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## Newsletter #2: October 1, 2016

### 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 changes made to the BC curriculum. As a staff, we have already participated in a Professional Development Day with a focus on math. We were excited to have Janice Novokowski and Carrie Bourne supporting us in our learning which will continue throughout the year.



We would like to welcome our newest members of the Whiteside family, who have now made us complete. We are welcoming Sarah Sperling, our grade 1/2 EFI teacher, Amy Yoshimaru, our grade 3/4 English teacher, Nicole Haworth, our grade 5/6 EFI teacher, and Naadia Clayton an Educational Assistant to our team.

### 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



In almost two weeks (Oct 12<sup>th</sup>-Oct 14<sup>th</sup>), 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 guest speakers, participate in group and teambuilding activities, and learn individual leadership skills as well. 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 social responsibility activities, and helping with school jobs such as peer leaders, crossing guards and office monitors.

### Breakfast Club

**Friday Mornings at 8:00 A.M.**

The Breakfast Club is organized and sponsored by Mme Hewitt, Mme Pollock, Mme Lupini, Ms. Corneil and student leaders. 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.

## Turkey Trot

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>



On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, students will be participating in our annual Turkey Trot Run. The run is a fun way to remind students of the importance of fitness and to allow them to enjoy our beautiful fall weather as we head into the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>



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 see what your child is working on in the classroom, and to set goals of achievement for the year. We hope to see you here!

## Province-Wide Pro-D Day

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, students **DO NOT** attend school



## PAC Corner

The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm 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 our first meeting will be school/ teacher wish lists as budget planning will be discussed at this meeting.

## Halloween Party/ Haunted House – Volunteers Needed

The PAC will be hosting a Halloween Party as a fundraiser on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and welcome your help and support. The Halloween Party Planning Meeting will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Whiteside staff room. There will not be child minding for this meeting; if you bring your child(ren) to the meeting, please bring quiet activities (i.e. reading, colouring, devices with headphones, etc.) that they can work on at another table in the room.



## Lunch Hour at Whiteside



To ensure the safety of children during the lunch hour, we have three noon hour supervisors, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Styre and Mrs. Badock. 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.

**The Richmond Autism Interagency Committee**

presents the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual**



# **RICHMOND AUTISM RESOURCE FAIR**

Come join us for a hassle free, no pressure opportunity to meet and mingle with a wide variety of professionals, groups and businesses providing services in the Richmond area.

This is a free event but registration is required. Please register online at <https://autismresourcefair2016.eventbrite.ca>, if you are having trouble please call 604-233-3205.

Refreshments and a pizza lunch will be provided. Child care is not available.

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## **Speakers/Panels**

### **Alexander Magnussen: Bridging the Gap**

He is a 28yr old man who has autism. His message – with the right support and early intervention, people who live with autism can realize in themselves that they are smart and can find their niche in the world

### **Transitions Through the School Adventure:**

Kindergarten, high school and beyond

### **Life Planning Tools: Disability Tax Credit, Person Centered Planning, RDSP, PWD, Wills & Estates**

### **Market Place and Information Booths**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2016**

9am-1pm

McMath Secondary School  
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