



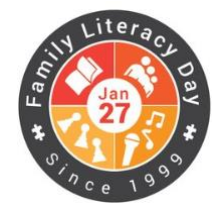
SCHOOL CLOSED – PRO-D

Whiteside will be closed on Monday, January 29th for our school pro-d day.



SNOW DAYS

On a snow day, our school will remain open if possible. No announcement will be made saying that schools will be open. **Only closures will be announced** via the SD38 Twitter account, school and district websites, and on the radio at CKNW AM 980, News AM 1130, CBC AM 690, Fairchild AM 1470, CHQM FM 103.5. Closures will be announced as early as possible.



Family Literacy Week starts next week! This year's theme is **"Let's have a family party!"**. Celebrate 25 years of *Family Literacy Day* and learning together as a family by having a party!

Make food, sing songs, and play games. The possibilities for learning are endless – and it's fun when you do it together. Family literacy refers to the way parents, children, and extended family member use literacy at home and in the community. Family literacy occurs naturally during the routines of daily living and helps children and adults get things done.



GRADE 7 PARENT NIGHT AT MCROBERTS

On January 25th, McRoberts will host our Grade 7 Parent Information Night from 6:30 - 7:30 at McRoberts in the Old Gym. This evening is for parents who have students registered to attend McRoberts in September 2024.

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION AT WHITESIDE

The LFI program offers students an effective and supportive way to learn French, beginning in Grade 6.



Students are immersed in French within the classroom. French is used for meaningful communication and for instruction in the subject (content) areas including math, science, social studies, fine arts, physical education and French language arts. To complete the online application process, please visit: <https://dpoapplication.sd38.bc.ca>. The **deadline to apply for the program is January 20, 2023**. You will be notified of the results of your application on February 6, 2023

GRADE 6 OUTDOOR EDUCATION UPDATE

Exciting news on the Grade 6 Camp front – initial information and deposit letters on green paper were sent home with students on Wednesday, January 10th and indications of interest are due next week Friday, January 19th. A pdf of that letter is attached to this email as well as the WaterSafe program information/listings that was emailed on December 12th.



WHITESIDE BASKETBALL

Our Whiteside basketball season is about to start. Our coaches this year are Mme Howells, Mr. Lenz, Mr. McCuaig, and Mr. Pelletier. We encourage our grade 6 and 7 students to come out and join the fun. Permission forms were sent home this week and practices have already started.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION GR. 4&7 PARENT SURVEY

Each year the Ministry of Education asks parents of grade 4&7 students, and school staff to complete a learning survey. Please take a little time to visit http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm to share your thoughts and ideas. Your opinions will help guide the future of education in BC.



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, February 13th at 6:30 p.m.!** Please reach out to our PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com for more information.



FEEDING FUTURES

Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students. We currently provide breakfast and lunch options for students that need extra support during the school week. If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to our principal, Brett Cameron (bcameron@sd38.bc.ca).

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!



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.





Our Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Community Calendar

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.

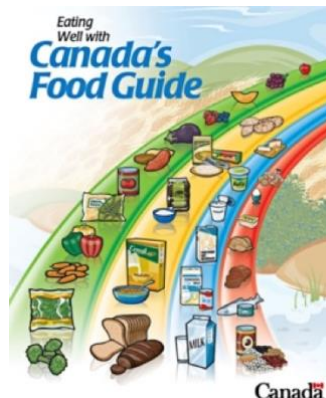
HEALTHY EATING HABITS

Ideas for healthy snacks

Prepared in advance

Try preparing snacks in advance to save you time:

- Chop extra vegetables when cooking so you'll have some for snacks.
- Make muffins or homemade granola bars and store them in the freezer.
- Hard-cook eggs on the weekend. They will keep for a week in the fridge with the shell on.
- Make your own trail mix. Take whole grain cereal and nuts and seeds and toss them together.



Grab and go

Here are some travel friendly options you can bring in your bag:

- roasted chickpeas or nuts such as almonds, cashews, soy nuts or peanuts can be kept in your bag for when you feel hungry
- keep cut up vegetables such as carrots, cucumbers, celery and peppers in the fridge and bring along in a reusable container
- oranges, bananas and plums are examples of fruit that come in their own natural packaging that makes them easy to transport

Learn more at:

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

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Tamil Heritage Month

- 1 Kwanzaa Ends
- 1 Ochetookeskaw - Kissing Day - Hand Shaking Day (Méts)
- 2 Mid Winter Ceremony
- 14 Maghi ☺
- 15 Black Excellence Day
- 17 Raoul Wallenberg Day
- 17 Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday/Prakash ☺
- 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
- 24 World Day for African & Afrodescendant Culture
- 25 Mahayana New Year ☺
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION

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. Please visit our website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on 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 www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Jan. 15-19	Jess Dance workshops
Jan. 26	Hot lunch
Jan. 29	Pro-D day
Jan. 30	Toque Tuesday
Feb. 16	Pro-D day
Feb. 19	Family Day
Feb. 28/29	Early dismissal for conferences
Mar. 14	Talent Show
Mar. 14	Last day before Spring Break
April 2	Whiteside re-opens
May 1-3	Grade 6 Outdoor Education trip
May 17	Pro-D day
May 20	Victoria day
June 4	Gr. 7 rafting trip
June 27	Last day of school for students