

# **NEWSLETTER**

## Helpful Info UPCOMING DATES

Jun. 1 Richmond Orchestra

Jun. 6–10 Elevate – Ultimate

Frisbee

Jun. 9 Immunization (Gr. K/1

& 6/7)

Jun. 14 Band Concert Night

Jun. 17 Sports Day

Jun. 24 Grade 7 Farewell

Celebration

Jun. 29 Last day of school for

students

#### NEWS FROM THE WOLF PACK

Dear Families,

After a three year hiatus, we were able to join other schools at a District Track Meet at Minoru. It was heart warming to see the smiles on everyone's faces while students in Grades 4 to 7 showed off their athletic prowess and sportsmanship. In a lucky turn, the weather also cooperated. Thank you to all the parent volunteer drivers for shuttling the students to and from the event and all the organizing teachers, led by Mme Valentino, for the massive effort in such a short time span.

Starting today, the intermediate students in Divisions 1 to 5 will be participating in the "Ride the Road" program through HUB Cycling. This program will be introducing students to the freedom and responsibilities of cycling in an urban setting. Taking place over 5 days in May, this course will explore basic bike maintenance, road safety, and will culminate in a small group neighbourhood road ride in our community.

As a school, we will soon be having discussions about class placements for September. There are many factors involved in building a class, and if there is anything that you would like us to know about your child(ren) that will help us as we are making decisions, please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and email it to the office at <a href="whiteside@sd38.bc.ca">whiteside@sd38.bc.ca</a>. The last day that we will be accepting forms is Friday, May 27th. You are *not* required to fill out the form.

Have a relaxing, four-day weekend. We will see you back on Tuesday.

#### Important Information for May 23 – 27

Monday, May 23	Victoria Day – School Closed
Tuesday, May 24	
Wednesday, May 25	Div. 5: Field Trip to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery
Thursday, May 26	
Friday, May 27	PAC Hot Lunch Day (pizza)
	Spirit Day – Inside Out Day
	Div. 12: Field Trip to Richmond Nature Park
	Deadline for Sudent Placement Request Forms



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#### **Student Placement Request Form**

The placement of students for the upcoming school year is a decision of great importance and something that teachers consider very carefully. Your child's present teacher, along with other staff members who work with your child, have a year's worth of current, rich information and insight about the conditions under which your child learns best. If you have information about your child and about the kind of learning environment in which she/he best works and learns and you would like to share this information with our staff, please fill in the "Parent Information Form" below and email it to whiteside@sd38.bc.ca.

It is important to note that it is not possible for parents to choose their child's teacher. Teachers who are currently on staff may not be here next year, may not be assigned the same grade, or may not teach a class configuration that meets your child's learning needs.

All the information submitted will be considered but there are **no guarantees** that we can accommodate your request.

As preliminary decisions about next year's classes will soon be made, you are asked to **return the completed form no later than Friday, May 27**th. Please keep in mind that this information will be shared with all staff members and considered when the class lists are finally confirmed.

PARENT INFORMATION FORM	
TUDENT NAME:	
CURRENT GRADE: CURRENT TEACHER:	
would request that the following information be kept in mind when my child is placed in a classroom for next year.	
Please do not make requests for a specific teacher, and please keep in mind that this information will be shared with staff.	
SIGNATURE	
DATE	