



École élémentaire James Whiteside Elementary School

9282 Williams Road, Richmond BC V7A 1H1
604-668-6209 | whiteside.sd38.bc.ca

Brett Cameron, *Directeur/Principal* | Sara Lai, *Directrice Adjointe/Vice Principal*
NEWSLETTER #33 – May 15, 2025

VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND.

Whiteside will be closed on Friday, May 16 for our Non-Instructional Day and Monday, May 19th for Victoria Day.

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. Our last Play n' Eat will be May 30th. We will not have Play n' Eat on May 23 to accommodate our Parent Appreciation event.



PAC UPDATES

Come Join the Fun – We Need YOU!



The Whiteside PAC is a powerhouse of parents who work together to make our school an even better place for our kids — building community, supporting students, and making school life extra memorable!

Our amazing events like **Sports Day** and **After-School Snack Sales** wouldn't happen without the helping hands of parent volunteers — and this is where YOU come in! Whether you have a special talent to share, want to try something new, or are simply looking for a fun way to get more involved, we'd love to have you on board.

We're currently looking for volunteers to help out this spring *and* welcoming new faces who might want to join the PAC team for next year (nominations happen at our June AGM!).

If you're curious, excited, or even just a little bit interested, reach out to us at WhitesidePAC@hotmail.com — we'll happily share more about the different ways you can get involved.

Thank you for making Whiteside such a wonderful community!

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



PARENT APPRECIATION MORNING

We appreciate all the care and support you provide for your children, our school, and our community. To show our appreciation, we welcome all our families to join us in the field by the

playground for coffee and treats at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, May 23rd

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.



TRACK UPDATES

Our track date is set for Monday, May 26th. Our teachers and staff are working hard organizing our teams and coaching our athletes. Please remember to review your notices and planners for updated

information.

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.



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.



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.



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.



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



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.



May 16	Non-Instructional Day (school closed)
May 19	Victoria Day (school closed)
May 20	McRoberts Grade 7 Day
May 20	PAC meeting and AGM at 7 p.m. (online)
May 21	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 23	Parent Appreciation event at 8:15 a.m.
May 26	Track Meet at Minoru
June 6	Grand Marché
June 12	Band Concert at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
June 13	Sports Day
June 20	Gr. 7 Farewell assembly
June 26	Last day of school
June 26	Final report cards posted on MyEd

Translate Site



Select Language ▼

TRANSLATE OUR SITE

Did you know you can translate our whiteside.sd38.bc.ca website? ☺