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It is amazing what can happen in a month at Whiteside! Students in divisions 3, 5, 7 and 8 developed inquiries to learn about different aspects of Canadian history, creating interactive “Heritage Fair” displays as learning for the whole school community. Grade 6 students headed off for a four-day long camping trip, and enjoyed the outdoor experiences offered by Camp Summit, a camp facility near Squamish. On April 22nd, students who had been training for the Vancouver Sun Run headed out in the sunshine and ran either 2.5K or 10K alongside four of our Whiteside teachers. The kilometer club has students running laps from Monday to Thursday, and as we head into track season, we have started our “Track Attack” afternoons. Students from grades 4 to 7 are attempting all track events to determine if they will be joining us at the district track meet. Last but not least, our garden has begun to grow, and we are looking forward to seeing what sprouts!

Clothing Drive

Whiteside received 157 bags and boxes and collected \$531 for outdoor education camp. A special thank you to all those who donated and Mr. Ball's class for volunteering everyday to move bags.



New Water Stations Coming

You may have noticed that some of our water fountains have been shut down. Don't worry, this won't last long! Thank you to the PAC for fundraising our new water stations. A big “thank you” to our grade 7 class too, who are supporting us by leaving a legacy of two new water stations. With the hot weather coming, they will be greatly appreciated!



Honour Band Performance – May 10th at 2:00 PM

The Honour Band is on tour, and showing their skills off at Whiteside. Families are welcome to attend. There will be a **second performance** on **May 14th at 7:00 PM.**



Kindergarten Orientation – May 24th from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM

It is time to welcome some fresh new students to Whiteside! On the morning of May 24th, we will be hosting our new (and some returning) Whiteside families. Please say “hello”, and welcome them with some of our famous spirit! Students and parents will engage in a variety of fun activities, supporting the transition of students into kindergarten in the fall.



Shortened Day – May 22nd

Due to an address to all Richmond Teachers, by the superintendent of Richmond, Sherry Elwood, the school day on May 22nd will end at 2:00 PM.



District Track Meet – May 29th

All students who are chosen to participate in the district track meet, will be competing at the zone track meet at the Minoru track. We generally do not cancel track meets due to the large amount of organization involved, but there is a “rainout” day scheduled for May 31st.

PAC Corner:



Movie Night – Friday, May 4th at 6:15 PM

Next PAC Meeting – Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 PM

PRO-D School Closed – Friday, May 18th

School Closed on Victoria Day – Monday, May 21st

