



Welcome to Whiteside Elementary!

As we embark on another enriching school year, we invite you to become an active participant in the vibrant community of Whiteside Elementary's Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Our PAC plays a crucial role in fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for our students and their families.





Who We Are and What We Do:

Every parent and guardian at Whiteside Elementary is automatically a member of the PAC. Whether you choose to attend meetings, volunteer your time, or stay informed through our communications, your involvement is highly valued and essential to our collective success. Here's an overview of our key activities:

- **Hot Lunch Program:** We offer a variety of tasty lunches delivered directly to classrooms once or twice a month. Options include pizza, burgers, Subway, international-themed foods, sushi, and treat days like frozen yogurt. This program is an integral part of our fundraising efforts.
- **School Events:** We organize engaging events such as Movie Nights, Meet the Teacher Night, and the Spring Fair, which provide opportunities for families to connect within the school community.
- **Fundraisers:** We conduct various fundraising activities throughout the year, including sales of Purdy's Chocolates, plants, gift cards, and more. These efforts support essential school programs and resources.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Held on the third Tuesday of each month, these meetings offer insights into school activities and allow members to influence how PAC funds are used to support our children, teachers, and staff.

Your 2024/25 PAC Members:

Co Chairs: Sandeep Bhullar & Ken Loy

Treasurer: Jaylene Sandhar

Secretary: Carrie Vioria

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Karen Au

Social Media Coordinator: Chris Ho



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Ongoing PAC Fundraisers:

Support Whiteside Elementary by participating in our ongoing fundraising initiatives:

- **Cobb's Breads at No. 2 Rd and Blundell:** Simply mention Whiteside when you order, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to the school!
- **Personalized Labels:** Enhance your child's belongings while supporting our school:
 1. Visit www.mabelslabels.com and select "JAMES WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY PAC (RICHMOND)" from the dropdown menu.
 2. Go to www.oliverslabels.com/whitesidePAC
 3. Explore www.emilypress.com/whiteside

Funding Initiatives:

Annually, we support:

- Fine Arts workshops
- Grade 6/7 Leadership Conference
- Hardship Fund
- Field trip costs
- High school scholarships for Whiteside Alumni
- Classroom financial support for each teacher



Volunteer Opportunities:

We encourage you to consider volunteering in various capacities:

- **Hot Lunch Volunteers:** Assist in sorting and distributing food and manage cash sales on hot lunch days.
- **Fundraising Event Volunteers:** Help out at various events throughout the year, whether it's distributing food or supervising activities.
- **Classroom Parent:** Maintain a class contact list and ensure PAC updates are communicated effectively.

Your involvement enhances the educational experience for all our students and strengthens our community. We look forward to your support and participation, and by working together, we can create an exceptional school year for our children.

Stay Connected:

Stay informed and easily reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns through the following channels:

- **Email:** whitesidepac@hotmail.com
- **Facebook:** Whiteside Elementary PAC
- **Twitter:** @whitesidepac
- PAC Section of the Whiteside Website

We invite you to get in touch if you have any questions, feedback, or if you're interested in getting involved! All parents and guardians of Whiteside students are welcome to join and vote at our monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month.