



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, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m.!** Please reach out to our PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com for more information.

SUMMER LEARNING 2023

Summer Learning 2024 Registration is starting up very soon. It is advised that parents create an account ahead of time for each of their children. Instructions on how to register can also be found on our website. www.RichmondCE.ca



SPRING EVENTS

Whiteside looks forward to welcoming back traditional spring events and creating new memories and opportunities for experiential learning. Please continue to read our newsletter and check in with your classroom teacher for event details.



WHITESIDE READING INFORMATION OF THE WEEK

Read about it, talk about it, and think about it! Find ways for your child to build understanding, the ultimate goal of learning how to read. The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

- Make books special. Turn reading into something special. Take your kids to the library, help them get their own library card, read with them, and buy them books as gifts. Have a favorite place for books in your home or, even better, put books everywhere.
- Get them to read another one. Find ways to encourage your child to pick up another book. Introduce him or her to a series like The Boxcar Children or The Magic Tree House or to a second book by a favorite author, or ask the librarian for additional suggestions.



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.



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 Wildcats to keep a spare change of clothes and shoes at school just in case they get wet.



REPORTS PUBLISHED TO MYEDBC – APRIL 25

Term 2 Reports will be available online on the MyEd Parent Portal after school on Thursday, April 25th. Logins and temporary passwords will have been sent out to all parents **by District**. Please login before then. (The **first** login must be done from a workstation, laptop or computer. Do not use an iPad, tablet or cell phone for this.) Previous users, who forgot their passwords, will need to click through the “I forgot my password” hyperlink on the login page to reset their passwords. If you do not remember your login, contact the office at whiteside@sd38.bc.ca with your child’s full name and Division number.

More info is available on the school website at: <https://whiteside.sd38.bc.ca/parents/myed-parent-portal>



PLAY N’ EAT

We invite our students to join us in the gym every Friday morning at 8:10 a.m. for some breakfast snacks and playtime. Entry is through the gym doors.

MORNING ROUTINES AT WHITESIDE

Our Wolfpack are expected to enter school from their outside doors until 8:45 a.m. Please ensure that your children make their way to the back of the school to meet their teachers. This ensures that all children are met by their teacher or supervising adult and can begin the day with their class.



Play n’ Eat is on Friday mornings only. Only students in our breakfast program may enter the gym early during the week. We do not have morning supervision for students.

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!

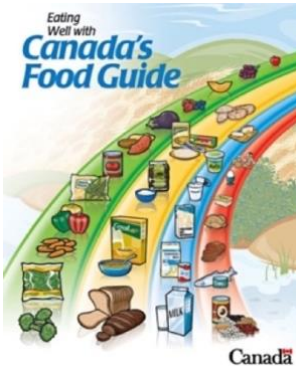




HEALTHY EATING HABITS

Sugar and sugar substitutes

- Offer foods that don't have added sugar or sugar substitutes. Limit refined sugars (sucrose, glucose-fructose, white sugar) honey, molasses, syrups, and brown sugar. They all have similar calorie counts and also contribute to tooth decay.
- Sugar substitutes, such as aspartame and sucralose, do not add calories or cause tooth decay, but they are much sweeter than sugar and have no nutritional value. They may lead to a habit of only liking sweet foods and make it difficult for your child to adjust to fruits and vegetables. It's a good idea to limit them in your child's diet.



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).

STUDENT AFFORDABILITY FUND

The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one time funds for the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:



- school and course fees
- school supplies and course materials
- field trips
- school-related extracurricular opportunities
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to our principal, Brett Cameron, (whiteside@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance. 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.



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| April 23 | Earth Day Assembly at 11:00 a.m. |
| April 25 | Reports published to MyEd |
| May 1-3 | Grade 6 Outdoor Education trip |
| May 13 | Speed Control concert |
| May 17 | Pro-D day |
| May 20 | Victoria day |
| May 22 | Welcome to K event |
| May 27 | Track Meet |
| May 24 | Ian Maskin concert |
| June 4 | Gr. 7 rafting trip |
| June 14 | Sports Day |
| June 21 | Grade 7 farewell celebration |
| June 27 | Last day of school for students |