



## École élémentaire James Whiteside Elementary School

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### 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.

### 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>. Registration begins on April 21.



### 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](mailto:whitesidepac@hotmail.com) for more information. Our next PAC meeting will be online on **April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**



### HOT LUNCH – APRIL 25

Our next hot lunch is Chipotle on April 25. Ordering is open on [Munch-a-lunch](#). Please remember to send a recess snack and water bottles. Thank you, PAC!



### 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.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup>. Let's go Wolves!



### CPF FRENCH MOVIE NIGHT

**Movie:** Katak: Le Brave Béluga (Katak: The Brave Beluga)

\*movie will be played in French with English subtitles\*

**When:** Wednesday April 16, 2025 for National Canadian Film Day

**Where:** École Élémentaire James Whiteside Elementary School gym (9282 Williams Road, Richmond BC )

**Time:** Doors open at 5:30 pm, movie starts at 6:00 pm

**Who:** All ages (children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult)

**Admission:** free

**Register here to guarantee admission as we anticipate this will be a popular after school event.**

**Pre-Order Special Pricing:**

**\$5 Pizza Combo** (1 pizza slice, 1 bag of chips, 1 drink)

**\$3 per pizza slice**

Additional pizza slices & snacks will be available for purchase on site.

**CPF membership is now FREE** (To sign up go to: <https://cpf.ca/en/join-cpf/>)



### WOLFPACK PICKLEBALL

Coach Nash from Tennis XL is joining Whiteside from April 14 – 25 to teach our Wolves tennis and pickleball skills. We welcome him and are excited for the opportunity to learn a new sport!

### 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 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 7 Gr. 7 band performance at Gateway
- 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