

École élémentaire James Whiteside Elementary School

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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL and REPORT CARDS

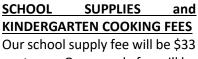
Your child's final report card for the school year will be posted on MyEdBC on the last day of

school, June 27th. Additional information will be sent from the district about accessing reports on MyEdBC. School will be dismissed at our regular time of 2:45 p.m.



GRADE 7 CELEBRATION

We look forward to celebrating our grade sevens at our year end celebration on June 21st.



Our school supply fee will be \$33 next year. Our agenda fee will be \$7. Our Kindergarten cooking and craft fee will be \$22. We will



collect these fees in the new school year. Other field trip and special programs may require additional fees to be collected next year as plans are made throughout the school year.



PAC MEETINGS

Our PAC will hold their AGM next month. We encourage all parents to attend this meeting and ponder joining our PAC executive. Our PAC is a great group of parents that care for

our school and students. 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 our AGM on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m.! We hope to see parents out to join our PAC next year. Please reach out to our PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com for more information.



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.

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!



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

In June, Canadians recognize and celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honor the history, heritage, and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Please visit: the NIPD site or the NIHM national site for more information.



LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check our lost and found before the end of the school year. There are still many

water bottles, jackets, shirts, and much, much more remaining.

LIBRARY REMINDERS

Next week is the last week of library book exchanges for all divisions. All library books are due back to the library on Monday, June 17th. Thank you.



2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please visit our website or see our weekly email for next year's school calendar.





TRANSLATE OUR SITE

Did you know you can translate our <u>whiteside.sd38.bc.ca</u> website? ©



June 18 PAC AGM

June 21 Grade 7 farewell celebration

June 25 Year end assembly

June 27 Last day of school for students



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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 and sun. Bring a hat and sunscreen to school. We

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



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.



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.