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Welcome to November



November is upon us and the energy at Whiteside continues to grow. New and exciting learning opportunities continue to develop throughout the school, with teachers collaborating in support of the redesigned curriculum. Grade 6 and 7 students have had the chance to participate in a very successful leadership conference, with the goal of developing skills that will support them as they become role models for our school. Evan Dunfee, a Canadian Olympic speed walker, shared his challenges and need for a growth mindset as he worked to reach his goals. On October 21st, teachers participated in a wide variety of professional development across the province. We will have the opportunity to share these new ideas with one another as we continue to grow as a staff.

Rainy Days are here!

With rainy season so obviously upon us, it is important that you send your children to school with appropriate rain gear (rain jacket and rubber boots). We believe that all children need fresh air, and will be sending them outside, rain or shine!



Parent Information Nights and Application Periods for Early French Immersion, Montessori and Late French Immersion

For anyone interested in Early French Immersion, Late French Immersion programs, parent evenings will be held on the following evenings at 7PM:

Intro to Kindergarten: November 23rd at General Currie Elementary

Late French Immersion: January 11th at James Whiteside Elementary

Late French Immersion: January 12th at John Diefenbaker Elementary

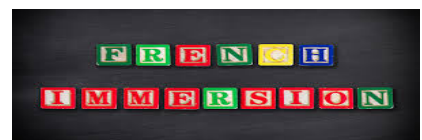


The district will begin accepting applications for these programs on the following dates:

Early French Immersion and Montessori: November 1st, 2016 to January 11th, 2017

Late French Immersion: November 1st, 2016 to January 18th, 2017

Updated information is on the district website, www.sd38.bc.ca





Volleyball Season Underway

Grade 6 and 7 students are participating in the 2016 volleyball season, with games and practices well underway. Our students have demonstrated amazing sportsmanship and are a great reflection of our Whiteside community.

D.A.R.E. Graduation



Monday, November 1st at 11:00 am



Our grade 5 students have been working with Constable Bal Kandola to complete a 10 week Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. Students from each class will share their learning with classmates in a celebration of their new understanding. Parents are welcome to attend.



Remembrance Day Assembly

Thursday, November 10th at 11:00 am



James Whiteside will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 10th. If there are any veterans or those on active duty who would like to participate in this assembly, please contact the school at (604) 668-6209 or email Ms. Corneil at rcorneil@sd38.bc.ca

PAC Movie Night



Thursday, November 17th

Thanks to our fabulous PAC, Whiteside will be holding a movie night. The movie will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



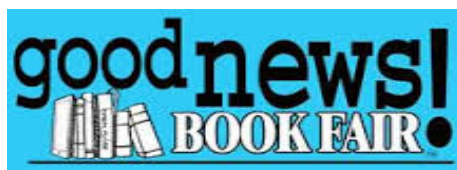
Curriculum Implementation Day

Friday, November 18th students DO NOT attend school

Teachers will be spending the day learning and collaborating with one another with the redesigned curriculum as a focus.

PAC Corner

The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All parents are welcome and childminding is provided. This year, we will be beginning each meeting with a theme – information delivered by the principal, Ms. Corneil, or district staff as a way to focus on important information/ learning. The theme for this meeting will be the change in Communicating Student Learning – the new reporting order. The Ministry of Education is allowing teachers to report to parents in two fashions, which will be discussed at this time.



Our Book Fair last week, held during Parent-Teacher Conferences, was a great success. Thanks to all the parents who came out to browse the fair and purchase books. Thanks also to the wonderful parents who volunteered to help run the fair. The fair could not run without your assistance, and it is very much appreciated. This year, we were able to take approximately \$370.00 worth of books from the fair, order about \$500.00 worth of resource materials from Scholastic, and made about \$700.00 cash. These monies will be used to purchase books and other resources for the library.

Congratulations to our winners! Andrea from division 6, Emily from division 1, Sarah from division 10, Hera from division 10, Benny from division 2, Cohen from division 11, Zoe from division 11 and Wendi from division 3 all won a book from the fair through the Question of the Day contest. Olivia in division 13 won the family event draw, which is \$25.00 worth of books. Her teacher, Mme Sperling, also won \$25.00 worth of books from the fair.

Thanks again to everyone for helping make this another successful Book Fair!

Halloween Candy Donations!

Due Friday, November 4th

Accepting Halloween candy donations for our local high school leadership program.



PAC Gift Card & Purdy's Fundraiser

Due Monday, November 28th

