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**NEWSLETTER #1
September 9th, 2022**



Welcome back to another wonderful year of learning at Whiteside! Laughter and smiles have returned to the classrooms of Whiteside. We'd like to thank our amazing parent community for your support in getting the students ready for a successful return to school. We're looking forward to another fun-filled and rewarding year!

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to welcome our new and returning staff members who have (re)joined the Whiteside community this year: Ms. Badrenejad (Eng 5/6), Mme. Kaminski (EFI 5/6), Mr. Quan (Eng 4/5), Mme. Gagnon (EFI 3/4), Ms. Wong (Eng 2/3), Ms. Kinsey (Eng 1/2), Mme. Lee (EFI K/1), Ms. Beck (Eng K/1), Mme. Evans (EFI K), Ms. Liang (LRT), Ms. Davies (EA), Ms. Navin (VP). We are excited to have them with us!



This week, students were placed in their classes for the 2022-2023 school year.

Our teachers and staff spend a lot of time crafting well balanced classes that meet the needs of all learners. We are excited to see all our Wolfpack shine in their classes this year!

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

TERRY FOX RUN



Whiteside is celebrating this year's Terry Fox School Run and your help is needed. This Thanksgiving, as you connect with family and friends, you too can share Terry's message of hope. Please share and donate to our school's fundraising efforts at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/11926>. Thank you!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Just a reminder that school will be closed for our first Professional Development Day of the year on **Friday, September 23rd**.



STUDENT PACKAGE OF FORMS:
Next week, we will send home a package of permission forms and information forms to be filled out and returned to your child's teacher. It is important that we have up-to-date information, including contact numbers and appropriate medical information. During the year if anything changes, please let Ms. Huh know in the office as soon as possible.

STUDENT AFFORDABILITY FUND

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.



At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to our principal, Brett Cameron (whiteside@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



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 in order 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 at all possible, please do not send food to school containing nuts.



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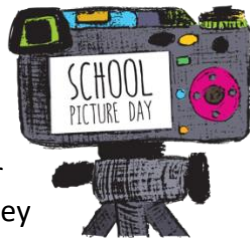
**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH
AND RECONCILIATION**

Last year, the government passed legislation to make **September 30th** a federal statutory holiday called the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. As such, all schools in the Richmond School District will be closed on Friday, September 30, 2022.

This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event. Schools in our district will be engaged in a variety of activities leading up to September 30th to ensure that students understand the significance of this day in our community and in our nation.

STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Wednesday, October 14th is Photo Day here at Whiteside. Edge Photography will be taking individual pictures for families to purchase if they choose.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only.

Please do not leave your car unattended in the drop off zone; if you need to come into the school, please park in a designated parking space. When walking to school, please use the designated paths south and adjacent to the driveway as you enter the school grounds. Please follow arrows to keep our students safe and keep our parking lot accident free.

Please remember the east parking lot is for school and construction staff only. Please do not park or drop off children in this area.



"IN" DAYS AND "OUT" DAYS:

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.

SCHOOL FEES

Every year we collect \$30 for our school fees which includes all basic supplies for our students for the year. There is an additional Cooking and Craft fee (\$20) for students in our Kindergarten and K/1 classes only.



There is an additional \$7 fee for school planners. Planners are an excellent way for grade one to seven students (grade 1-7 only), staff, and children to communicate school assignments and upcoming events. We encourage our students and their families to review their planner regularly.

There may also be additional costs for educational field trips during the year. Teachers and staff will be sharing a list of potential field trips and their associated cost shortly. Please use **CashOnline** to make your payment early. Please contact the office if you have questions about our school fees or need assistance in paying.



OPTIONAL STUDENT INSURANCE:

The "InsureMyKids[®]" accident insurance program offers protection against the potentially high costs of any injury resulting from unexpected accidents and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Please visit www.insuremykids.com for more information.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 22	Meet the Staff
Sept. 23	Pro-D day – school closed
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day assembly
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
Oct. 14	Individual photos
Oct. 21	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Nov. 8/9	Learning Conferences (1:45 p.m. dismissal)
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 21	Pro-D Day (school closed)