

Whiteside Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Principal's Report

Principal's Report – May 21, 2024

Whiteside Fun!

- Staffing update:
 - Thank you, Nona.
 - Appreciate her hard work, care, and support of our students at Whiteside.
 - Welcoming Sara Lai.
- Thank you for so many things!
 - Hot lunches
 - Ice Cream days
 - Support for presentations
 - Speed Control was a lot of fun
 - Field Trips
 - Minoru Library
 - Richmond Art Gallery
 - South Arm swimming and subsidizing the McRoberts performance field trip!
- Gr. 6 Camp (Nona)
 - Excellent! Two nights and three days at Camp Elphinstone
- Outdoor Classroom and Garden (Nona)
 - Plans - food gardens and pollinator garden
 - Watering
- Ms LB's Honor Band – amazing performance
- Staff recently participated in an Anti-Racism lunch series
- Gr 7 Day at McRoberts (and other secondary schools) – today!
- Family Teams picnic reading last week
 - Intro to Sports Day
- Coming up:
 - Welcome to K – Tomorrow!
 - Ian Maskin – cellist school performance – Friday
 - Track Meet – May 27
 - Sports Day – June 14
- Murals
 - Sandeep Johal meeting
- Daycare
 - Approval

Restorative Justice:

Restorative Justice is an approach to discipline that focuses on repairing harm and restoring relationships rather than simply punishing misbehavior. In our school, Restorative Justice encourages students to understand the impact of their actions, take responsibility, and actively participate in making amends.

Benefits for All Children:

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- **Improved Relationships:** Builds a supportive community by fostering mutual respect and understanding among students.
- **Enhanced Communication:** Encourages open dialogue and active listening, helping children to express their feelings and resolve conflicts peacefully.
- **Personal Growth:** Promotes accountability and empathy, which are crucial for personal and social development.
- **Positive School Environment:** Reduces incidents of bullying and violence, creating a safer and more inclusive learning environment.
- **Academic Success:** Students in a positive and respectful environment are more likely to be engaged and succeed academically.

Restorative Justice helps all children develop essential life skills and contributes to a harmonious school community.

Literacy and SEL

- School focus is Literacy/Reading Comprehension
 - Spring reading assessments complete
 - Inputting data and will update our school story to reflect changes – early stats show an improvement from the fall and last spring
 - Please check out our hints, tips, and tricks for reading at home in our newsletter

Staffing Update

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Reporting

- Final report will be published at the end of June
 - Will be more summative than reflective of third term
- Thank you for your ongoing support of learning at Whiteside

Outdoor Education

- Gr. 7 rafting – June 4

Safety Drills

- Completed all evacuation, earthquake, hold/secure, lockdown drills

Questions:

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Feeding Futures

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- Continue to provide breakfast and lunch to students who may need a little extra assistance or security.
- Please let us know if you or anyone you know may need support.

Student and Family Affordability Fund

- Last year, the provincial government announced the [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.
- At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to Ms. Navin or Mr. Cameron if they are in need of 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 in order to be successful at school.

Notes:

Thank you for supporting our school. Whiteside is a great place to learn, work, and play because the community came together to support each other.