

White Rock Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Foam Party
- ◆ Entrepreneur Fair
- ◆ PAC Meeting June 4
- ◆ Track Meet June 5
- ◆ Games Day June 7
- ◆ Play into K June 13

June Newsletter..

Hello all,

We have several sports activities, field trips, school performances, ceremonies and year end activities that will keep us busy in June. Please check out the calendar for the dates of events coming up. Thank you all again for the support and volunteering recently. We would not be able to run our school or PAC events without your help.

Take care,

Jas Atwal

**Monster Foam Party-
May 30 4 pm-7:30 pm**



The PAC will be hosting a Monster Foam Party again this year on May 30. **This is a free PAC event for the White Rock Elementary students and their families.** <https://www.monsterfoam.ca/>

The foam is hypo-allergenic and eco-friendly. Bring your picnic blankets and camping chairs! There will be a cash-only concession selling drinks and snacks. Preordered pizzas will be available for pick up at 4:30 pm at the front entrance to the school.

These events can't happen without your help! Please sign up to volunteer at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CACAC2DA4FE3-49233487-monster#/>

Staff Changes

We congratulate **Ms. Howden** for being promoted to a principal at Hyland Elementary for September 2024. She would like to thank the students and parents for being so supportive during her time at the school. We will be receiving Sally Song as our new vice principal.

Our Music Teacher, **Ms. Woods**, will be retiring and we wish her all the best on her move to Vancouver Island.

Due to growth, we have hired 6 new staff members that will be a great fit for our school. We will announce all other staff changes at the end of June.

Young Entrepreneur Fair-May 31st ...



On May 31, some of our classes will be participating in the Young Entrepreneur's Fair where they will be learning about business, money, how to make products and how to sell products. We will be inviting students to purchase products made by our intermediate students on the 31st. Parents who wish to come by may also see how our students are doing and purchase products for themselves. Please send your child with money for the fair if they are interested in purchasing the products. There are advertisements around the school for what products are available. Products will range from \$1 - \$10.



Play into K Event...

We will be hosting one more Play into Kindergarten session held on **Thursday, June 13th from 10:30am - 11:30am**. This session will be for the students only, an opportunity for the children to get to know each other and their teachers. Drop off and pick up will be through Mrs. Nunns outside classroom door.

Please RSVP to this session, if you have not already done so, by sending an email to: whiterock@surreyschools.ca. Please include your child's name, parent or guardian name and which sessions you will be attending.

Track Meet Rescheduled

The track meet that was cancelled on May 28 due to heavy rain has been rescheduled to June 5. New permission forms will be handed out this week. Jerseys and track shoes will be collected after the last track meet.



PAC AGM Meeting June 4 at White Rock Elementary...

We warmly invite you to our upcoming AGM meeting on:

TUESDAY, JUNE 4th at 6 pm at White Rock Elementary

In addition to our regular agenda, it is also a time where we seek nominations and elect new members to join the executive team.

- Parent participation positively contributes to our school community.
- Become familiar with the operations of the school and the PAC.
- No minimum commitment, just give whatever you are able.
- Meet other parents, join the fun!

If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to get involved, please send a short message by June 3rd regarding a nomination of another parent or yourself to our email whiterockpac@gmail.com.

We hope to see you at the meeting!

GAMES DAY - Friday, June 7 2024...

White Rock Waves

Games DAY SCHEDULE

Friday, June 7, 2023

Our **Games** Day colours are

Red

Blue

Green

Yellow

Games Day will be taking place on Friday, June 7. The students will be running through several fun game stations in their colour teams. Teachers will be making sure students know what team colour they are in. Please have your child dress in the team colours. There will be a PAC concession available during lunch on this day.

Parents are welcome to attend the Sports Day for the outdoor activities.

Games Day Schedule

- 8:15
 - o Grade 7 students at school preparing stations.
- 8:30
 - o Kids in classes getting prepped by teachers. Go through shape of the day, and how they will rotate through the stations.
- 9:00
 - o Station rotations begin. Classes need to be at their first station ready to compete.
- 10:15 – 10:30
 - o Recess: Students have a snack, take a break. Grass field is off limits.
- 10:40
 - o Station rotations continue. Classes need to be at their next station ready to compete.
- 11:45
 - o Lunch: Students can play outside (grass field is off limits), and then have lunch inside at 12:05.
 - o Grade 7 students to bring all equipment back to the gym and clean up their station before they have lunch.
- 12:30
 - o Kids in classes getting prepped by teachers.
- 12:45
 - o All students meet on the grass field slope (west side) in their colour groups under their colour banners.
 - 'We got the spirit' colour cheers.
 - Preschool and primary grades have one running race each, two colours at a time.
 - Intermediate grades have one tug o war each on the 4-way ropes.
 - Grade 7's vs staff & parents tug o war on the 2-way rope.
- 2:00
 - o All students back to classes for cool down time. Grade 7 students in the gym to clean up all equipment that was dumped there.
- 2:30
 - o Students Dismissed for the day.

Upcoming Calendar...

****Some event dates may be added to this calendar as** classes plan year end trips**

May 30	Monster Foam Party 4 pm - 7:00 pm
May 31	Young Entrepreneur Fair
June 4	PAC AGM Meeting 6 pm
June 4	Swimming Div. 15
June 4	HUB Cycling Div. 8 and 9
June 5	Track Meet (Rescheduled from May 28)
June 7	Games Day
June 10	All Library Books Back
June 12-14	Grade 7's to Camp
June 13	Play Into K - 10:30 am
June 17	Div. 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 Swimming
June 19	Div. 1-5 to White Rock Beach
June 19	Rainbow Day- Wear Rainbow Colours
June 20	Div. 9 and 10 to Science World
June 21	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 5 pm
June 24	Div. 1-5 Bakerview Park
June 24	Div. 14, 15 to White Rock Beach
June 25	Kindergarten Celebration 1:30 pm
June 25	Div. 8 to Grouse Grind
June 26	Div. 9-13 to White Rock Beach
June 27	Last Day of School
June 27	Early Dismissal 1:27 pm
June 27	Reports Go Home
June 28	Administrative Day (No School)

Parent Requests

We will soon be meeting with our staff to go over class organization and composition for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have any requests that you would like us to know about, please ask the office for the **Parent Request Form**. This form will help identify needs and wishes for each child. For example, it may be friendship issues, class dynamics, learning styles or teaching styles. We will do our best to accommodate reasonable requests.

School Supplies

School Supplies can be ordered through the School Start link on our school website. The lists are available for you to print if you also want to purchase your own supplies. All orders will be shipped to your home. The link to the supplies is here: [School Supply List \(surreyschools.ca\)](https://www.surreyschools.ca/school-supply-list)

These 2024-2025 school supply lists will be available on Tuesday, June 4.

School Cash Online

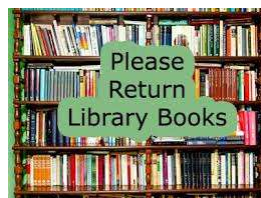
Many students / families have outstanding balances on the School Cash Online system. Please pay any outstanding balances before the end of the year.

Pilot Lunch Program

We have over 200 families that have ordered the hot meal pilot program lunches. We will be sending out a survey to see how students enjoy the food in the next few weeks. So far the students seem happy with the warm meals.

School Library Book Returns

Our school library books should be returned by June 10. Ms. Nygaard will be going over the books and will issue reminder slips to students that have not returned books after that time.



Grade 7 Ceremony

For Grade 7 Students and Immediate Family Members Only

Class of 2024

Grade 7 Celebration

on Friday, June 17th

5 pm – 8:15 pm

Gr. 7 Ceremony

Doors Open: 4:55 pm
for parents and family

at *White Rock Elementary*
(Gymnasium)

Students will need to be at the school by 4:45 pm to prepare for the entrance.

Agenda

5-6 pm-Ceremony/Speeches

6-6:30 pm-Pictures and Set up for Dance
(parents will leave at 6:30 pm)

6:30-8 pm-**Students only** Dance (with a DJ)

8-8:15 pm-Parents to pick up students

8:15 pm-Clean up and Dismissal

Thank you to the PAC for contributing to the Grade 7 Celebration. We also thank the many parents who have volunteered to set up and provide funding for food and decorations for the event.

Congratulations to all our Grade 7's

Pride Month

It is Pride Month at our school. We celebrate the diversity of all our students and staff. We ask students to be accepting of all students no matter what colour they are, languages they speak, where they were born or what religion they believe in. In this same fashion, we are asking for this same acceptance for our LGBTQ+ families. Please show respect for all students, staff and community members.

National Indigenous People's Day

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of [First Nations](#), [Inuit](#) and [Métis](#) peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples.

Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many [Indigenous peoples and communities](#) have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

Surrey is on the traditional unceded territories of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations. The city also has the largest urban First Nations population in the province.

Last week, we had First People in Residence Week where we had indigenous presenters in the school. The students learned quite a bit about indigenous history and perspectives. The presenters were very impressed with our students participation and willingness to learn.

Proposed 2024-2025 School Calendar

2024-2025 Bell Schedule

Here are the Tentative Calendar dates for 2024-2025. A more detailed list of events will be sent out in September.

Tuesday, September 3, 2024	Students Attend from 10 am – 11 am
Wednesday, September 4, 2024	Full Day Classes begin for Grades 1-7 Kindergarten -gradual entry schedule
Monday, September 27, 2024	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Monday, September 30, 2024	No School, (National Truth and Reconciliation Day)
Monday, October 14, 2024	Thanksgiving, No School
Friday, October 25, 2024	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	1:28 pm Early Dismissal, Conferences
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	1:28 pm Early Dismissal, Conferences
Friday, November 8, 2024	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Monday, November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day Stat., No School
Friday, December 20, 2024	Last Day of School before Winter Break
Monday, January 6, 2025	School Re-opens after Winter Break
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	1:28 pm Early Dismissal, Conferences
Monday, February 17, 2025	Family Day, No School
Friday, February 21, 2025	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Friday, March 14, 2025	Last day of school before Spring Break Report Cards Go Home / Posted Online
Monday, March 31, 2025	School Re-Opens after Spring Break
Friday, April 18, 2025	Good Friday, No School
Monday, April 21, 2025	Easter Monday, No School
Friday, May 2, 2025	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Monday, May 19, 2025	Victoria Day, No School
Monday, May 26, 2025	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Thursday, June 26, 2025	1:28 pm Early Dismissal, Conferences Last day of School Report Cards go home / Posted Online
Friday, June 27, 2025	School Closed; Administration Day

The Proposed Bell Schedule for the 2024 -2025 is as follows:

Morning Session:

- 8:20 am Supervision begins
- 8:30 am Welcoming Bell, **(Students line-up outside)**
- 8:35 am Classes begin
- 10:15 am Recess
- 10:30 am Classes resume

Lunch

- 11:43 am Lunch Play outside
- 12:05 am Eating Time
- 12:20 pm Welcoming Bell

Afternoon Session:

- 12:28 pm Classes resume
- 2:28 pm Dismissal
- 2:43 pm Supervision ends

Intertidal Rock Opera Play

Thank you to the family members that were able to make it to watch our Grade 2 and 4 student perform in the Intertidal Rock Opera Play. We also thank the staff, student volunteers and parents that were able to help out. Well done to all our performers.



Please note that any changes will be announced in upcoming Newsletters



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May 31, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We so appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the 2024/2025 school year, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner: Although not all teachers use the planners, we encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. Using our school planner is optional and parents may purchase their own version.

Field Studies and Field Trips: Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments: Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$5 or receiving one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt to take band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

Intensive Fine Arts

The Intensive Fine Arts program charges a \$40 dollar fee in September for students in the program to cover the cost of fine arts specific materials, cultural outings and performance props.

School Supplies:

Parents have the option of purchasing their Grade 1-7 school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as package through School Start. Payment will be made directly to School Start and the supplies will be sent directly to your home. Fees for school supplies should not exceed \$70 (with the exception of the fine arts program) Lists are available on the school website. Kindergarten teachers will purchase the kindergarten supplies for a cost of \$45.

Sincerely,

Jas Atwal
Principal