



NEWSLETTER #6

October 14th, 2022



EARTHQUAKE DRILL

At 10:20 a.m. on October 20th, Whiteside will participate in ShakeOut BC by holding our first earthquake

and evacuation drill. We encourage our families to visit <https://www.shakeoutbc.ca/> or [HERE](#) for more information about earthquake safety.

PRO-D DAY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Whiteside will be closed on Friday for our provincial pro-d day.



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. Informing the office will prevent unnecessary calls home. Thank you!

STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Our school has been hand-picked to be part of an exciting, environmentally-friendly initiative for ordering school photos! Instead of receiving an order form with proofs, students will instead receive their proofs only, along with instructions to order online using Edge's new ordering site. Online ordering not only helps to reduce wasted paper, but it also unlocks access to free shipping and innovative specialty products that are not available via the paper order form! Order online today at edgeimaging.ca/order. If you have any questions, call Edge at 1-888-416-3343.



"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.



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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 21 Pro-D Day (school closed)
- Oct. 28 Hot Lunch (Subway)
- Nov. 8/9 Learning Conferences (1:45 p.m. dismissal)
- Nov. 15/16 PAC Family Photo Night
- 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