



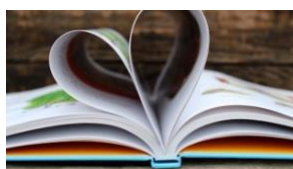
JUST B4 PRESCHOOL at LEE

Registration for September 2024 opens soon! Children born in 2020 may apply may apply. Our preschool

program is specifically designed for 4-year old children (born in 2020) to attend Just B4 with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation of rich, joyful early childhood spaces. Our approach is emergent, play-based and focuses on children’s natural inquiries.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN 2024-2025

The attached form must be completed for any student(s) who anticipate a *delayed* return to school in September and will not be in attendance by 12:00pm on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. Please return the form to the school principal by June 21, 2024.



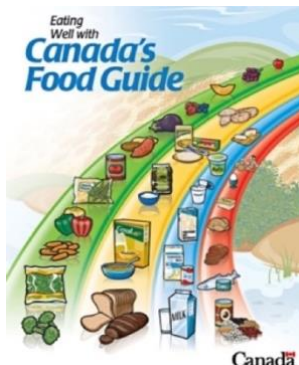
WHITESIDE READING INFORMATION OF THE WEEK
Support and encourage the learning process

Learning to read can be a difficult process for some children. It’s important to create a safe environment in your home where children feel like they can make mistakes and learn from them. Show your support in all reading activities your child takes on. Help them sound out words they may not know, and reassure them if they make mistakes. Building up confidence can be a key factor in establishing a positive relationship with reading. The more confident a child is in his or her reading ability, the more likely they are to build up a lifelong love of reading.

HEALTHY EATING HABITS

As a parent, these tips help create healthy habits at home:

- Set regular meal and snack times that work for the whole family. Share mealtimes and eat with your children.
- Offer a balance and variety of foods from all food groups at mealtimes.
- Offer food in ways they can manage easily. For example, cut into pieces, or mash food to prevent choking in younger children.
- Help your children learn to use a spoon or cup so they can eat independently.
- Include your child in age-appropriate food preparation and table setting.
- Avoid using dessert as a bribe. Serve healthy dessert choices, such as a fruit cup or yogurt.
- Show your child how you read labels to help you choose foods when shopping.
- Avoiding fast food restaurants shows your children the importance of enjoying mealtime as a family, while eating healthy home cooked meals.



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.



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



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 website? 😊

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 21st at 6:30 p.m.!** Please reach out to our PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com for more information.



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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.



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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 need 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.

the driveway as you enter the school grounds. Please follow arrows to keep our students safe and keep our parking lot accident free.



May 13	Speed Control concert (Thank you PAC)
May 16	Family Teams picnic reading
May 16	Krispy Kreme delivery
May 17	Pro-D day
May 20	Victoria day
May 22	Welcome to K event
May 24	Ian Maskin concert
May 24	Hot Lunch (Chipotle)
May 27	Track Meet
May 31	Family Teams event
June 4	Gr. 7 rafting trip
June 7	Family Teams event
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