



École élémentaire James Whiteside Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER #4 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2025



THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Just a reminder that Whiteside will be closed in

observance of the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Tuesday, September 30th**. Our Orange Shirt Day assembly will be held on Monday, September 29th.



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. Our first meeting will be scheduled soon! Please reach out to our PAC at whitesidepac@hotmail.com for more information. Our next PAC meeting will be online at **7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21**.



STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Wednesday, October 8th is Photo Day here at Whiteside. Edge Photography will be taking individual pictures for families to purchase if they choose.

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

GRADE 7 FAREWELL HOODIES!

It's that time of year for our Grade 7's to order their Grade 7 farewell hoodies! Please order on SchoolCashOnline, where you will select your child's preferences for size and style (the colour will be black). Sample sizes are available outside of the office. If you have any problems or concerns, please contact the office (whiteside@sd38.bc.ca). Orders are due **September 30th**. No late orders.



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.

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

If your child is arriving late to school, please check in at the office through the front entrance. If your child needs to leave school early, please sign your child out at the office and wait at the front entrance for them.



RUN CLUB IS BACK!

Mme David-Harel, Mme Swordy, and Mme Lai are bringing back run club. All students are welcome. Please meet in the gym at 8:10 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our Cross Country Fun Run at Garry Point is scheduled for October 29th.



GRADE 6 OUTDOOR ED PARENT MEETING – OCT. 6

This year our grade 6s will be traveling to the Cheakamus Centre near Squamish in the spring for two nights of outdoor learning. We invite parents of grade 6 students to attend an informational meeting on October 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

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BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY

We see a lot of our Wolfpack riding and scooting to school every day. Way to go! To be safe on the streets and paths, **everyone must wear helmets** when riding or scooting. Wearing a helmet is the law in B.C. and you could be fined for not wearing one, or worse. Also, please do ride or scoot on our drop off lane. Visit this link for more information about bike safety and see below for information about e-scooters.



FSAs for Grade 4 and 7:

In October students in grades 4 and 7 will complete the Foundation Skills Assessment. The Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) help us understand your child's progress in key areas like reading, writing, and math, providing insight into their learning. These assessments allow both teachers and parents to identify strengths and areas where additional support may be needed, ensuring each student reaches their full potential. This assessment is one of many that provides information about student learning at Whiteside and throughout the province.



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DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY

In January 2024, 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.

WEST COAST RECESS:

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. You may also send a change of clothes to school just in case your child gets wet. Playing outside will ensure our students get some fresh air and exercise to enliven their day.



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 information.



September 29 – Orange Shirt Day Assembly

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)

October 6 – Grade 6 Outdoor Ed parent meeting in the library at 6:00 p.m.

October 8 – Individual photos

October 10 – Hot lunch

October 13 – Thanksgiving (school closed)

October 21 – PAC meeting at 7:45 p.m. online

October 22 – Early Dismissal (students dismissed at 11:50)

October 23 – PAC Halloween Party

October 24 – Provincial Pro-D (school closed)

October 27-31 – School wide dance classes/finale

October 29 – Cross Country Fun Run at Garry Point

November 3 – Photo retake day

November 10 – Remembrance Day assembly

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 20/21 – PAC family photo nights

December 1 – Pro-D Day

December 10 – Winter band concert

December 16 – Winter musical

December 18 – Term 1 reports published

December 19 – Last day before winter break