



NEWSLETTER #31

May 5th, 2023



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.

HOT LUNCH

Our next Hot Lunch Day will be featuring pasta and chicken strips from Boston Pizza on Thursday May 18th, 2023. Please order online by going to the school website <https://whiteside.sd38.bc.ca/> and clicking on the link under the MunchaLunch icon, or visit <https://munchalunch.com/login> at school just in case they get wet.



SPRING WEATHER

Spring weather in Richmond can be unpredictable and we play outside every day. Please ensure your child is dressed in layers and ready for the rain. We encourage our Wolfpack to keep a spare change of clothes and shoes.

JUST B4 PRESCHOOL

Our preschool program is specifically designed for 4-year-old children (born in 2019) to attend Just B4 with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation of rich, joyful early childhood spaces. Our approach is emergent, play-based and focuses on children's natural inquiries. Programs are hosted at Lee Elementary and Grauer Elementary
APPLY ONLINE:
<https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learning-programs/just-b4-preschool>



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.

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.



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 in April.



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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Did you know you can translate our whiteside.sd38.bc.ca website? ☺



CLASS AND GROUP PHOTOS

This spring Edge Imaging visited Whiteside to take our class, group, and school photos. Each Whiteside Wolf will receive a class photo but you have the opportunity to purchase group or grade seven photos by following [this link](#).



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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

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| May 11 | Track meet at Minoru |
| 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 |