



École élémentaire James Whiteside Elementary School

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REPORTS PUBLISHED TO MYEDBC –

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Term 2 Reports were published online on the MyEd Parent Portal on Thursday, April 29th. Please take some time to read your child's report and continue the conversation about their learning at home. More info is available on the school website at: <https://whiteside.sd38.bc.ca/parents/myed-parent-portal>

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN 2025-2026

The attached form must be completed for any student(s) who anticipate a *delayed* return to school in September and will not be in attendance by 12:00pm on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Please return the form to the school principal by June 20, 2025.



SUMMER LEARNING 2025

The Summer Learning program and registration dates are now published on our continuing-education website. You can find summer learning 2025 general information on at <https://ce.sd38.bc.ca/programs/summer-learning>. Registration is open.



TRACK UPDATES

Our students are having fun and working hard during their track attack stations this month. Our track meet is scheduled for May 26th at Minoru. Permission forms and information were sent home earlier. Please ensure you have these forms returned to school by May 12th. Thank you!



PAC UPDATES

Events like hot lunches, movie nights and Spring Fair rely on the generosity and hard work of our PAC. We encourage our parents and families to join a PAC meeting or, if you are interested in taking on a role on the PAC, please let Mr. Cameron or Ms. Lai know. The elections will be held during the June AGM. If you would like to know what PAC does, come join one of our remaining monthly meetings. Before the school year ends there are a few more activities happening (hot lunches, after school treat sales, sports day concession) that we can always use some help with. Our next PAC meeting will be online **on May 20th at 7:00 p.m.** Thank you for your support! - Whiteside PAC



SPRING WEATHER

Spring weather in Richmond can be unpredictable and we play outside every day. Please ensure your child is dressed in layers and ready for the rain. We encourage our Wildcats to keep a spare change of clothes and shoes at school just in case they get wet.



WHITESIDE HONOUR BAND

Ms. LB will bring her Honour Band to Gateway Theatre for a performance on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. The Honour Band will tour local schools on Thursday and Friday with a final performance at Whiteside on Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. We welcome our community to join us!



KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER FOR GRADE 7 FAREWELL

Help support our grade seven farewell celebration. Our grade seven parent team is selling Krispy Kreme donuts for \$18 per dozen. Order on [School Cash Online](#) by May 8th for

May 15th delivery.



WHITESIDE WEBSITE

Our Whiteside website (<https://whiteside.sd38.bc.ca/>) hosts important information and reminders. Please visit to check our calendar, read the newsletter, see our school story, sign up for SchoolCashOnline or Munch-a-Lunch, and more!



PLAY n' EAT

We invite our students to join us in the gym every Friday morning at 8:10 a.m. for some breakfast snacks and playtime. Entry is through the gym doors.

WOLFPACK RUN CLUB

Our Run Club participated in their culmination of weekly exercise by joining in the 2024 Vancouver Mini SunRun. Thank you to Mme Lai, Mme David-Harel, and all our parents for supporting Run Club.



MORNING ROUTINES AT WHITESIDE

Our Wolfpack are expected to enter school from their outside doors until 8:45 a.m. Please ensure that your children make their way to the back of the school to meet their teachers. This ensures that all children are met by their teacher or supervising adult and can begin the day with their class. Play n' Eat is on Friday mornings only. Students that arrive earlier than 8:40 a.m. are welcome to play on the playground or line up early.





DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY

Last year, the Ministry of Education and Child Care mandated all school boards in British Columbia to update their Codes of Conduct to include restrictions on students’ personal digital device use. Students should not have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes. This includes during recess and lunch or while outside on the playground or on school property. It is recommended that students do not bring personal digital devices to school.



ALLERGY ALERT:

All families should be aware that Whiteside School has many students with severe, life-threatening food allergies. Some classrooms may be designated nut free to protect the health of these students. Please help us limit the nut products entering our school overall, as the impact on a student can happen anywhere in the school. If possible, please do not send food to school containing nuts.

PARKING LOT SAFETY: A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Drop-off and pick-up times can get hectic! Let's work together to keep our parking lot safe for everyone. Please remember these important points:



- *Drive slowly and cautiously:* Children can be unpredictable, so always be alert and watch for pedestrians.
- *Use designated visitor parking spaces only:* Do not park in the fire lane or drive-thru lane, as this blocks traffic flow and creates hazards.
- *Hold your child's hand:* Always supervise young children and hold their hands when walking through the parking lot.
- *Be aware of your surroundings:* Look for moving vehicles and be mindful of blind spots when backing up.



WEST COAST PLAY

During recess and lunchtime breaks, students are expected to be outside at all times this year. Students are strongly encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for your child to

have appropriate clothing such as:

- A rain jacket.
- Rubber boots
- Rain pants
- An umbrella
- A rain hat or coat with a hood
- ***A change of clothes to be kept at school (sweatpants, underwear, socks, t-shirt, etc.)**
- When students use their change of clothes, please send another set to school for the next time.



TRANSLATE OUR SITE

Did you know you can translate our whiteside.sd38.bc.ca website? 😊



SPRING EVENTS

Whiteside looks forward to welcoming back traditional spring events and creating new memories and opportunities for experiential learning. Please continue to read our newsletter and check in with your classroom teacher for event details.



May 7	Honour band performance at Gateway at 6:30 p.m.
May 16	Non-Instructional Day (school closed)
May 19	Victoria Day (school closed)
May 21	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 26	Track Meet at Minoru
June 13	Sports Day
June 20	Gr. 7 Farewell assembly
June 26	Last day of school
June 26	Final report cards posted on MyEd