



NEWSLETTER #9

November 4th, 2022



REMEMBRANCE DAY
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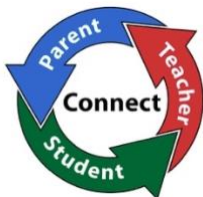
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Whiteside will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observation of Remembrance Day. Whiteside invites you to join our Remembrance Day assembly at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday, November 10th. We are accepting donations via [SchoolCashOnline](#) for the Richmond Poppy Fund. Your generosity supports local veterans and their families. Thank you.



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 15 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.



LEARNING CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 8th and 9th. These conferences are a great opportunity to connect with the school and discuss your child's learning. This year our conferences will be completed in person, unless alternate arrangements are made with your teachers. Teachers will be sending information home to schedule conference times. **Please note that these two dates are Early Dismissal Days with 1:45 pm dismissal times to accommodate the conferences.**



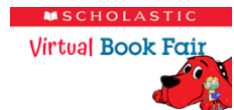
BAND CONCERTS AND MUSICAL

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

WHITESIDE VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR



Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! 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.

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.**



"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.



VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Mr. Quan and Ms. Kinsey and our intermediate students started our new volleyball season with practices on our field and at McRoberts. Our upcoming games are:

Nov. 15 at Maple Lane

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.



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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!



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. 7-20	Virtual Book Fair
Nov. 8/9	Learning Conferences (1:45 p.m. dismissal)
Nov. 9	TCBY Day
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 14	Photo Retake Day
Nov. 15	Volleyball game at Maple Lane
Nov. 15/16	PAC Family Photo Night
Nov. 21	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Nov. 29	Volleyball game at Bridge
Nov. 30	K hearing and dental screen
Dec. 6	Band concert 1:30/7:00 pm
Dec. 13	Musical performance 1:30/6:30 pm
Dec. 15	Report cards posted online
Dec. 16	Last day before Winter Break