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**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Whiteside will be closed on Monday, November 13 in observation of Remembrance Day. Whiteside invites you to join our Remembrance Day assembly at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We are accepting donations via [SchoolCashOnline](#) for the Richmond Poppy Fund. Your generosity supports local veterans and their families. Primary classrooms will have their poppy pins replaced with tie tacks to ensure more student safety. Thank you.



**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, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 p.m.!** Please reach out to our PAC at [whitesidepac@hotmail.com](mailto:whitesidepac@hotmail.com) for more information.



**VOLLEYBALL SEASON**

Mr. Whelan and Ms. Kinsey and our intermediate students started our new volleyball season with practices in our gym. Games are being scheduled for November and December. We look forward to inviting you to our home games soon! Go Wolfpack!



**HOT LUNCH**

Sushi Lovers Day is on Friday, November 10. Thank you, PAC, for your delicious lunches! Remember to bring a recess snack.

**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.



**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.



Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2024.

Instead of in person information evenings this year, we have posted short videos that provide our new parents with information about the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options – Early French Immersion and Montessori. These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>.



**STUDENT RETAKE DAY**

Photo retake day is Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Our Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Community Calendar**

November						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
1	Musqueam Day					
7	National Inuit Day					
8	Indigenous Veterans Day					
11	Remembrance Day					
13	Statutory Holiday for Remembrance Day					
12	Diwali 🙏🏻					
12-18	Multiculturalism Week					
16	International Day for Tolerance					
16	Metis Day					
20	World Child Day					
20	Transgender Day of Remembrance					
24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur 🙏🏻					
25	Holodomor Memorial Day					
27	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib 🙏🏻					

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 10	Hot lunch
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 13	Remembrance Day observed – school closed.
Nov. 16	Photo re-take day
Nov. 20	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Nov. 24	Hot lunch
Dec. 7	Grade 6/7 immunizations
Dec. 12	Winter Concert – 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Hot lunch
Dec. 19	Winter musical – 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Reports published
Dec. 22	Last day before Winter Break

**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.



**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.

**HEALTHY EATING HABITS**

You can help your children develop healthy eating habits by using these ideas.

**Eat together**

Follow the healthy eating recommendation to help you [eat together](#).

Try to have meals together as a family as often as possible.

Getting everyone together for mealtime can be a challenge. There are many reasons why everyone might not be able to come together at mealtimes. This could include conflicting work schedules or after school activities. Even if some family members are not available, there are still benefits to eating with those who are.

Make time for healthy eating so that you and your kids are not rushed.

Enjoy “family-style” meals. In family-style meals, food is put into larger bowls or serving dishes on the table. Family members then serve themselves based on their:

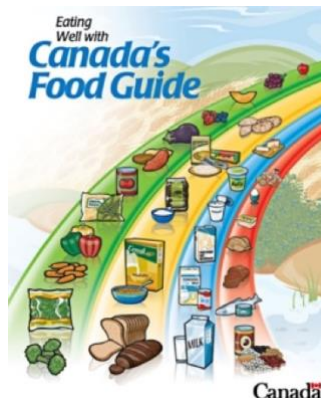
- hunger cues
- food preferences

This style of meal allows everyone:

- to be involved
- see everything that has been prepared
- select what and how much they want; this may encourage kids to try new foods that they otherwise would have pushed aside

Learn more at:

<https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/tips-for-healthy-eating/parents-and-children/>



**FAMILY PHOTO NIGHTS**

Ara Photography is back for Whiteside family photoshoots on November 15 and 16. Please check our newsletter email or website for the flyer with more information.



**BAND CONCERTS AND MUSICAL**



Ms. LB is busy preparing this year’s winter concerts and school musical. Please save the following dates to watch your children shine:

Dec. 12 – Band Concert at 1:30 pm/7:00 pm

Dec. 19 – Musical performance at 1:30 pm/6:30 pm