



TRACK UPDATES

Our students are having fun and working hard during their track attack stations this month. Our track meet is scheduled for May 26th at Minoru. Permission forms and information were sent home earlier. Please ensure you have these forms returned to school by May 12th. Thank you!



NOTICE OF LATE RETURN 2025-2026

The attached form must be completed for any student(s) who anticipate a *delayed* return to school in September and will not be in attendance by 12:00pm on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Please return the form to the school principal by June 20, 2025.

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 is open.



PAC UPDATES

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. ***We need additional parent support for our Sports Day hot lunch. Please email the PAC (whitesidepac@hotmail.com) if you are able to help.*** Our next PAC meeting will be online on **May 20th at 7:00 p.m.** Thank you for your support! - Whiteside PAC



SPRING WEATHER

Spring weather in Richmond can be unpredictable and we play outside every day. Please ensure your child is dressed in layers and ready for the rain. We encourage our Wildcats to keep a spare change of clothes and shoes at school just in case they get wet.



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.

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.



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.



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!



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.



May 16
 May 19
 May 21
 May 26
 June 13
 June 20
 June 26
 June 26

Non-Instructional Day (school closed)
 Victoria Day (school closed)
 Welcome to Kindergarten
 Track Meet at Minoru
 Sports Day
 Gr. 7 Farewell assembly
 Last day of school
 Final report cards posted on MyEd

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