

White Rock Elementary School

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December News!

I can't believe we are only a few weeks away from the winter break. We still have a busy month with field trips, an entrepreneur fair, winter concerts and report cards. We would like to thank our parent community for all their support. With your help, we have been able to provide many amazing learning opportunities for our students.



Jas Atwal



Canned Food & Toy Drive



Our Student Leadership Group is hosting a canned food and toy drive to support the Christmas Bureau, Sources, the Surrey Food Bank and families in our area that we are helping with hampers.

The students have a goal of collecting 200 new toys / games and 300 canned food and non perishable food items. The student leadership group is also open to cash donations that they can use to buy toys. You may donate through the school cash online system. Toys, food and cash will be collected until December 18.

Families have the option of dropping off toy donations at the evening concerts as well. Our leadership team will be advertising this collection in classes and hope to gain support for these organizations at a needy time of year. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Toy and Food Collection
- ◆ Entrepreneur Fair
- ◆ Winter Concerts
- ◆ Report Cards
- ◆ Winter Break



Winter Concerts December 17 and 18...

We will be having two winter concerts this year for families to enjoy. Half of our Music classes will be performing on Tuesday, December 17 and the other half will be performing on Wednesday, December 18th. Both concerts will take place in the gym at 6 pm. Our Kindergartens and Grade 1's that performed on December 2nd will not be performing again on these days.

Due to fire regulations, we are only able to host 2 people from each family and children that they must bring with them if they do not have a babysitter.

Students that are performing will need to be dropped off at the school for their performances by 5:45 pm with the concert starting at 6 pm sharp. We anticipate that the concert will go until 7:00 pm. Please plan to walk if possible as parking is limited.

Please pay close attention to the classes performing on each day:

The Choir will be singing on both December 17 and 18 at 6 pm. Please wear black pants and a white shirt.



Our Fine Arts Classes will be performing on Tuesday, December 17 at 6 pm in the gym. Divisions 5, 9, 12, 17, 18, 21 (Rodgers-Macdonald, Rudd, Cuthbertson, Yee, McKillop, Bentley) will be performing.

Our Band Students will be performing on Wednesday December 18 at 6 pm.

Our Neighbourhood Program classes will be performing on Wednesday, December 18 at 6 pm. Divisions 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 (Ottewell, Smith, Vosloh, Skalinski, Swenson, Tice, Duncan)

Young Entrepreneur Fair



A few of our classes will be hosting a Young Entrepreneur Fair where they will be selling items that they have made. Students at the school will have an opportunity to purchase the items on Thursday, December 12 from 9-11:40 am. It is an amazing opportunity for our students to learn about the small business process from purchasing items they need to make, putting in the time to make the products, advertising the items, selling the items and then doing the accounting to figure out profits or losses. Please send your child with money on December 12 so they can purchase items.

Fine Arts Kindergarten Registration

Any 2025-2026 new kindergarten students that have siblings already in the Fine Arts Program have priority registration for the Fine Arts Program. The registration is now open and closes on January 10, 2025. If you have a kindergarten registration with a sibling in the fine arts program, please email Thompson_s@surreyschools.ca and you will be sent the registration link.

Lost and Found

We have put out our lost and found clothing in the hallways for our students to pick up. If you notice your child has sweaters, hoodies or jackets missing, ask them to check for the items at school or come by to look in the hallway before or after school. Please come by and check in at the office first.

Unclaimed items will be donated to those in need in the next few weeks.



Kindergarten Registration

New Kindergarten student registration for our neighbourhood and fine arts program will be taking place soon. The Kindergarten registration for the neighbourhood program will take place on Monday, January 13. A lottery system for the Fine Arts program will take place for new kindergartens interested in this program.

Applications for the Fine Arts K program open on January 27th and closes on February 14. All Kindergartens need to be registered first before getting into the Kindergarten Fine Arts Lottery.

Scooters and Bikes

We are happy to see so many of our students riding their bikes or scooters to school. This is a reminder that all bikes and scooters are to be walked once students are on the school ground to avoid any injuries. We have had some close calls recently. We also strongly encourage students to wear helmets if they are riding to school.



Report Cards

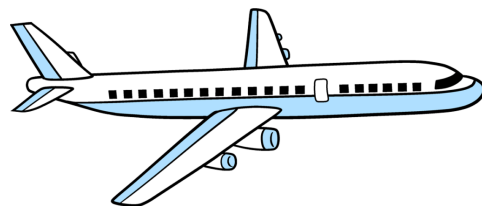
Reports will again follow two different formats this year. Your child will bring home a Communicating Student Learning Report card (CSL Template) or you will be asked to look at the your child's learning through the online Spaces platform. Your teachers will communicate with you the style of reporting they will be using. We look forward to showing you your child's progress on December 20th. If you have any question, about this or how your child is doing, please reach out to your child's teacher.

After School Play

This is a reminder that our staff supervision on the playground ends at 2:43 pm. As the days are getting darker, we are worried about students not getting picked up after the bell. Please make sure your child is picked up or makes contact with you as soon as they arrive home if they are walking. Playdates should be pre-arranged and not done at the school so there is no confusion one where children may be.

Traveling During the School Year

This is a reminder that there are procedures in place for students who travel during the school year. If you are traveling and missing more than 25 school days, you may lose your class placement if there is a wait list of students trying to register. There is an extended absence form that needs to be filled out if you are going to be traveling beyond 25 days. Please contact the office if you have any questions about this.



Weather Update

The weather is going to be unpredictable for the next few months. Please check the weather in the morning and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. Please be careful when walking to school as the ground may be wet, icy and slippery. If you are dropping off or picking up your child please follow Safe Drop Off guidelines. Have a waiting spot for picking up your child.



Mark Your Calendar



Dec. 5	Toy and Canned Food Drive Starts
Dec. 10	Mixed Nuts (Fine Arts Trip)
Dec. 12	Entrepreneur Fair (Bring Money)
Dec. 12	Hot Lunch-Fuel Catering
Dec. 13	Tropical Spirit Day
Dec. 17	Winter Concert 6 pm
Dec. 18	Winter Concert 6 pm
Dec. 18	Toy and Canned Food Drive Ends
Dec. 19	Hot Lunch - Cobs
Dec. 20	Reports Out/Accessible Online
Dec. 20	Last Day Before Winter Break
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Dec. 26	Boxing Day
Dec. 25-Jan. 2	Hanukkah
Dec. 26-Jan. 1	Kwanzaa
Jan. 1	Happy New Year
Jan. 6	First Day Back from Winter Break
Jan. 13	Kindergarten Registration
Jan. 15	Black Excellence Day
Jan. 20	PJ and DEAR Day
Jan. 24	Grade 7 Bonding Night
Jan. 29	Lunar New Year

Sick Students

When to Keep Your Sick Child Home

For the protection of your child, as well as other children, keep your child home if he/she:

- Has a fever, cough, runny nose, cold symptoms
- Is too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Has a suspected or known communicable disease (ie. strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, or any other undiagnosed rash).



Keep them home until they are no longer infectious. Please let the school know your child's symptoms.

For further information call your local health unit.

A Message From Your School Nurse.

www.fraserhealth.ca

Late Arrival of Students

At times, students arrive late to school. If your child arrives to school after 8:35 please ensure they come report to the office.

Recently a lot of children have been going directly to class instead of checking in at the office, which then leads to phone calls home as attendance has already been completed and the office assumes the late child is absent.

Change of Clothes

Some students have had to call home to get a change of clothes after Recess or Lunch as they have slipped and fallen. It is a good idea to have a change of clothes at the school or in their backpack, particularly the primary students.

Volleyball Season

The boys and girls volleyball seasons have been extremely successful. The sportsmanship and teamwork were great to see. Thanks to the coaches and parent drivers for making it such a successful season.

