

White Rock Elementary

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Vice-Principal: Sally Song



September Newsletter...

Hello all,

Thank you for your patience as we worked through our class reorganization with the loss of a division. We currently have 580 students in 25 divisions. The new classes, room numbers and divisions are also listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Now that classes are formed, we will not be making student switches or changes at this time. Please read page 7 of the newsletter about class organization if you have any questions. Please review the information in this newsletter as it contains important information for the year.

Thanks again,

Jas Atwal



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Toonies for Terry (15th-19th)
- ◆ Terry Fox Run (19th)
- ◆ Orange Shirt Day (26th)
- ◆ Pro-D Day (29th)
- ◆ Truth and Reconciliation (30th)
- ◆ Meet the Teacher Night (Oct. 2nd)

School Hours...

SCHOOL HOURS

8:20	-	Playground Supervision Begins
8:30	-	Students may enter the building
8:35	-	Start of Morning Classes
10:15	-	Recess
10:30	-	End of Recess
11:43	-	Lunch (Play Begins)
12:08	-	Eating Entrance Bell
12:28	-	Start of afternoon classes
2:28	-	Dismissal
2:43	-	Playground Supervision ends

Office Hours (Phones)

8:00 am—3:00 pm—Monday to Friday

2025-2026 Staff List...

WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY STAFF

Principal - Mr. Atwal Vice Principal - Ms. Song
Head Secretary - Ms. Foreman
Clerks - Ms. Thompson Ms. Quesnelle (M, T)

Enrolling Divisions and Staff

Div. 1	Grade 7 F.A.	-Mr. Benzce
Div. 2	Grade 7	-Mr. Fryer
Div. 3	Grade 7	-Mr. Baerg
Div. 4	Grade 6/7	-Mr. Roth
Div. 5	Grade 6 F.A.	-Ms. Rogers-MacDonald
Div. 6	Grade 6	-Mr. McNabb
Div. 7	Grade 5/6	-Ms. Jensen
Div. 8	Grade 5/6	-Ms. Canham/Ms. Hounsell
Div. 9	Grade 5 F.A.	-Mr. Rudd
Div. 10	Grade 5	-Ms. McCredie
Div. 11	Grade 4 F.A.	-Ms. Cuthbertson
Div. 12	Grade 4	-Ms. Smith
Div. 13	Grade 4	-Ms. Ottewell
Div. 14	Grade 3 F.A.	-Ms. Yee
Div. 15	Grade 3	-Ms. Vosloh
Div. 16	Grade 3	-Ms. Skalinski
Div. 17	Grade 2 F.A.	-Ms. McKillop
Div. 18	Grade 2	-Ms. Tice
Div. 19	Grade 1/2	-Ms. Duncan
Div. 20	Grade 1 F.A.	-Ms. Bentley
Div. 21	Grade 1	-Mr. Swenson
Div. 22	Grade 1	-Ms. Atkinson
Div. 23	Grade K F.A.	-Ms. Nunns
Div. 24	Grade K	-Ms. Atkinson
Div. 25	Grade K	-Ms. Doull

Non-Enrolling Staff Members

Music	-Mr. Withers
Librarian	-Ms. Nygaard, Ms. Kinton (Fri.)
Counsellor	-Mr. Mazurkewich
Learner Support	-Ms. Markle, Ms. Forsyth,
Learner Support	-Ms. Grant, Ms. Rittenhouse
Speech Pathologist	-Ms. Noland
Integration Support	-Ms. Fredrickson, Mr. Lescisin
Child Care Worker	-Ms. Bos
Aboriginal CCW	-Ms. Daphne Milne
French Prep	-Ms. Song, Ms. Dindo

Special Ed. Assistants - Ms. Ahmed, Ms. Butchart,
Ms. Cumblidge, Ms. Hopkins, Ms. Hubert, Ms. Kahlon,
Ms. Knight, Ms. Kubilius, Ms. Lafontaine, Ms. Wong,
Ms. Laturnus, Ms. Naveed, Mr. Ozlu, Ms. P. Smith

Upcoming Calendar...

Upcoming Events

Sept. 12 PAC Meet and Greet 8:30 am (Ball Court)
Sept. 15 Kindergarten to Full Time
Sept. 15-19 Terry Fox Donations (Toonies)
Sept. 15-19 Munchalunch Ordering (ASAP)
Sept. 16 Individual Student Pictures***
Sept. 19-Terry Fox Run 1:15 pm (Red/White)
Sept. 24-PAC Meeting 2:45 pm
Sept. 20- **Wear Red** and White for Terry Day
Sept. 26- **Orange Shirt Day** (At School)
Sept. 29- **Non-Instructional Day (No School)**
Sept. 30- **Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)**
Oct. 2 Meet the Teacher Night 5-6 pm
Oct. 13 **Thanksgiving Day (No School)**
Oct. 21 **DEAR and PJ Day**
Oct. 24 **Non Instructional Day (No School)**
Oct. 28 **PAC Halloween Dance 5:30 pm**
Oct. 31 **Halloween Costumes**

Staff List Continued...

Supervisory Aides

Ms. Fenton, Ms. Kang, Ms. Manisha,
Ms. Motola, Ms. Omojola, Ms. Shore

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Mr. Bhagirath, Ms. Moravec

Early in the year our office staff are dealing with many requests from staff, students and parents. To help minimize interruptions, please make arrangements with your child at home to organize early pick up, late arrival, pick up meeting areas, or play dates. We are always available for emergent situations and want to make sure we can deal with these as soon as possible.

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Parent Visitor Protocol

All visitors must report to the office of the school due to safety reasons. One of our office staff will be happy to assist you. You can contact your child's teacher to make an appointment if necessary. Please do not walk through the halls without a badge

Lunches/Water Bottles

Students should bring water bottles and lunches to school daily in the morning. If you need to drop off a lunch, please label the lunches and place them on the table in the lobby. The PAC and the Feeding Futures Department will be offering lunches for order.

Lates and Absences

Please call and let us know if your child will be late or absent. We call you if you have not called in so we can ensure the safety of your child. If we are not available to pick up the phone, please leave a message on the answering machine. This would help us at the office immensely.
(604-531-5731)

School Cash Online...

School Cash Online is an online payment program run through the School District. It is completely safe and does not cost any additional fees. We will use this online method for planners, field trips, Fine Arts fees and Kindergarten Supplies. If you need help registering or adding your child to the account please call Ms. Foreman. The fees owing will already be attached to your child's profile. Go to the following link to start an account or make payment:

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>

Student Planners...

Planners have arrived and have been issued to teachers.

The planners will cost \$5.

The planners will have important information

about the school and District in the front 8 pages.

Please refer to these pages for school contact information, school address and school code of contact. Please use School Cash Online for your payment.

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>

Not all teachers use the paper planner. Your child's teacher will indicate if they will be using one. You can always purchase one for your child if you feel it would be of benefit to them.



Terry Fox Run and Fundraising for Cancer Research...

Students and staff are on the run to help raise awareness about cancer! The classes will be learning about Terry Fox and participating in a run around our fields or sidewalks outside on Friday, September 19th at 1:15 pm-1:45 pm. We will fundraise by collecting "Toonies for Terry" coin and cash donations from September 15-September 19. You may also go online and make a pledge to our Terry Fox Run school pledge site at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/99844>. Our goal is to raise \$1000 for cancer research.

Parents are welcome to attend the run as participants or help as chaperones around the grounds keeping students safe.

Please let us know if you would like to help on the day of the Event. Thanks again for your support.



Before and After School Care

Are you looking for a fun Before and After School care program for your child? Alex House is offering a day care program at White Rock Elementary in the Fine Arts Studio before and after school (7:30-8:30 am and 2:30-5:30 pm). Please contact 604-535-0015 or visit www.alexhouse.net for more details.

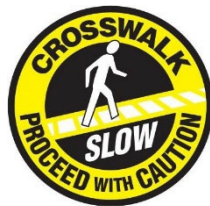
Truth and Reconciliation and Federal Holiday...



Each year, The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place on September 30. This day is meant to honour Canada's residential school survivors, their families and communities. The holiday publicly commemorates the history and ongoing legacy of the schools. In honour of this day, we will be holding Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 26. Tuesday, September 30 is a Federal Holiday and schools will be closed. School will also closed on Monday, Sept. 29 for a Pro-D Day.

Crossing Guards and Frontiersman...

We are looking for Crossing Guards / Frontiersman on Fir Street and on Roper Avenue. You will receive a \$27 stipend per day from the City for your volunteer work. If you know of anyone who would be interested to help in these roles please contact the office.



- **ALWAYS HAVE YOUR CHILDREN EXIT TO THE SIDEWALK SIDE OF THE VEHICLE**
- Never open the door to the interior of the street to exit out as cars may be passing
- Please drive slowly in front of the school.
- Look both ways before exiting the drop off area
- Do not double park on the street
- Do not overpass a stopped car as they may be stopped for students to cross
- Park one block down the street and walk to pick up your children
- Use the drop off and pick area in the parking lot with caution
- Leave Accessible spots open for those with decals

School Closures Information...

Sometimes extreme weather conditions or other circumstances can cause class cancellations at a school, or district wide on short notice. In the event of class cancellations, the Surrey School District will post information on its web site at www.surreyschools.ca and provide updates to the following radio stations:

CKNW - 980 AM or www.cknw.com

News 1130 AM or www.news1130.com

CBC Radio - 690 AM or www.cbc.ca/bc

The District will do its best to communicate the status of schools by 7:00 am.

Sometimes the decision to send students home if they have care can come to us close to the entry bell. We will always keep all students who are without parents and contact you by phone for safe pick up. All students should check in to the office and should never return home on their own without contact made by the school staff. **Please discuss this safety protocol with your children.**

Scent Aware School...



Important Forms...

Coming Home this Month:

Important forms will be coming home that will need your immediate attention.

There will be information about Media Consent, Student Information Verification, Technology, BC Fruit and Vegetable Program

All forms will need to be reviewed, updated and returned to school. **It is VERY important that all the forms are returned promptly** so we can update our records and students can participate in all educational opportunities.

PAC Information (Parent Advisory Council)

Mark Your Calendars:

PAC Meet and Greet on Friday September 12 at 8:30 am on the Basketball Court (Free Coffee will be available for parents. Come by and say hello to our PAC)

PAC meeting WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th at 2:45 pm in Room 8

***Babysitting available.

Volunteer Call Out:

*volunteers can be any family member, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, household members.

Please email us whiterockpac@gmail.com

What kind of time do you have to spare?

Fundraiser Lunch Volunteers: Please sign up in [Munchalunch](#).

Ways you can help

- Organize the alphabetical letters for the outside sign (can be taken home overnight).
- Change the sign- short notice request.
- Help PAC with communication posts – ex: facebook, instagram
- Attend a PAC meeting: PAC meetings are a 1 hour commitment.
- Attend an online district PAC meeting and summarize notes for PAC
- Buy "PAC snacks" for sports day or fundraiser lunches from PAC fun
- Create a PAC newsletter
- Review and improve the coin drive information for parents (February)
- Help with Babysitting /Stay Safe course 1 hour shifts
- Help distribute hot lunch (Thursdays from 11-12:30; sign up in Munchalunch
- Help with Halloween Dance and cake silent auction
- Be the Grade 7 rep /PAC contact (spring 2026. From February- June)
- Winter fundraiser (2 parents Nov-Dec)
- COIN DRIVE. Count the money collected - daytime school hours (2 parents, Spring 2026)
- YEARBOOK- Compile a school yearbook with Mountain West Studios and student leadership (January 2026 start. Work spread over 2-3 months) - ideal for 2 individuals, gr 7 parents)

PAC Hot Lunch Information - Munchalunch.com...

HOT LUNCH PAC FUNDRAISER



The PAC is excited to offer Hot Lunch once again on Thursdays each week. We have also added a once a month Hot Dog Day which will be on the last Friday of the month. The Hot Lunch Fundraiser is OPTIONAL.

Hot Lunch ordering OPENS Monday, September 15 for the Fall term.

Lunch is ordered in 3 Terms (Fall, Winter, Spring)

Lunch begins on **Thursday, September 25** and the last Hot Lunch for this term is **Thursday, December 18.**

If you wish your child to have Hot Lunch on Thursday September 26, you must order and pay by Thursday September 18.

The PAC is going to try something new as a pilot through this Fall term. Ordering will remain open for the duration of the term. Kindly ensure payment is made immediately after placing your lunch order. If we do not receive payment one week prior (Wednesday prior at 11:59pm) to the date you have ordered, your child will not receive their lunch. We recommend placing your hot lunch order as soon as it opens for the entire term if possible.

Payment Options are through credit card or etransfer:

*to etransfer-choose the cheque option in Munchalunch

Send the etransfer to whiterockpac@gmail.com (no password needed)

Please write your child's name and Munchalunch order # in the comments section

Munchalunch.com

You will need to set up an account and register your child(ren) if you have not used the platform already. **You will need to use your child's teacher and division to register.**

Families returning to Munchalunch, please remember to update teacher and division information. <https://munchalunch.com/register>

Additional information:

Hot Lunch is a **PAC fundraiser run by volunteers**. Please let us know if you are able to help. There is a spot in Munchalunch to indicate interest in volunteering.

There are no refunds for missed Hot Lunch Days. If your child is absent you can make arrangements with their teacher, come and pick up the lunch, or arrange with another child to bring home. Or, pick up the next day. Any lunches which are not picked up will be donated to a local organization.

If you have mistakenly overpaid, PAC will refund amounts over \$5.00, otherwise PAC will use as a donation.

Thank you for supporting PAC and the Fundraising Lunch Program.

Cell Phone Policy

1. The Ministry and District have implemented new Cell Phone Policies for schools. All cell phones should be away in back packs or in locked teacher's cupboards through the school day unless in direct supervision of the teacher for educational reasons.
2. Phones may not be taken out at Recess and Lunch or used in the bathrooms. Students can definitely communicate with parents before and after school. You can always contact the office for urgent matters.
3. Phones should never be used to take photos or videos of other children without consent. Many parents have no media consent policies where they do not want their child to be photographed.
4. In addition, students should never post photos of others on social media sites without consent. Any posts where consent is given should be appropriate. We suggest you monitor your child's posts and chat group content. We have had to deal with negative comments in chat groups in the past.
5. **Teachers have also noticed that smart watches are also becoming a distraction. If students are using the watches for gaming and chatting with others, they will be asked to put them away.**
6. **Please review this with your children. If phones are misused, they will be taken away and we will ask parents to pick up the phones at the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding.**

Hallway Protocol



Please refrain from cutting from the front of the school to get to the back through the middle doors and vice versa. We want to ensure the safety of the students. Please go around the outside of the building to the back or front of the school. We will also be having an assembly soon to go over this with the students.

Class Organization

Placement of students is done with a very thoughtful approach with multiple staff members giving input. Placements can be made due to a variety of reasons including:

- Student Population and Composition
- Gender equality in classrooms
- Academic, social, emotional strengths/needs
- Behavioural considerations, friendships
- Students who work well as learning partners
- Teacher and Ministry contractual guidelines
- Previous student conflicts
- Class and group dynamics
- Compatibility with staff and leadership potential, parent program request

Combined-grade classes are created in response to class size and composition regulations. When one grade level has a higher population than another, or when we need to distribute students requiring more intensive support, we place students across different grade levels. Combined classes offer many benefits for students, such as:

- Opportunities for peer mentoring, where older students can help younger ones, fostering leadership and collaboration
- Development of greater independence and responsibility as students work at their own pace
- Exposure to a wider range of perspectives, ideas, and abilities, which promotes social and emotional growth
- Flexible learning environments that allow teachers to tailor lessons to meet the diverse needs of students across multiple grade levels
- Enhanced opportunities for personalized learning, where students of different grades can benefit from differentiated instruction

Our teachers are experts at teaching all children including combined grades. While most children are excited about being in a new class, some may feel anxious about their placement. This is natural, and in our experience, students typically adjust within the first few days. If your child is feeling uneasy, please reassure them that it's normal to feel nervous in new situations, and soon their new classroom will feel like home. **We will not be making switches once classes are officially formed.**

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!!

****Tuesday, September 16****

Please read all the information below so that you and your child are fully prepared for this awesome day! We also have much more information that we highly recommend you read shown on our website

<https://darbyphotos.com/tips-for-successful-portrait-session/>

We want your child to relax and be themselves on photo day. Our professional, patient photographers will capture the best portrait possible - this is what we do!

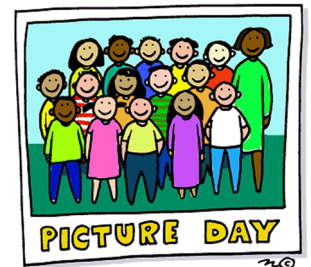


THEIR OUTFIT

Remember, it's all about your child, NOT just their outfit. So, let's keep it simple and avoid flashy slogans, logos, and crazy patterns. Keep it cool and casual! Don't force them into something they are uncomfortable in. Include your children in the selection process for their outfit, you will thank yourself later when you see the results!

Happy kid = Great Expressions every time!

If there is something you want them to wear, make sure they know that too! A note to their teacher is always a good idea as well. Our photographers don't know whether the hoodie should be on or off, so make sure your child or their teacher gets these details ready ahead of their photo.



Tuesday, November 4



RETAKES

Darby Photos has a new retake session procedure, designed to ensure every student who needs a portrait on retake day gets one.

- Students can only attend a retake session for one of two reasons:
- They missed the main picture day, and did not get portraits taken

The request for a retake is made by the students family through their online gallery

Darby Photos system produces a list of students that did not get portraits completed on the original photo day, so if your child does not attend the main day then they will be called down on retake day automatically. There is no need to notify your school or Darby Photos.

If your child attended the main photo day but you wish to have retakes done, the request must be made through their online gallery prior to the due date listed on your proof. There will be a physical printed proof that goes home explaining how to view the gallery and make this request. Our system then compiles a list of all of these requests.

Only students that are on our list will be invited down during the retake session to streamline the experience. You will not be able to add your child to the list by contacting your school or Darby Photos, the only way to have them added is through the online gallery retake request function.

Please note that if your child attends the retake session, any original images that were taken on the main photo day will no longer be accessible.



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School Lunch Program 2025-26



Feeding Futures Newsletter

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About Feeding Futures

Feeding Futures, with the support of our donors and partners, provides balanced, nutritious and wholesome meals to over **70 elementary** and **30 secondary** schools and programs around the Surrey District; providing over **4,500 lunches and 1,700 breakfasts each day**.

Feeding Futures is rapidly expanding our meal programs to reach our goals of feeding lunches to **8,300 students** by the end of 2026-27.

Lunch Program Info.

The Elementary Lunch Program, offered by *Feeding Futures*, includes a rotating menu with 3-days **Hot** and 2-days **Cold meals** each week. Elementary lunches are prepared off-site by *Chartwells*.

Each lunch includes an entrée only. No snacks, drinks or desserts are provided.

The program includes a **regular** menu (Beef, Chicken, Turkey, Fish, but **NO Pork**), and a **vegetarian/Halal-friendly** menu (includes Eggs).

The menus are posted monthly on: -

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/184177/hot-cold-lunch-program-compass>

Cutoff for the 1st meal order of the year is Sept 5, by 3pm. The 1st lunch meal will start Sept 10, 2025. Ongoing meals must be ordered by Wed (the week prior) by 3pm.



Scan to Order

Allergies/Restrictions

Elementary lunches do not include **Pork, gelatin, rennet or nuts** (although lunches are **NOT** made in a **nut-free facility**). *Feeding Futures* always collects information on student allergies and food restrictions; however, we are unable to accommodate all food allergies and restrictions.

Signing up for Lunch

Register online to participate in the Lunch Program: -

1. Visit **Chartwells website** or scan the **QR code**, <https://www.chartwellsk12.ca/>
2. Select the **Province** and enter the **school**.
3. On the new webpage, click **Order on App8**.
4. Click to **Sign Up** on the top right corner of screen. Create a **password** and add **details**.
5. After registration, **Add a payment method** and **Student profiles**.
6. Next, **begin ordering meals biweekly**. The meal ordering cutoff is **Wed (the week prior) by 3pm**.
7. After selecting the meals for your child(ren), proceed to **Checkout** to complete the order.

The **cost of each meal** is **\$4.00**. However, we want every child who may need a lunch to receive one. If you cannot cover the cost, simply contact the **school principal** and the no-cost meals will be arranged quickly and easily.

For any questions, contact **Feeding Futures** at food@surreyschools.ca or call (604) 595-5300

Please note, students are advised **NOT** to take **leftover meals home** due to **food safety** concerns.

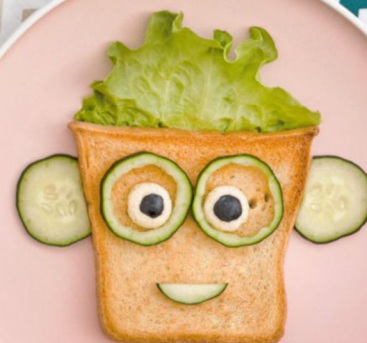


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