



Friday, May 1, 2020

NEWSLETTER

Helpful Info UPCOMING DATES

- May 6** National Nurses Day
- May 10** Mother's Day
- May 15** Pro-D Day
- May 18** Victoria Day –
Statutory Holiday
- May 20** PAC Meeting –
6:30 PM via Zoom
- May 24** Eid al-Fitr

NEWS FROM THE WOLF PACK

Dear Whiteside Families,

You are dearly missed at Whiteside. We know you are working hard to support your children and their learning every day. We know that you are receiving many emails, many "Zoom" requests, and many offers of support. We understand. This can seem overwhelming and you may feel you cannot possibly do it all. Please be sure to schedule some down time—to relax and have fun together. We so appreciate all the ways you are connecting with our teachers and staff who are working hard to keep learning and the Whiteside community thriving. As Dr. Bonnie Henry keeps advising us all, be patient, be good to yourselves, and be kind to one another.

Ms. Swain put together a little video of the teachers for you. If you haven't seen it already, you can view it here: <https://youtu.be/HhwLN0tdrZw>

Kindergarten Transition: We are moving forward with the Kindergarten transition process. We would like any families who have children with complex needs entering Kindergarten in the fall to reach out to us. Our "Welcome to Kindergarten" event has been cancelled due to COVID-19. Updates to come regarding Kindergarten Welcome and Entry for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

Grade 7 Transition: Plans are underway regarding our Grade 7 transition to the secondary schools. Whiteside staff will be "virtually" meeting with the staff from the secondary schools receiving our students. We will update you as more information becomes available.

Technology Updates: The issues with the Portal are resolved at this time. In addition, the District is working to refine "Zoom", address concerns brought forward regarding settings, meetings, etc. Please keep your teachers and the office informed if you are experiencing problems connecting, posting, or needing translation. Thank you!

Notes from the Library: Please check your homes for any library books. Mme Pollock will put a box on the front steps of the school on **Fridays** to collect the books. We want to be sure to have the library complete and ready to go when school resumes.

Upcoming Announcements:

Dr Bonnie Henry Answers COVID Questions from Kids on Saturday, May 2, 2020, 1:00 – 2:00, News 1130, FaceBook Live

<https://www.citynews1130.com/event/covid-questions-from-kids/>

Provincial Announcement re: Re-Opening B.C. on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Attachment: Continuity of Learning Document for Families

We wish you all a very safe, healthy, and happy weekend!

Pamela Essex, Principal