



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM THE WOLF PACK

Helpful Info

Outside Gear

As we live in a province where rain is expected, and we know that fresh air and time to move is essential for student growth and learning, we are asking students to go outside, rain or shine, at both recess and lunch. This means that they will need to be prepared for all weather, with jackets, umbrellas and boots. Only in extreme cases will students be staying inside.

Breakfast Club and Coffee

Breakfast Club will begin on Friday September 21st at 8:00 A.M. Student leaders will be serving toast with cream cheese and jam, granola bars (nut free) and juice, and those that attend may play with a variety of gym equipment. **All students are welcome!** Parents may also stay for coffee and treats from 8:00 to 8:45 in the library to connect with others.



As we reach the second week of school, students are settling into their classes and beginning their learning journey for the 2017/2018 school year. While we are still waiting to hire one more teacher, this should happen quite quickly. Our first week was filled with team building activities with the overarching question being, “what can you do to make Whiteside a great place to learn?” Once students were settled in their classes, we had a band named Speed Control come in to work with students to create a new school song which we were able to sing at our Opening Assembly. We are proud to be Whiteside Wolves and look forward to a year filled with rich learning experiences.





UPCOMING DATES

Thurs., Sept. 20th Meet the Teacher Night. Pizza @ 5:00 - 5:40 and classroom visits @ 6:00.

Mon., Sept. 24th ProD Day (no school).

Thurs., Sept. 27th Terry Fox Run in the afternoon.

Fri., Sept 28th Qoola (Hot Lunch Program)

Wed., Oct 3rd PAC meeting
EVERYONE IS WELCOME @ 6:30 (childminding available)

New Faces

As the 2017/2018 school year begins, you will notice that there are many new faces around the school – some staff, and some new families. Please take the time to stop and welcome them to our school.

The new staff that are welcoming are:

Kara Torrance K/1 EFI (returning from maternity leave)

Kitty Tung 2/3 ENG

Vivian Fung 4/5 ENG

Samantha Wong 5/6 ENG

Sian Sladen 5/6 EFI

Ivy Hsu (2/3 ENG)

Meet the Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher Night will be occurring on Thursday, September 20th. There will be a pizza picnic supported by the PAC between 5:00 and 6:00, which families are welcome to attend. Pizza can be pre-ordered on MunchaLunch, our on-line ordering system. At 6:00 parents can visit their children's classrooms and will be called to the gym at around 7:00 to watch the "Back to School slideshow and meet all of our the teachers.

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox run will occur on Thursday, September 27th in the afternoon. We will be raising money for cancer research the weeks before this event, with some fun incentives to be announced soon.

Growth Mindset

As the school year develops, you will continue to hear the term, "Growth Mindset". This term supports the idea that a child's intelligence can be grown or developed with persistence, effort and a focus on learning. Some students believe that they are "not good at math", or "can't learn" something. New understandings of the brain show that neuroplasticity exists, meaning that new neural pathways can be developed creating new learning. To do so, students have to be comfortable failing and continuing to work at what they are finding difficult. You can listen to the leading expert, Carol Dweck, talk about Growth Mindset at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiiEeMN7vbQ>.