

White Rock Elementary School

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Newsletter Update
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OCTOBER and NOVEMBER UPDATE...

As we approach the end of the month, we wanted to provide you with some details of the events occurring in the next few weeks. Thank you again for your support of the school. If you have any issues, please contact the teachers or office staff and we will help you out as soon as we can.

PAC Halloween Dance...

The PAC is holding a free Halloween Dance on Tuesday, October 29 from 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm. DJ Cuzo will be here playing music.



This dance is a family event and parents or guardians must accompany their children to the dance. We do not have staff supervision for this event and are hoping families can come to enjoy this event together. There will also be a photo area, and quiet space available.

We encourage students and parents to dress in costumes for the dance however we ask that absolutely no weapons/fake weapons that go with costumes be brought to school for the dance. Please do not wear scary clown costumes or flowing blood masks. We have a wide range of ages for children attending and do not want anyone to be afraid to participate.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for pre-order only through the Munchalunch site. The ordering is now closed.

There will be a cash only concession with small snacks so please eat before coming if you have not already ordered food.



Halloween - Oct. 31...



We love seeing students in costumes at school on October 31st. Please follow the guidelines for no clown masks or blood flowing masks. Please make sure no weapons or fake weapons are brought to school as per our District policy (knives, guns, axes, hatchets, swords, etc). On October 31st we would appreciate that parents contact the RCMP if anyone is blowing off firecrackers or fireworks on our school grounds or vandalizing the school/school property.

Diwali – November. 1st...

Diwali, or Dipawali, is one of the biggest and most important holidays of the year in South Asia. The festival gets its name from the row (*avali*) of clay lamps (*deepa*) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians. Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that's also enjoyed by non-Hindu communities. For instance, in Jainism, Diwali marks the nirvana, or spiritual awakening, of Lord Mahavira on October 15, 527 B.C.; in Sikhism, it honors the day that Guru Hargobind Ji, the Sixth Sikh Guru, was freed from imprisonment. Buddhists in India celebrate Diwali as well.



We welcome students to dress up with cultural dress on this day. If you would like to dress up and do not have cultural wear, you may wear yellow that day to represent light.



Dress up in Cultural Wear or Yellow on November 1st for Diwali.



Early Dismissal Nov. 5 and Nov. 6



Photo Retakes Nov. 4

There will be Early Dismissal days on November 5th and 6th. The day will end on 1:28 pm on these two days. The Early Dismissal is meant for conferences. Your teachers will reach out to let you know how they will be running conferences. It may be student led conferences, individual meetings, drop ins or phone calls. You may receive a paper copy of the Interim during this time or it may be available on the Spaces format for those teachers doing the online reporting.

Photo retake will take place on Monday, November 4th. If you missed Photo Day or if you need retakes, please have your child at school on the 4th. The photo company will also send out a reminder with steps to take for the retakes.

Grade 6 Immunizations

Grade 6's will have immunizations on November 14. Please see the QR code if you have any questions regarding the immunizations or other Fraser Health topics.

Lost and Found Clothing

We have several articles of clothing, shoes, water bottles, and jackets that have been left outside by students since the beginning of the year. Please check in at the office and then have a look at the clothing to see if any of the items in the hall might be your child's.



Parents, guardians, students and school staff, visit our School Health resources:



fraserhealth.ca/SchoolHealth



fraserhealth.ca/ChildandYouth

PAC Purdy's Fundraiser

If you are planning to buy treats for the winter season please consider ordering through our Purdy's Fundraising page.

Ordering is now open with a deadline of **November 30th**.

To place your order please click here, <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1988454-121547> and follow the prompts. Our campaign number is **78038**.



Make sure to add your child's name and division # to the "ADD ORDER" tab when you Shop Online.

Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom the week of December 9th. Share this link with family and friends to further support the school. Your continued support with PAC fundraising allows the PAC to continue to support the school in many ways. Such items include; the Halloween Dance, subsidizing field trips, the maintenance of the seaquarium, the Foam party as well as the purchasing of new gym equipment, iPads and laptops. Thank you and happy shopping.



Remembrance Day Assembly



Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on November 7th. Due to fire regulations we are not able to accommodate every parent that may want to attend. The choir/classroom teachers will indicate if your child is performing and we will try our best to accommodate parents who may want to attend. Stay tuned for more details.

This is also a reminder that there is a pro-d day on Friday, November 8th and Remembrance Day is on Monday, November 11th. This will be a four Day Weekend for our families.

Parking at School

Please keep all parking at school in the designated parking stalls. We would appreciate if you do not park behind other cars waiting for your child. In addition, you should not be parked in the area next to the school theatre or fine arts studio. It makes it very difficult for cars to back up and exit properly. Please see the map for clarification



WRE Spirit Shirts

White Rock Elementary now has a new store where staff, students and parents can purchase Spirit Clothing with the branded White Rock Logo. As soon as your order is paid, it will be processed and shipped to the school. Orders are due by November 15, 2024

There are several colour options available beyond the ones shown on the front page. Click the option of clothing you want and then choose the colour and size options. There are youth and adult sizes.

Click (or type in your browser) below to order:

<https://whiterockspiritwearfall2024.itemorder.com>



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