

White Rock Elementary School

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April Newsletter..



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Good Friday
- ◆ Easter Monday
- ◆ Dance Festival
- ◆ Cookie Sale
- ◆ Earth Day
- ◆ Ready Set Learn

Hello all,

Welcome Back! We hope you had a relaxing Spring Break and had time for family and friends. All our students have moved into the main building and are no longer in the portables. The basketball court is paved and the final edition is close to being finished. The orange fencing will come down around the trees once we have been given the final okay from the City of White Rock. This should be happening by the end of the month. We are noticing a difference in the traffic flow now that the students are exiting the new wing rather than the portables. We will make adjustments as needed for student safety. Thank you for your ongoing patience while we work through these changes.

Take care,

Jas Atwal

PAC Meeting Tonight at 6 pm...

PAC Meeting

The PAC will be holding their next PAC Meeting on April 4th at 6 pm. We will be holding the meeting in the new wing and doing a tour for all parents in attendance. If you need babysitting, please contact the PAC and they will provide childcare during the meeting. All parents at the school can attend the PAC Meeting and have input/find out about what the PAC is planning for the year. We hope to see you there.

whiterockpac@gmail.com

Babysitting and Stay Safe Courses are returning IN- PERSON at White Rock Elementary.

This is a PAC fundraiser and runs in partnership with First Aid Hero. Classes will be held on the Non-Instructional Day Monday May 29th at White Rock Elementary.

Babysitting Course is for ages 11-15 years old. Stay Safe Course is ages 9-13 years old.

Classes will run 8:30- 3:30. Cost is \$65.

Ordering will open soon on [Munchalunch](#) and space will be limited. More details to come!

*****Munchalunch reminder: When possible, please choose the Cheque option and etransfer the funds to whiterockpac@gmail.com.

Upcoming Calendar Events...

- Apr 4 PAC Meeting at 6 pm
- Apr 7 Good Friday
- Apr 10 Easter Monday
- Apr 13 Vancouver Symphony Trip
- Apr 14 Vasaikhi (Sikh Heritage)
- Apr 18 G. 6 and 7 Classes to EMS for Shrek
- Apr 19 Dance Festival
- Apr. 20 Ramadan Ends (Eid al-Fitr begins)
- Apr. 20 Div. 9 to Burns Bog
- Apr. 21 Cookie Sale (Fundraiser)
- Apr. 22 Earth Day
- Apr. 26 Kindergarten Dental Screening
- Apr. 28 Grade 6 Immunizations
- Apr. 29 Soundwaves Choir in Whistler
- May 1 Ready Set Learn (am) (3-4 year olds)

Weather/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 not a bad idea to have a change of clothes at the school or in their backpack, particularly the primary students. Please have your child dress for the weather.



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. Please bring special lunches like Subway or McDonalds to the Office.



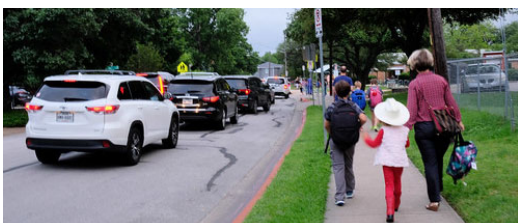
NOTICE
ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT
TO MAIN OFFICE

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 appointment if necessary.

Drop Off / Pick Up Safety

The new wing has moved 150 students to the East side of the building near Fir Street. This has created a different drop off and pick-up area for parents. We remind you to not stop in the middle of the street or parking lot for drop off or pick up. This causes congestion and also poses a huge safety concern for our student coming out of the vehicles. Always pull over and let your child out on the curb side of the street. Please do not park near the entrance or exit to the parking lot as it creates a safety concern for our pedestrians and causes stand still congestion in the parking lot.



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)

Badminton, Ultimate and Track and Field

The Grade 5-7 Badminton and Grade 6 and 7 Ultimate season are well under way. Come cheer on your White Rock Elementary Teams. Track and Field for Grade 3-7 will be starting in the next few weeks. We will have a few track mini meets in May and June where we hope to give all students participating in Track and Field a chance to compete.

Kindergarten Registration

It's time to register for KINDERGARTEN. Those children who will turn 5 before January 1, 2024 are eligible to begin school in September 2023. Registration began on Monday, January 16th and can be done through the online school District website.

To register, take pictures (to attach) or (scan and attach) the citizenship for both the parent and your child, proof of residency, and proof of guardianship. For proof of residency, we require any three of the following: purchase or rental agreement, income tax statement, property tax statement, utility bill, drivers' licence, Care Card, BC identification or a signed letter from your landlord. These can also be scanned and attached (or take pictures to attach).

It is very important to register as quickly as possible as the District bases the teacher allocation based on our enrollment. Thank you for your assistance in getting registrations in as soon as possible.

Cookie Fundraiser For Earthquake Relief

Our Student Leadership will be selling cookies for \$1 on Friday April 21st. They will be raising funds for the relief efforts for the Earthquake that recently occurred in Turkey. A cookie pre-order form will be distributed to students soon. We can also accept cash donations in the office if you choose to help beyond the cookie fundraiser. Our Student Leadership will be grateful for all your help.



Ready Set Learn-May 1 10:30 am -1 1:30 am

Dear White Rock Community,

Ready, Set, Learn is a 1-hour event designed for children ages 3 and 4 years old who will not yet be starting Kindergarten in the Fall of 2023. It will take place at White Rock Elementary on May 1, 2023 from 10:30am to 11:30am. This early learning program is part of an initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

Parents/caregivers will have a chance to accompany their child, in a variety of activities and receive helpful tips. This event will provide information to support your child's learning and development.

It is a great way for you to connect with your future school and community! For those students enrolling in Kindergarten Fall of 2023, there will be a Welcome to Kindergarten event on May 11th for our future Kindergarten students. An invitation will be sent out in April.

Upon entering White Rock Elementary, please sign in at the gym.

Please **REGISTER** your child born between 2019 and 2020 by calling White Rock Elementary at 604-531-5731 by **Monday, April 24**. This will ensure we have enough activity bags for everyone! Please note each child must be accompanied by 1 parent/guardian or adult family member.

If you know of any young families in our neighbourhood, please pass along this information.

We look forward to meeting you!

White Rock Kindergarten Team

Sikh History Month

April is designated as Sikh Heritage Month in Canada. This is an opportunity to celebrate the significant contributions that Sikhs have made to Canadian society.

Vasakhi is on April 14th which is an important day for many people around the world celebrating Sikhism. Vaisakhi is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar. Vaisakhi is a spring festival which happens on the 13 or 14 April every year. It is a day to celebrate 1699 - the year when Sikhism was born as a collective faith.

Feel free to wear orange or any Indian cultural wear on April 14.



Ramadan / Eid

This month some of our staff and student may be fasting. Muslims believe that this is the month in which God revealed the first verses of the Quran to Muhammad, who is considered the final prophet of Islam. So for 30 days, those who observe, fast from dawn to dusk. This year Fasting began on March 22 and will end on April 21. Ramadan lasts between 29 - 30 days and it always ends with the arrival of Eid al-Fitr which literally translates to 'festival of breaking the fast'. Eid al-Fitr is expected to fall on Friday, April 21, and end on the evening of April 22.

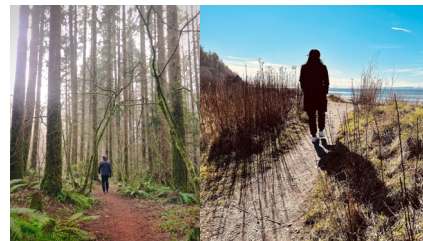
If you wish to, you may wear cultural dress on April 21.

Earth Day-Activities

Earth Day takes place on April 22nd. We recently had a schoolwide presentation on how to protect the planet through recycling and reducing waste. We also have many classes talking about responsible decisions that can impact our environment and animals. Let's all do our part to protect the world we live in.

Here are some great ways to help:

- Ride a bike instead of driving a car
- Unplug the technology for a day
- Go for a nature walk
- Go bird watching
- Clean up a park area
- Plant a tree or plants in a garden
- Go to the beach for a walk
- Reduce, reuse and recycle things at home
- Learn more about how we can protect the animals and environment



Grade 7 Graduation Parent Meeting

There is a meeting for all Grade 7 parents on April 18 at 6:30 pm in the theatre. We will be going over preparation for the Leaving Ceremony and answering questions parents may have about the event. The Grade 7 evening ceremony will take place on June 16th. Any camp questions can be asked at that time as well.

Parent Requests 2023-2024

We will soon be meeting with our staff to go over class organization and composition for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have any requests that you would like us to know about, please ask the office for the Parent Request Form.