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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

We wish our Wolf Pack a happy and safe Halloween. We encourage all students to wear bright, visible costumes and use reflective gear so drivers can see them easily. Have a great time sharing laughs and collecting treats!

PHOTO RETAKES

Our photographer will be back for retakes on Monday, November 3rd. Please inform your teacher if you would like your child to get a re-take.



RUN CLUB IS BACK!

Run Club will take a short pause. Stay tuned for when we start again. Many of our students represented Whiteside proudly at the Cross Country Fun Run at Garry Point. Way to go Whiteside!

Join the **Whiteside Wolves Team** for the **2026 Vancouver Sun Run on Sunday, April 19th!**

Key Details & Action

Event	Vancouver Sun Run (2.5 km Mini or 10 km Youth Team Challenge)
Deadline	October 31st (for the lowest registration fee)
Team Name	Whiteside Wolves
Access Code	PRPGFA
Registration Link	Team member registration

Open to all families. Training starts in February.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Whiteside will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observation of Remembrance Day. Whiteside invites you to join our Remembrance Day assembly at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 10th.

We are accepting donations via [SchoolCashOnline](#) for the Richmond Poppy Fund. Your generosity supports local veterans and their families. Primary classrooms will have their poppy pins replaced with tie tacks to ensure more student safety. Thank you.



WOLF WEAR WEDNESDAYS

To show our school spirit, we invite our students, staff and community to wear their favourite Wolf gear every Wednesday! This Wednesday, October 22, we also encourage our Wolfpack to wear Blue Jays gear to support our baseball team!



CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

If your child is arriving late to school, please check in at the office through the front entrance. If your child needs to leave school early, please sign your child out at the office and wait at the front entrance for them.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Our Wolves have started to bump, set, and spike in our gym. Mr. McCuaig, Mme Jien and our intermediate students started our new volleyball season this week. We look forward to seeing you at our home games soon! Go Wolfpack!

November 5 - @ Bridge

November 18 - @ Lee

November 26 – vs Lee at Whiteside

November 27 - McRoberts Jamboree



Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2021, turning 5 in 2026. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2026. Online registration opens on November 1, 2025. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2025.

Instead of in person information evenings this year, we have posted short videos that provide our new parents with information about the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options – Early French Immersion and Montessori. These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>.

PAC MEETINGS

PAC are amazing resources for our entire school community. A strong PAC bonds our school community with our families. PAC is an excellent way for our families to connect directly with the action at our school as well as develop relationships within the parent community. Our first meeting will be scheduled soon! Please reach out to our PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com for more information. Our next PAC meeting will be online at **7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18.**





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 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in making our school a safe place for all!



November 3 – Photo retake day
November 10 – Remembrance Day assembly
November 11 – Remembrance Day
November 20/21 – PAC family photo nights
November 21 - TCO2 for Gr. 4-7
December 1 – Pro-D Day
December 10 – Winter band concert
December 16 – Winter musical
December 18 – Term 1 reports published
December 19 – Last day before winter break

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



DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY

In January 2024, 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.

WEST COAST RECESS:

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. You may also send a change of clothes to school just in case your child gets wet. Playing outside will ensure our students get some fresh air and exercise to enliven their day.



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.