

White Rock Elementary School

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June Newsletter..

Hello all,

We are entering the last few weeks of school. We have a busy month with Games Day, Camp, Field Trips and year end ceremonies. Please look through the newsletter for dates of events, 2023-2024 Bell and Calendar information. Thank you to families that attended the Monster Foam party and to the PAC for running such a great event.

Take care,

Jas Atwal

National Indigenous Peoples Day-June 21



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Grade 7 Camp
- ◆ PAC AGM
- ◆ Entrepreneur Fair
- ◆ Games Day
- ◆ Track Meet # 3
- ◆ Year End Ceremonies

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. Surrey will be celebrating this day with a special event at Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre located at 17728 64 Avenue. Check out the link below for event details:

[National Indigenous Peoples Day Surrey.](#)

Upcoming Calendar Events...

June is Pride Month and Indigenous History Month

May 30-June 2 Bike to School Week

June 5-7 Grade 7's to Camp Jubilee

June 6 Entrepreneur Fair (In the Gym)

June 8 PAC Meeting (AGM) 6:00 pm at WRE

June 9 Games Day / Team Colour Day

June 12-15 Firsties Production

June 13 Track Meet # 3 (9:30 - 2 pm)

June 16 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (Grad)

June 18 Father's Day

June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 27 Kindergarten Celebration

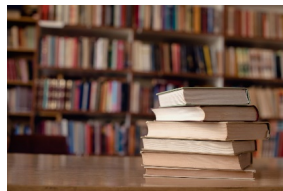
June 29 Last Day for Students

June 29 Early Dismissal (1:30 pm)

June 29 Report Cards Issued

Library Books Return Dates

All Library Books need to be returned by June 9. If students are finished reading books then they should be returned before then. Ms. Nygaard will send out reminders for students with overdue books.



School Cash Online Reminder

Please check your school cash online accounts. Several accounts still have amounts payable to the school. Without your help, we are not able to provide some of the valuable programs we have had for our students in the future.

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.

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)

Track and Field Information

Thank you to all the parents who have been able to drive students to and from the Track Meets. Our last track meet will be held on June 13. After this Track Meet, we will be collecting Jerseys and Track Shoes. Please make sure the items are brought back so we can have a successful track season the following year.



White Rock PAC News...

The PAC's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday June 8th at 6pm at White Rock Elementary.**

This will be the meeting where we nominate and elect parent executive members for the 2023/2024 school year.

The PAC needs you! All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are already members of the PAC. However, we are looking for parents who want to be more involved.

Our school PAC applies for a gaming grant that results in almost \$10,000/year of school funding. Without a PAC, we are not eligible for this funding. This year alone PAC accomplished:

- A weekly hot lunch program
- An invited artist for art programming for 8 divisions
- \$2500 in field trip funding
- Purchase of 30 iPADS to replace old technology
- \$ to cover the Grade 7 grad DJ
- \$500 for non-curriculum library content
- Teacher and EA classroom funding
- A hydration station at the upcoming games day
- A subsidized Spike Ball program for intermediate grades
 - (without PAC, it would have been \$15/student)
- A school wide Monster Foam Party and picnic for families

PAC would like to THANK the following for making the Monster FOAM party a success!

- Thank you to our school administration and staff
- Thank you to our parent volunteers
- Thank you to Boston Pizza for supplying the more than 150 pizzas ordered!
- Thank you to our own WRE Little OOTies family who made donuts and lemonade for the event
- Thank you to all the families that made time to celebrate with us!

YEARBOOKS are coming this week!

See you on **Thursday June 8th at 6pm at WRE for the AGM**

PAC Foam Party / Support

The PAC Foam party was a huge success. Thank you to the families and students for coming out to participate and for our vendors and PAC support. Students were saying that the Foam party was the best event they had ever had at White Rock. They also really enjoyed the Spike Ball program that was held recently. If you have not paid for Spike Ball, please do so as soon as possible on the School Cash Online system.



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, driver's 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.

Proposed 2023-2024 School Calendar

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Here are the Tentative Calendar dates for 2023-2024. A more detailed list of events will be sent out in September.

Tuesday, September 5, 2023	Students Attend from 10 am – 11 am
Wednesday, September 6, 2023	Full Day Classes begin for Grades 1-7 Kindergarten -gradual entry schedule
Monday, September 25, 2023	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Monday, October 2, 2023	No School, (In Lieu of October 30 National Truth and Reconciliation Day)
Monday, October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving, No School
Friday, October 20, 2023	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Wednesday, November 1, 2023	1:27 pm Early Dismissal, Conferences
Thursday, November 2, 2023	1:27 pm Early Dismissal, Conferences
Friday, November 10, 2023	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Monday, November 13, 2023	Due to Remembrance Day Stat., No School
Friday, December 22, 2023	Last Day of School before Winter Break
Monday, January 8, 2024	School Re-opens after Winter Break
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	1:27 pm Early Dismissal, Conferences
Monday, February 19, 2024	School Closed for “Family Day”
Friday, February 23, 2024	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Friday, March 15, 2024	Last day of school before Spring Break Report Cards Go Home / Posted Online
Monday, April 1, 2024	School closed for Easter Monday
Tuesday, April 2, 2024	School Re-Opens after Spring Break
Friday, May 3, 2024	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Monday, May 20, 2024	Victoria Day, No School
Monday, May 27, 2024	Non-Instructional Day, No School
Thursday, June 27, 2024	1:27 pm Early Dismissal, Conferences Last day of School Report Cards go home / Posted Online
Friday, June 28, 2024	School Closed; Administration Day

The Proposed Bell Schedule for the 2023 -2024 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

11:40 am	Lunch Play outside
12:05 am	Eating Time
12:20 pm	Welcoming Bell

Afternoon Session:

12:25 pm	Classes resume
2:27 pm	Dismissal
2:43 pm	Supervision ends

Button Fundraiser

Thank you to our White Rock community for helping raise funds and awareness for sea creatures and salmon. We raised over \$1400. Amazing work by our staff, students and parents. All money raised will be donated to the Pacific Salmon Foundation and SHaRP (Surrey’s Salmon Habitat Restoration Program).



Please note that any changes will be announced in upcoming Newsletters

White Rock Waves

Games DAY SCHEDULE

Friday, June 9, 2023

Our **Games** Day colours are

Red

Blue

Green

Yellow

Games Day will be taking place on Friday, June 9. 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 on Friday. 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.

Grade 7 Ceremony

*For Grade 7 Students and
Immediate Family Members Only*

Class of 2023

Grade 7 Celebration

on Friday, June 16th

5 pm – 8:30 pm

Gr. 7 Ceremony

Doors Open: 5:00 pm

for parents

*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. LGBTQ+ **pride** is the promotion of the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people as a social group.

Pride, as opposed to shame and social stigma, is what we are promoting. Unfortunately, we continue to see negative comments in the world about this social group. Please show respect for all of humanity by supporting Pride month.



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.

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: [WRE Supplies Lists 2023 2024](#)



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May 31, 2023

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 2023/2024 school year, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner: 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. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent 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 \$65 (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 \$40.

Sincerely,

Jas Atwal
Principal