



École élémentaire James Whiteside Elementary School

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REPORTS PUBLISHED TO MYEDBC –

APRIL 29

Term 2 Reports will be available online on the MyEd Parent Portal after school on Thursday, April 29th. Logins and temporary passwords will have been sent out to all parents **by District**. Please login before then. (The **first** login must be done from a workstation, laptop or computer. Do not use an iPad, tablet or cell phone for this.) Previous users, who forgot their passwords, will need to click through the “I forgot my password” hyperlink on the login page to reset their passwords. If you do not remember your login, contact the office at whiteside@sd38.bc.ca with your child’s full name and Division number.

More info is available on the school website at: <https://whiteside.sd38.bc.ca/parents/myed-parent-portal>

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 UPDATES

PAC Update – Spring Fair Postponed

We were all sad to have made the decision to postpone Spring Fair until next year. There was a lot of planning work that went into it and that progress can be brought forward into the next year. Thank you to those that stepped forward to help. We need more volunteers to get an early start on it for next year, please email the team at WhitesidePAC@hotmail.com.

Events like hot lunches, movie nights and Spring Fair rely on the generosity and hard work of our PAC. We encourage our parents and families to join a PAC meeting or, if you are interested in taking on a role on the PAC, please let Mr. Cameron or Ms. Lai know. The elections will be held during the June AGM. If you would like to know what PAC does, come join one of our remaining monthly meetings. Before the school year ends there are a few more activities happening (hot lunches, after school treat sales, sports day concession) that we can always use some help with.

Our next PAC meeting will be online **on May 20th at 7:00 p.m.** Thank you for your support! - Whiteside 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.



SPRING EVENTS

Whiteside looks forward to welcoming back traditional spring events and creating new memories and opportunities for experiential learning. Please continue to read our newsletter and check in with your classroom teacher for event details.



KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER FOR GRADE 7 FAREWELL

Help support our grade seven farewell celebration. Our grade seven parent team is selling Krispy Kreme donuts for \$18 per dozen.

Order on [School Cash Online](#) by May 8th for May 15th delivery.

WOLFPACK RUN CLUB

Our Run Club is off to the Mini SunRun this weekend. Thank you to Mme Lai, Mme David-Harel, and all our parents for supporting Run Club. We look forward to a great running experience on Sunday!



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.



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| 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 |

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.