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October Is Here



It is hard to believe that it is October already. Students are settling into their classroom routines, and classrooms are buzzing with exciting activities that embody the redesigned BC curriculum with a focus on the Core Competencies. As a staff, we have already participated in a Professional Development Day with a focus on literacy. We were excited to have Faye Brownlie and Lisa Schwartz supporting us in our learning which will continue throughout the year.

We would like to welcome our newest member of our Whiteside family, Ms. Pablico who will be replacing Mrs. Okino as our Senior Administration Assistant.

Social Responsibility at Whiteside

Social Responsibility is a big focus for students at Whiteside as they learn about how to be LEADers referring to our LEAD matrix:

- L = Look for Solutions
- E = Express Kindness
- A = Accept Others
- D = Do the Responsible Thing

As a continuation of the social responsibility and community building activities that began during our first week of school, we will be reconstructing the matrix to better represent who we are now as Whiteside Wolves.

In almost two weeks (Oct 11th – 13th), our Grade 6 and 7 students will participate in a Leadership Conference to help develop their skills as leaders in the school. They will listen to a guest speaker, participate in group and teambuilding activities, and learn individual leadership skills. Our Grade 6 and 7 students are encouraged and expected to take on leadership roles in the school that include leading K-7 “teams” of students in activities, and helping with school jobs such as being a crossing guard, an office monitor or part of our “green team”.

**BOOK
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COMING SOON!**

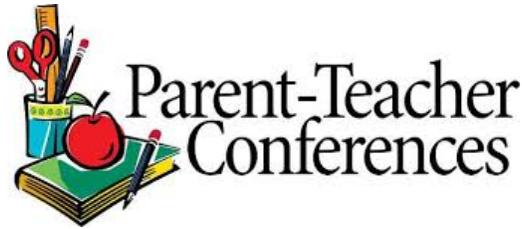
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During parent-teacher conference week, a book fair will be running in the library. The fair will be open before and after school and at lunch. Our goal this year is to have total sales of \$4,500.00. A large percentage of the sales will be kept by the school to purchase books and materials for the library. Thanks to everyone for their support.



Friday Mornings at 8:00 A.M.

The Breakfast Club is organized and sponsored by many of our teachers. Student leaders serve toast with cream cheese and jam, granola bars (nut free) and juice. Students are involved in “open” gym activities before the start of the school day. Students can drop in any Friday before school.



Tuesday, October 17th & Wednesday, October 18th

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming soon! Students will be **dismissed at 2:00 p.m** on both of these days. Parent - Teacher Conferences are an excellent opportunity to meet the classroom teacher individually, see what your child is working on in the classroom, and set goals of achievement for the year. We hope to see you here!



Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 9th – schools closed

Province-Wide Pro-D Day - Friday, October 20th - students **DO NOT** attend school

PAC Corner

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, October 11th, at 6:30pm in the library. All parents are welcome and childminding is provided. PAC meetings are a chance to hear about school initiatives, ask Ms. Corneil and/or Mr. Ward questions in regards to your child’s education, and/or support the PAC in the many activities that they are a part of to raise money for the school.

Orange Shirt Day



Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Lunch Hour at Whiteside

To ensure the safety of children during the lunch hour, we have three noon hour supervisors, Mrs. Styre, Mrs. Babock and Mrs. Menna. They supervise the children as they eat their lunches in their classrooms from 12:20-12:35 and then on the playground until 1:12 pm.

If your child regularly goes home for lunch, please provide a note for the office. If your child sometimes goes home for lunch, please have your child provide a note and sign out at the office before leaving.

