



**SUMMER LEARNING 2024**

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](http://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**

**Set aside designated reading-together time**

Reading with your child should be a regular occurrence that your child looks forward to each day. One-on-one, individualized attention is highly effective, and demonstrates to a child that reading is important. Some specific tactics can be used during this reading time to help kids learn to read on their own. Pointing at the words as you read them can help very young readers understand the reading process. They will see that reading goes from left to right and can help them make connections between the words they hear and see.



**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 are available online on the MyEd Parent Portal. 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.

**TRANSLATE OUR SITE**

Did you know you can translate our [whiteside.sd38.bc.ca](http://whiteside.sd38.bc.ca) website? 😊

Translate Site



Select Language

**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!



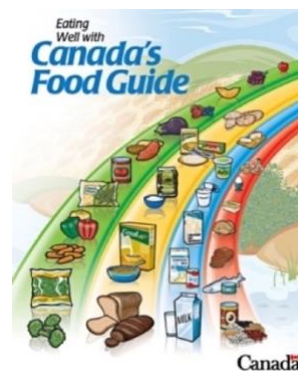
**PAC MEETINGS**

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, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.!** Please reach out to our PAC at [whitesidepac@hotmail.com](mailto:whitesidepac@hotmail.com) for more information.

**HEALTHY EATING HABITS**

Juice and water

- Offer water when your child is thirsty, especially between meals and snacks.
- Limit juice to one serving (125 mL [4 oz]) of 100% unsweetened juice a day.
- Serving actual fruit instead of fruit juice adds healthy fibre to your child's diet.
- Sometimes children will drink too much at mealtime or between meals, making them feel full.



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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



**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.



**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.