



## NEWSLETTER #26

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023



### RAMADAN MUBARAK

Whiteside wishes you a peaceful and happy Ramadan.

### HAPPY PESACH

Whiteside wishes our families a kosher and joyous Passover.



### EASTER LONG WEEKEND

Whiteside will be closed from April 7 – April 10. We will welcome back our Wolfpack on Monday, April 11.



### WOLFPACK BASKETBALL

Our girls' team and our grade 7 boys' team are preparing for the Strikers tournament at McRoberts.

*Striker Tournament Schedule:*

*Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>*

Boys in the new gym at 3:00 p.m.

Girls in the old gym at 3:00 p.m.

*Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>*

Boys in the new gym at 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Girls in the old gym at 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

*Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>*

Girls' championship game at 3:00 p.m. in the new gym

Boys' championship game at 4:00 p.m. in the new gym

### BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club will re-open on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to another fun season of playing and eating with our Wolfpack.



### 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](mailto:whitesidepac@hotmail.com) for more information and

an invitation link for our next PAC meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 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!



### FRENCH FESTIVAL and CONCOURS



This year the Richmond School District is hosting a first ever French Family Cultural Celebration on April 3 at McRoberts. This event is open

to everyone at Whiteside, regardless of age, background, or language proficiency. Activities include a French chef workshop with a take-away recipe and treat, French concert and performance for children, various performances in French by our students, and food trucks. We welcome you to come and celebrate with us, meet new people, and learn about French culture. Admission is free, so bring your friends and family. [RSVP here.](#)

### SPRING FAIR



Our awesome PAC is welcoming back our Spring Fair on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please save the date! So much work has already begun. If you

would like to volunteer, donate to our silent auction, or are a vendor that could support our event, please email [whiteside@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:whiteside@sd38.bc.ca) for more information. We look forward to sharing more throughout the spring.

### WEST COAST PLAY



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. To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for

your child to have appropriate clothing such as:

- A rain jacket
- Rubber boots
- Rain pants
- An umbrella
- A rain hat or coat with a hood
- **\*A change of clothes to be kept at school (sweatpants, underwear, socks, t-shirt, etc.)**
- When students use their change of clothes, please send another set to school for the next time.

### 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.**



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**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.

June 13  
June 16  
June 23  
June 29

K/1 and 6/7 Immunization  
Sports Day  
Gr 7 Farewell  
Last day for students

**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](mailto: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 or park in staff parking spots;*** if you need to come into the school, please

park in a parking space closer to South Arm Community Centre. 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.



- April 3            Concours French Festival at McRoberts
- April 4-6        Striker Gr. 7 Bball tournament
- April 7            Good Friday – school closed
- April 10         Easter Monday – school closed
- April 24-26     Gr. 6/7 camp
- May 17          Welcome to Kindergarten
- May 19          Pro-D
- May 22          Victoria Day – school closed
- May 23          McRoberts Gr. 7 Day
- May 25          Spring Fair