



**NEWSLETTER #5**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> is our Thanksgiving holiday and school will be closed.

We are grateful for the opportunity to teach and support your children.

**STUDENT PHOTO DAY**

Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles. Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories. For more information on photo day, please [www.edgeimaging.ca](http://www.edgeimaging.ca) for answers to frequently asked questions.



**"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](mailto: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.



**BAND CONCERTS AND MUSICAL**

Ms. LB is busy preparing this year's winter concerts and school musical. Please save the following dates to watch your children shine:

Dec. 6 – Band Concert at 1:30 pm/7:00 pm

Dec. 13 – Musical performance at 1:30 pm/7:00 pm

**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](mailto:whiteside@sd38.bc.ca). Informing the office will prevent unnecessary calls home. Thank you!



**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.



**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.**



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**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](mailto: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.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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)
Dec. 6	Band concert 1:30/7:00 pm
Dec. 13	Musical performance 1:30/7:00 pm
Dec. 15	Report cards posted online
Dec. 16	Last day before Winter Break