



NEWSLETTER #11

November 18th, 2022

pro-d day



NO CLASSES

SCHOOL CLOSED – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21st:

Whiteside will be closed on Monday for our November pro-d day. Enjoy the long weekend with your family.

TWIN DAY – NOVEMBER 25th

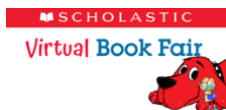
Friday, November 25th is Twin Day! A day where you and your friends can dress the same. You can match your clothes, accessories or hair with one or multiple friends. Remember you can also match with a staff member if you like! We look forward to seeing what you do for Twin Day on Friday, November 25th!

Twin Day



WHITESIDE VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair has arrived! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together. Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** will take place from November 7-20th.



HOT LUNCH DAY

Our next hot lunch day is November 25th. The wolfpack will be enjoying pizza. Thank you, PAC!



VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Mr. Quan and Ms. Kinsey and our intermediate students are now practicing in our new gym! Our upcoming games are:
Nov. 23 vs Woodward
Nov. 29 at Bridge

We look forward to inviting you to our home games soon! Go Wolfpack!



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/6:30 pm

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, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2018, turning 5 in 2023. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2023. Online registration opens on November 1st, 2022. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.



EXTENDED ABSENCES

During the year students may be absent from school for an extended period of time. It is district policy that students may only be absent for 4 (four) consecutive weeks and retain their place in the school. **After 4 weeks, students will be removed from the school register.** Upon returning, students will have to re-register at the school board office. If we have space, your child will be placed in a class, but not necessarily the class they left. It will take a few days for your child to be placed, so he/she cannot begin school on the day you return. If Whiteside is full, the district will find space in the nearest available school. Teachers will not provide work for students on extended absences. **Our extended absence form (attached to newsletter email) needs to be completed if you are planning an absence for a week or longer.**





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SNOW DAYS



On a snow day, our school will remain open if possible. No announcement will be made

saying that schools will be open. **Only closures will be announced** via the SD38 Twitter account, school and district websites, and on the radio at CKNW AM 980, News AM 1130, CBC AM 690, Fairchild AM 1470, CHQM FM 103.5. Closures will be announced as early as possible.

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!

“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.



- Nov. 21 Pro-D Day (school closed)
- Nov. 22 PAC Meeting
- Nov. 23 Volleyball game vs. Woodward
- Nov. 25 Twin Day (dress as a friend)
- Nov. 25 Hot Lunch (pizza)
- Nov. 29 Volleyball game at Bridge
- Nov. 30 Kindergarten hearing and dental screen
- Dec. 6 Band concert 1:30/7:00 pm
- Dec. 9 PJ spirit day
- Dec. 13 Musical performance 1:30/6:30 pm
- Dec. 15 Report cards posted online
- Dec. 16 Last day before Winter Break
- Jan. 3 Whiteside re-opens
- Jan. 19 Kung Jaadee performance
- Jan. 30 Pro-D
- Feb. 17 Pro-D
- Feb. 20 Family Day
- March 10 Last day before Spring Break
- March 27 Whiteside re-opens
- April 7 Good Friday – school closed
- April 10 Easter Monday – school closed
- May 17 Welcome to Kindergarten
- May 19 Pro-D
- May 22 Victoria Day – school closed
- June 13 K/1 and 6/7 Immunization
- June 16 Sports Day
- June 24 Gr 7 Farewell
- June 29 Last day for students