

NEWSLETTER #8

October 28th, 2022



Halloween can be fun. We look forward to seeing our Wolfpack in their favourite costumes on Monday! However,

we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for ALL and not at the expense of equity seeking groups. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. In doing so, it is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events. A few things to keep in mind: It’s good to keep in mind that the following are **NOT** Costumes:

- **RACE** (black face/brown face)
- **CULTURE** (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- **RELIGIOUS FAITH** (religious figures / gods / saints / gurus / hijab)
- **GENDER** (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- **TRAUMA** (hangman’s noose/weapons)



LEGO & BOARD GAME DONATIONS:

Lego and board games are excellent, and fun, tools to build social, creative, and critical thinking skills. We are asking for donations of new or slightly used board games and Lego pieces/sets to build our classrooms kits. If you have a donation, please visit Mr. Cameron in the office. 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.

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



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. 1 at Errington

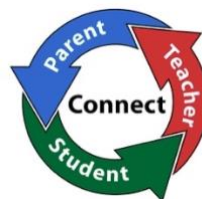
Nov. 3 at Errington

Nov. 15 at Maple Lane

Nov. 29 at Bridge

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

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.**



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.

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.



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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!

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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| Nov. 8/9 | Learning Conferences (1:45 p.m. dismissal) |
| Nov. 9 | TCBY Day |
| Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance 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 |
| 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 |



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.