



THANKSGIVING

Monday, October 9th is our Thanksgiving holiday and school will be closed. We wish our Whiteside community a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are grateful for your care, support, and the opportunity to teach your children.

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.



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 next meeting is on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:45 p.m.!** Please reach out to our PAC at 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) 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.

STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark **Friday, October 13th** on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles. Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories. For more information on photo day, please www.edgeimaging.ca for answers to frequently asked questions.



EMERGENCY DRILLS

Frequently throughout the year our staff and students practice emergency drills.

These include fire, earthquake, and hold and secure drills. We recently completed our first fire/evacuation drill. Our Wolfpack did a great job leaving the school calmly and quietly. Classes exit through their common doors and muster on the field. We encourage you to have conversations with your family about these events. **Our #ShakeOut earthquake drill will be on October 19, 2023.**



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.



- 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. 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