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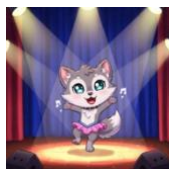


SPRING BREAK

Please remember that Whiteside will be closed from March 14 – March 29. We welcome back our Wolfpack on Monday, March 30.

WHITESIDE'S GOT TALENT

Ms. LB and Ms. Johnson host our annual talent show at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13 in the gym. We look forward to showcasing the amazing talents and abilities of our Wolfpack. Families are invited to attend.



March 11 - Grade 7 Parent Meeting in the library at 5:00 p.m.

March 12 – Concours (pm) in the gym

March 13 – PAC Hot Lunch

March 13 – Talent Show (pm)

March 13 – Last day before spring break

March 30 – First day back after spring break

April 3 – Good Friday (school closed)

April 6 – Easter Monday (school closed)

April 21 – Class Photos and Panorama

April 23 – Term 2 report cards posted online

May 15 – Pro-D day (school closed)

May 18 – Victoria Day (school closed)

May 20 – Welcome to Kindergarten event

May 20-22 – Gr. 6 Camp at Cheakamus Centre

June 19 – Grade 7 Farewell

June 25 – Final day of school for students



WHITESIDE BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our boys' and girls' basketball teams for a successful end to their season. We appreciate the hard work of our athletes and the amazing coaching talents of Mme Howells, Mr. Lenz and Mr. Cameron.

PARENT GUIDE TO

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Please visit our school website, whiteside.sd38.bc.ca, to view our district guide to emergency preparedness to better understand our district procedures, emergency drills, communication protocols, and the student reunification process.



WOLF WEAR WEDNESDAYS

To show our school spirit, we invite our students, staff and community to wear their favourite Wolf gear every Wednesday!

UNIVERSAL HOT LUNCH

Utilizing Feeding Futures as well as National School Food Program funding, the Richmond School District has piloted a universal hot lunch program at selected elementary and secondary schools. The Universal Hot Lunch program will continue for the rest of the year. Ordering is now open on munchalunch.com.



Translate Site



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

SUMMER LEARNING 2026

The Summer Learning program and registration dates are now published on our continuing-education website. You can find summer learning 2026 general information on at <https://ce.sd38.bc.ca/programs/summer-learning>.



FROM OUR WHITESIDE WOLVES:

This week, Bailey from Fusion Lacrosse visited Whiteside to provide lacrosse camps for our Wolves. These are the reviews from Ms. Kinsey's class:



Wyatt: Lacrosse was very fun! I learned about tossing the ball, catching the ball, running with the ball. I give it 10/10 because I shot it in the net and that is the fun part. I'm happy that we got to practice lacrosse!

Wynn: I had fun shooting the balls with the lacrosse stick. I was very excited to play. I give it a 10/10.

Nolan: I felt pretty good about lacrosse. I learned that the stick was called the crosse. And the bottom of the crosse was called the grip. I felt good about throwing the ball to my partner.



PLAY n' EAT – FRIDAY MORNINGS

Our Play n' Eat breakfast club is on Friday mornings. Students are welcome to join us in the gym at 8:10 a.m. for light snacks and free games.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

During the year students may be absent from school for an extended period. It is district policy that students may only be absent for 4 (four) consecutive weeks and retain their place in the school. Upon returning, students may have to re-register at the school board office. If Whiteside is full, the district will find space in the nearest available school. Teachers will not provide work for students on extended absences. ***Our extended absence form needs to be completed if you are planning an absence for a week or longer.***





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. 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, April 21.**



IMPORTANT: HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to our PAC for providing yummy hot lunches. We need more volunteers to join us on our PAC hot lunch days to organize and distribute the meals to our students. Without the hard work of this team, our hot lunches can't happen. If you can help, please email our team at jameswhitehotlunch@gmail.com.

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. It is more important than ever that students have a spare change of clothes at school. Especially the little ones! Please make sure to include pants, socks, shoes and shirts! Playing outside will ensure our students get some fresh air and exercise to enliven their day.



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 (phones, tablets, smart watches, or computers) 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.