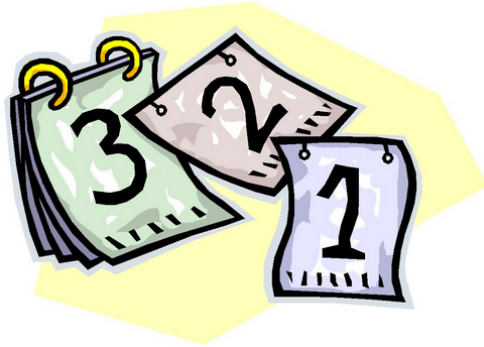


## 2018/19 School Calendar

### Length of School Day:

#### School Operation:

8:45	Students may enter the school
8:55	A.M. Bell
9:00	Morning classes begin
10:40-10:55	Recess
12:35-1:27	Lunch (warning bell at 1:22pm)
3:00	Dismissal



**Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 3	Labour Day
Tues. Sept. 4	First Day of School
Wed. Sept. 12	Band Rental Evening
Tue. Sept. 18	Individual Photo Day
Thurs. Sept. 20	Meet the Teacher night
Mon. Sept. 24	Pro-D Day
Thurs. Sept. 27	Terry Fox Run
Mon. Oct. 8	Thanksgiving
Mon. Oct. 15 – 19	Book Fair
Tue. Oct. 16	Early Dismissal (Conferences)
Wed. Oct. 17	Early Dismissal (Conferences)
Fri. Oct. 19	Pro-D Day
Wed. Oct. 24 - 26	Leadership Conference
Oct. 30	Photo Retake Day
Fri. Nov. 2	Pro-D Day
Fri. Nov. 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
Mon. Nov. 12	Remembrance Day Holiday
Thurs. Nov. 22	Grade 6 Immunizations
Fri. Nov. 23	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school)
Tues. Dec. 11	Band Concert
Tues. Dec. 18	School Musical
Thurs. Dec. 20	Report Cards Home
Fri. Dec. 21	Last day before Winter vacation
Dec. 22 -Jan. 6	Winter Vacation
Mon. Jan. 28	Pro-D Day
Mon. Feb. 11-14	Book Fair
Tues. Feb. 12	Early Dismissal
Wed. Feb. 13	Early Dismissal
Fri. Feb. 15	Pro-D Day

Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day
Thurs. Mar. 14	Report Cards Home
Fri. Mar. 15	Whiteside Idol
Mar. 16 -31	Spring Break
Fri. Apr. 19	Good Friday
Mon. Apr. 22	Easter Monday
Fri. May 17	Pro-D Day
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day
Fri. May 31	K & Gr. 6 Immunizations
Fri. Jun. 14	Sports Day
Fri. Jun. 21	Gr. 7 Farewell
Wed. Jun. 26	Report Cards Home
Thurs. Jun. 27	Last Day of School
Fri. Jun. 28	Admin Day



## Thank you PAC!

Our parent advisory committee is such an important part of our school. They spend time at PAC meetings discussing how we can make our school a better place, and set up opportunities to fundraise for things our school needs. With this money, we are able to support teachers with their classroom needs, send students on fieldtrips and pay for school presentations. Thank you Whiteside PAC for everything you have done this year!

## Happy Summer!

On behalf of the Whiteside staff we wish you all a safe and fun summer! We look forward to hear about all your adventures when we return in September.

## PAC NEWS

Co-Chair:	Erin Mah (returning)
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Treasurer:	Brandi Snow (returning)
Secretary:	Brenda Geib (returning)
Fundraising Coord.:	CC Chang (new)
RDPA rep:	TBD
Hot Lunch Coord.s:	Andrea Janse (returning)
	Jack Grewal (returning)
Early Warning:	TBD
Social Media:	Brenda Geib (returning)
	Puneet Jain (returning)
Class Parents:	To be determined in September 2018

Thank you to all parents who helped out at Whiteside this year through PAC, in the library, at hot lunch, as class parents, with early warning, Freezie Fridays, Movie Nights, in the classroom, at Halloween and Meet the Teacher nights, during gift card fundraisers, and all of the other things we need you for every year!

The first PAC Meeting of 2018/19 school year is Wednesday, September 12 @ 6:30pm.

Please join us on the first day of school (September 4<sup>th</sup>) in the gym for coffee, tea, treats and visiting with other parents after a fun summer!

