



NEWSLETTER #28

April 14TH, 2023



SALEEMA NOON PARENT PRESENTATION

Saleema Noon's team will be providing a parent information session on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please check our weekly email for more information and our meeting link.



SPRING FAIR

Our awesome PAC is welcoming back our Spring Fair on May 25th. 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 for more information. We look forward to sharing more throughout the spring.

SUMMER LEARNING 2023

Summer Learning 2023 Registration is starting up very soon. It is advised that parents create an account ahead of time for each of their children. Instructions on how to register can also be found on our website.



www.RichmondCE.ca

Elementary Enrichment and Elementary Camps - Starts Monday April 24th – April 27th at 4pm



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 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 possible, please do not send food to school containing nuts.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is back. We welcome our Wolfpack for toast and games every Friday morning at 8:00 a.m.



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 invitation link for our next PAC meeting on April 18th.

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!



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.***



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.



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:

- o A rain jacket
- o Rubber boots
- o Rain pants
- o An umbrella
- o A rain hat or coat with a hood
- o ***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.

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!



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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17	Saleema Noon parent night
April 24-26	Gr. 6/7 camp
May 1-5	Ringette Week
May 5	Honors Band concert
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
June 7	School presentation
June 13	K/1 and 6/7 Immunization
June 16	Sports Day
June 23	Gr 7 Farewell
June 27	Intermediate pool day
June 29	Last day for students