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HOLIDAY WISH RETURNS

The Holiday Wish Committee and Whiteside PAC are fundraising to support local families in need this holiday season. You can help by purchasing a gift through the provided link, donating to the coin

drive from November 26-29, or making a cash donation through SchoolCashOnline. Any contribution will help ensure all Whiteside families can enjoy the holidays.

HOT LUNCH

Yummy Slice Day is Friday, November 28. Thank you, PAC, for your delicious lunches! Remember to bring a recess snack.



VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Our Wolves have been bumping, setting, and spiking in our gym all season thanks to Mr. McCuaig, Mme Jien's coaching. We look forward to seeing you at our home games! Go Wolfpack!

November 26 – vs Lee at Whiteside

November 27 - McRoberts Jamboree



WOLF WEAR WEDNESDAYS

To show our school spirit, we invite our students, staff and community to wear their favourite Wolf gear every Wednesday!

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 for more information. Our next PAC meeting will be online at **7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20.**



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.

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.



BAND CONCERTS AND MUSICAL

Ms. LB is busy preparing this year's winter concerts and school musical. Please save the following dates to watch your children shine:

Dec. 10 – Band Concert at 1:30 pm/7:00 pm

Dec. 16 – Musical performance at 1:30 pm/6:30 pm

FROM OUR WHITESIDE WOLVES:

Last Friday, November 14th, Divisions 3 & 4 went on a fieldtrip to try Broomball. This is what Rylan, Aiden and Zach shared: Broomball is a sport similar to ice hockey, but you wear curling shoes or special shoes on ice. The sticks are brooms which don't have the blade a normal stick would have. Our fieldtrip to go play Broomball was very fun. We played Broomball at Minoru and it was easier for everyone to play and to have fun because you don't need to know how to skate. It is a fun and alternative choice to skating or ice hockey. I can't skate myself, so for me this was a very fun and accepting fieldtrip. This was amazing and I would go again!



SNOW DAYS

On a snow day, our school will remain open if possible. No announcement will be made saying that schools will be open. **Only closures will be announced** via the SD38 Twitter account, school and district websites, School Messenger alerts and on the radio at CKNW AM 980, News AM 1130, CBC AM 690, Fairchild AM 1470, CHQM FM 103.5. Closures will be announced as early as possible.



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



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December 19 – Last day before winter break

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January 20 – PAC meeting online at 7:45 p.m.

January 30 – Gr. 7 snowshoeing field trip



Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2021, turning 5 in 2026. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2026. Online registration opens on November 1, 2025. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2025.

Instead of in person information evenings this year, we have posted short videos that provide our new parents with information about the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options – Early French Immersion and Montessori. These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>.

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 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in making our school a safe place for all!



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.



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.

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