



NEWSLETTER #12

November 25th, 2022



WINTER 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

Seating may be limited to 2 members for each family. We encourage families to attend our afternoon performance when possible to ensure every family can attend. Thank you.



VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Mr. Quan and Ms. Kinsey and our intermediate students are now practicing in our new gym! Our last game is:

Nov. 29 at Bridge

Thank you, Ms. Kinsey and

Mr. Quan. Go Wolfpack!



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.



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, ----- 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 needs to be completed if you are planning an absence for a week or longer.***



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!

WHITESIDE WEBSITE

Our Whiteside website (<https://whiteside.sd38.bc.ca/>) hosts important information and reminders. Please visit to check our calendar, read the newsletter, see our school story, sign up for SchoolCashOnline or Munch-a-Lunch, and more!





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"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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 29	Volleyball game at Bridge
Nov. 30	Kindergarten hearing and dental screen
Nov. 30	Volleyball game vs. Woodward
Dec. 6	Band concert 1:30/7:00 pm
Dec. 8	Grade 6/7 Immunizations
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