



**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

Just a reminder that school will be in observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Orange Shirt Day assembly will be held on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event. Schools in our district will be engaged in a variety of activities leading up to September 30<sup>th</sup> to ensure that students understand the significance of this day in our community and in our nation.



**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. Our first meeting is on Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.! Please reach out to our PAC at [whitesidepac@hotmail.com](mailto:whitesidepac@hotmail.com) for more information

**WEST COAST RECESS:**

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.



**STUDENT AFFORDABILITY FUND**

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.



Currently, we are requesting that families reach out to our principal, Brett Cameron ([whiteside@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:whiteside@sd38.bc.ca)) if you need assistance with school supplies, fees, or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

**CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT**

If your child is arriving late to school, please check in at the office through the front entrance.

If your child needs to leave school early, please sign your child out at the office and wait at the front entrance for them.



**STUDENT PHOTO DAY**

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> is Photo Day here at Whiteside. Edge Photography will be taking individual pictures for families to purchase if they choose.



**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.



**THANKSGIVING**

Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is our Thanksgiving holiday and school will be closed.



Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct. 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (observed) school closed.
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Day – school closed.
Oct. 13	Individual photos
Oct. 18/19	Learning Conferences (1:45 p.m. dismissal)
Oct. 20	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Oct. 24	Jamie Oliviero presentation
Oct. 30	Hot lunch
Oct. 31	HUB Cycling begins for intermediate.
Oct. 31	Halloween costume parade
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 10	Hot lunch
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 13	Remembrance Day observed – school closed
Nov. 20	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Nov. 24	Hot lunch
Dec. 7	Grade 6/7 immunizations
Dec. 12	Winter Concert – 6 p.m.
Dec. 15	Hot lunch
Dec. 19	Winter musical – 6 p.m.
Dec. 21	Reports published
Dec. 22	Last day before Winter Break