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FESTIVAL CULTUREL FRANCOPHONE

The Richmond School District is excited to host its third annual Festival Culturel Francophone from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. on April 10 at McRoberts Secondary. This event is

open to everyone, regardless of age, background, or French language proficiency. Join us to celebrate, connect with others, and explore la francophonie! Admission is free, so be sure to bring your friends and family along. Please see the attached poster and RSVP using this QR code.



SUMMER LEARNING 2025

The Summer Learning program and registration dates are now published on our continuing-education website. You can find summer learning 2025 general information on at <https://ce.sd38.bc.ca/programs/summer-learning>.



HOT LUNCH – APRIL 11

Our next hot lunch is Yummy Slice Day on April 11. Please remember to send a recess snack and water bottles. Thank you, PAC!



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. Please reach out to our PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com for more information. Our next PAC meeting will be online on April 15th at 7:00 p.m.



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!



PLAY n' EAT

We invite our students to join us in the gym every Friday morning at 8:10 a.m. for some breakfast snacks and playtime. Entry is through the gym doors.



SMILE - CLASS PHOTO DAY

April 15 is class photo day. Our photographers will be on site to take group, class, and school photos in the morning.

WOLFPACK RUN CLUB

Come join us and practice Mondays and Thursdays at 8:10 am. We will meet in the gym, do some stretching and then run some laps inside OR outside (weather permitting). A team of students, staff, and parents will be participating in the 2.5 Mini Sun Run downtown on April 27th. Let's go Wolves!



MORNING ROUTINES AT WHITESIDE

Our Wolfpack are expected to enter school from their outside doors until 8:45 a.m. Please ensure that your children make their way to the back of the school to meet their teachers. This ensures that all children are met by their teacher or supervising adult and can begin the day with their class.

Play n' Eat is on Friday mornings only. Students that arrive earlier than 8:40 a.m. are welcome to play on the playground or line up early.



DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY



Last year, 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.



PARKING LOT SAFETY: A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Drop-off and pick-up times can get hectic! Let's work together to keep our parking lot safe for everyone. Please remember these important points:

- *Drive slowly and cautiously:* Children can be unpredictable, so always be alert and watch for pedestrians.
- *Use designated visitor parking spaces only:* Do not park in the fire lane or drive-thru lane, as this blocks traffic flow and creates hazards.
- *Hold your child's hand:* Always supervise young children and hold their hands when walking through the parking lot.
- *Be aware of your surroundings:* Look for moving vehicles and be mindful of blind spots when backing up.



WEST COAST PLAY

During recess and lunchtime breaks, students are expected to be outside at all times this year. Students are strongly encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for your child to

have appropriate clothing such as:

- A rain jacket.
- Rubber boots
- Rain pants
- An umbrella
- A rain hat or coat with a hood
- ****A change of clothes to be kept at school (sweatpants, underwear, socks, t-shirt, etc.)***
- When students use their change of clothes, please send another set to school for the next time.



April 7	Track Attack begins
April 7	VSO visit with intermediate band
April 10	Festival Culturel Francophone at McRoberts from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
April 14-28, 30	Pickleball classes begin
April 15	Class photos
April 15	PAC meeting at 7 p.m. online
April 16	French movie night with CPF at 5:30 p.m.
April 18	Good Friday (school closed)
April 21	Easter Monday (school closed)
April 27	2.5 Mini Sun Run (Vancouver)
April 29	BC Lions presentation
April 29	Term 2 report cards posted on MyEd
May 16	Non-Instructional Day (school closed)
May 19	Victoria Day (school closed)
May 21	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 26	Track Meet at Minoru
June 6	Sports Day
June 20	Gr. 7 Farewell assembly
June 26	Last day of school
June 26	Final report cards posted on MyEd