



**NEWSLETTER #3
September 23rd, 2022**



**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.



TERRY FOX RUN

In 1980, Terry Fox set the bar high for himself when he started his Marathon of Hope, saying, "Nobody is ever going to call me a quitter."

Our school is proudly taking part in this year's Terry Fox School Run to continue Terry's legacy. Our Terry Fox Run was held on Thursday, September 22nd. Thank you for joining us in the park to cheer on our Wolfpack. Please support our school's fundraising efforts to raise much-needed funds for cancer research. We have raised over \$250 so far and are halfway to our goal! Please share and donate to our school's fundraising efforts at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/11926>. Thank you!

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.



HOT LUNCH – OCTOBER 7

Our first Hot Lunch Day of the 2022-23 school year will be pizza from Yummy Slice Pizza. Please order online by going to the school website <https://whiteside.sd38.bc.ca/> and clicking on the link under the **MunchaLunch** icon, or visit <https://munchalunch.com/login>. Please submit your order before September 30th.



"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.

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 and an initiation link for our next PAC meeting. Our next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.



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.

LATE ENTRY & ABSENCES

We understand that things happen in the morning that can derail your normal routines. If students are late in the morning, please ring the doorbell and wait at the main door. A member of our staff will greet the students and bring them to their class. All family members must remain outside.



If you know your child will be away, please call the school office and leave a message at any time (604-668-6209 or 604-668-6154). You can also email absences to whiteside@sd38.bc.ca. Informing the office will prevent unnecessary calls home. Thank you!



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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.

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.



EMERGENCY DRILLS

Frequently throughout the year our staff and students practice emergency drills.

These include fire, earthquake, and hold and secure drills. We recently completed our first fire/evacuation drill. Our Wolfpack did a great job leaving the school calmly and quietly. Classes exit through their common doors and muster on the field. We encourage you to have conversations with your family about these events. **Our #ShakeOut earthquake drill will be on October 20, 2022.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day recognition
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)