



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

Our 2023-2024 year at Whiteside is coming to a close. Thank you to all the teachers, staff, students, and families for making Whiteside Elementary school a wonderful place to learn, work, and play. Your support is truly appreciated.



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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES and KINDERGARTEN COOKING FEES

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.



BACK TO SCHOOL INFO

Grade 1 – 7 students return to school from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on September 3rd. All returning students will meet their teacher from 2023-2023 on the south field. All new students can meet our resource teachers on the south field.

Kindergarten students begin their gradual entry from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. or from 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. They can meet their teacher at the front entry door. Gradual entry schedules and information were sent to our new Kindergarten students.

All Gr. 1-7 students will attend for their regular schedule on Wednesday, September 4th at 8:45 a.m.



SCHOOL HOURS 2024-2025

Students welcomed for learning	8:40 a.m.
Recess	10:10 – 10:35 a.m.
Lunch	11:50 – 12:42 p.m.
Students dismissed	2:45 p.m.

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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



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.



PAC MEETINGS and AGM

Our final PAC meeting of the year was held this week. Thank you to our current PAC for all their hard work and support. We congratulate our new PAC:

- Co-Chairpeople – Sandeep Bhullar and Ken Loy
- Treasurer – Jaylene Sandhar
- Secretary – Carrie Vilorla
- Hot Lunch Coordinator – Karen Au
- Social Media and Communications – Chris Ho

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. Please reach out to our PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com for more information and an invitation link for our next PAC meeting in September.



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.

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.



FAREWELL TO STAFF

Unfortunately, June is also the time of year that we have to say goodbye to some of our staff. This year, we will say goodbye to Ms. Jaffer, Ms. Kowall, Ms. Nixon, Mr. Pelletier, Mme Sadler, and Ms. St.-Cyr. We hope that our paths will cross again and wish them all the best in their new endeavours.

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Did you know you can translate our whiteside.sd38.bc.ca website? 😊



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!



FEEDING FUTURES

The provincial government announced a Feeding Futures School Program Fund earlier this year, 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.

June 25	Year end assembly
June 27	Last day of school for students
September 3	First day of school (1 hour only)
September 4	First full day of school



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.