



**TERRY FOX RUN!**

Thank you for your support of our Terry Fox Run! Terry never quit on his dream of a world without cancer, and neither will we. This year, our goal is \$1000, and you can donate in support of cancer research <https://schools.terryfox.ca/73404> while building fantastic school spirit! Thank you for supporting our school in the fight against cancer and showing your no-quit attitude in honour of Terry! #terryfoxschoolrun @terryfoxfoundation



**GRADE 7 FAREWELL HOODIES!**

It's that time of year for our Grade 7's to order their Grade 7 farewell hoodies! Please order on SchoolCashOnline, where you will select your child's preferences for size and style (the colour will be black). Sample sizes are available outside of the office. If you have any problems or concerns, please contact the office ([whiteside@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:whiteside@sd38.bc.ca)). Orders are due **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. No late orders.



**BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY**



We see a lot of our Wolfpack riding and scooting to school every day. Way to go! To be safe on the streets and paths, everyone must wear helmets when riding or scooting. Wearing a helmet is the law in B.C. and you could be fined for not wearing one, or worse. Also, please do ride or scoot on our drop off lane. Visit [this link](#) for more information about bike safety and see below for information about e-scooters.

**DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY**



In January 2024, the Ministry of Education and Child Care mandated all school boards in British Columbia to update their Codes of Conduct to include restrictions on students' personal digital device use. Students should not have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes. This includes during recess and lunch or while outside on the playground or on school property. It is recommended that students do not bring personal digital devices to school.

**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.



**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 first meeting will be scheduled soon! Please reach out to our PAC at [whitesidepac@hotmail.com](mailto:whitesidepac@hotmail.com) for more information. Our next PAC meeting will be online at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15.**

**PRO-D DAY and the NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**



Just a reminder that school will be closed for our first pro-d day of the year on **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Whiteside will also be closed in observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our Orange Shirt Day assembly will be held on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT PHOTO DAY**

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is Photo Day here at Whiteside. Edge Photography will be taking individual pictures for families to purchase if they choose.



**OUTDOOR ED – GRADE 6 CAMP**

Our Grade 6s are going to the Cheakamus Centre in Squamish for this year's outdoor ed camp. Thank you to the teachers and staff for organizing this amazing experience. Please remember to submit your forms ASAP and payment by October 1<sup>st</sup>.



**STUDENT PACKAGE OF FORMS:**

All forms were sent home last week. The forms -- excluding the verification form (blue) -- are also on the school website in case you need to translate them. Completed forms are due today. Please pay the school fees on SchoolCashOnline by Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.



**WEST COAST RECESS:**

During recess and lunchtime breaks, students are expected to always be outside this year. Students are strongly encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. You may also send a change of clothes to school just in case your child gets wet. Playing outside will ensure our students get some fresh air and exercise to enliven their day.



**STUDENT AFFORDABILITY FUND**

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time [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.



Currently, we are requesting that families reach out to our principal, Brett Cameron ([whiteside@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:whiteside@sd38.bc.ca)) if you need 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 to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Every year we collect \$33 for our school fees which includes all basic supplies for our students for the year. There is an additional Cooking and Craft fee (\$22) for students in our Kindergarten and K/1 classes only.



There is an additional \$7 fee for school planners. Planners are an excellent way for grade one to seven students (grade 1-7 only), staff, and children to communicate school assignments and upcoming events. We encourage our students and their families to review their planner regularly.

There may also be additional costs for educational field trips during the year. Teachers and staff will be sharing a list of potential field trips and their associated cost shortly. Please use [CashOnline](#) to make your payment early. Please contact the office if you have questions about our school fees or need assistance in paying.

- Sept. 20 Pro-D Day
- Sept. 27 Orange Shirt Day assembly
- Sept. 27 Hot lunch day
- Sept. 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)
- Oct. 1 FSAs begin
- Oct. 1 DARE begins
- Oct. 9 Individual photos
- Oct. 10 Emergency Thursday (Fire Drill)
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving (school closed)
- Oct. 15/16 Outdoor Ed at Cheakamus
- Oct. 17 Emergency Thursday (Earthquake Drill)
- Oct. 18 Hot lunch (sushi)
- Oct. 23 Learning Conferences (11:50 a.m. dismissal)
- Oct. 24 Emergency Thursday (Hold and Secure)
- Oct. 25 Provincial Pro-D
- Nov. 1 Hot lunch (pizza)
- Nov. 8 Remembrance Day assembly
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (school closed)
- Nov. 14 TCO2 for Gr. 4-7
- Nov. 15 Hot lunch (Subway)
- Nov. 25 Pro-D (school closed)
- Nov. 29 Hot lunch (pizza)
- Dec. 13 Hot lunch (White Spot)