

# White Rock Elementary School

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## May Newsletter...

Hello all,

The year is progressing quickly and with only a few months remaining we look forward to seeing you at our year-end events. This is a reminder to drive safely around the school. If your child is ill, please keep them home until they feel better.

Take care,

Jas Atwal

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## White Rock Elementary PAC News...

### PAC Meeting

The White Rock Parent Advisory Council will be holding their next **PAC Meeting on May 9 at 8:35 am**. 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](mailto:whiterockpac@gmail.com)

### **The WRE PAC is holding a Monster Foam Party!**

**Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 25 4:30-7:30!**

(See [www.monsterfoam.ca](http://www.monsterfoam.ca) for more information.)

This is an event for all WRE students and their families.

Parents/guardians must attend with their children as there will be no supervision.

There will be food (likely pizza) that can be preordered on Munchalunch and a **limited** concession available the day of the event.  
**Cash only!**

If you are available to help out with this event, please contact us at [whiterockpac@gmail.com](mailto:whiterockpac@gmail.com)

More information coming soon!

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Pro-D Day May 5
- ◆ Welcome to K
- ◆ Class Photos
- ◆ Victoria Day
- ◆ PAC Foam Party
- ◆ Track Meet # 2

## Upcoming Calendar Events...

- May 5 Professional Development Day (No School)**
- May 8 Staff vs Student Badminton Game
- May 9 PAC Meeting 8:35 am (Right after Drop Off)
- May 10 Fine Arts K-4 Trip to Granville Island
- May 11 Welcome to Kindergarten (3:30 pm)
- May 11 Class Photo Day
- May 14 Mothers Day
- May 17 Fine Arts Grade 5-7 to Granville Island
- May 22 Victoria Day (No School)**
- May 25 Bike to School Week
- May 25 PAC Foam Party (4:30-7:00 pm)
- May 31 Track Meet # 2 (9:30 am – 2 pm)
- June 5-7 Grade 7's to Camp Jubilee
- June 9 Games Day / Sports Day
- June 13 Track Meet # 3 (9:30 2 pm)
- June 16 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (Grad)
- June 18 Fathers Day
- June 21 Indigenous Peoples Pay
- June 27 Kindergarten Celebration
- June 29 Last Day for Students
- June 29 Early Dismissal (1:30 pm)**
- June 29 Report Cards Issued

## 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)**

## Badminton, Ultimate and Track and Field



This week has been busy for our student athletes. We had Grade 6 and Grade 7 final Play Day Tournaments. We also had our Ultimate Playday tournament on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also had our first Track Meet on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We thank the many drivers that volunteered for the different events. The students have competed so well at all the events. The coaches were so impressed with their improvement over the seasons and excitement about competing. We look forward to our athletes competing in the next two Track Meets.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## PAC FOAM PARTY

The PAC will be hosting a Foam Party on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm on the school grounds. This is a family event and we ask that all students that are attending have a parent or guardian with them. There will be pizza, and donut vendors on site. We hope that you can make it to the event. The PAC will send out more



## Welcome to Kindergarten-May 11 at 3:30 pm-4:15 pm

Dear White Rock Community,

**Welcome to Kindergarten** is a 45 minute event designed for children ages 4 and 5 years old who will be starting Kindergarten in the Fall of 2023. It will take place at White Rock Elementary on May 11, 2023 from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm.

Parents/caregivers will have a chance to visit the kindergarten rooms and 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.

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

If your child is planning on attending Kindergarten this fall and you have not registered, please contact the office as soon as possible.

With the new addition being opened, we are now able to register students beyond our school catchment boundaries. If you know of students wishing to go to school at White Rock that are outside of our neighbourhood, they can be added to our wait list for September.

We look forward to meeting you!

White Rock Kindergarten Team

## Asian History Month

May is officially recognized as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. Asian Heritage Month offers us an opportunity to learn more about the history of Canadians of Asian heritage and to recognize the struggles and challenges faced by Canadians of Asian descent, including racism, discrimination, and xenophobia. It is also an opportunity to celebrate their diverse contributions to our society. The following link from UBC provides some additional information:

<https://redi.med.ubc.ca/asian-heritage-month-2023/#:~:text=May%20is%20officially%20recognized%20as,racism%2C%20discrimination%2C%20and%20xenophobia.>



## Class and Team Photos

Class and Team photos will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> during the school day. Please have your child dress appropriately for the pictures and ensure they are at school that day. We will be starting our class pictures with the kindergartens and then move down our Division list in reverse order ending with our Grade 7's. Team and School Club pictures will also be taken this day.



## Student Wellness Survey

Dear parents and guardians,

**We would like to invite you to participate in our [districtwide consultation](#) on student wellness and safety.**

We hope you can participate and share your views by completing the online consultation survey, which includes questions on important topics including the mental health impacts of the pandemic, school safety, bullying and vaping.

This consultation is intended only for parents and guardians of students registered in the Surrey School District, and consists of a short online survey that is available in multiple languages, including [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Hindi](#), [Punjabi](#), [Spanish](#) and [Tagalog](#).

All responses are anonymous, and the survey will only take 5 to 10 minutes of your time to complete. Your feedback is important to us and will support our district in ensuring our programs and services are responsive to the needs of our community.

**This survey will close at midnight on May 17, 2023.** If you have any trouble completing the survey, please contact [comm-office@surreyschools.ca](mailto:comm-office@surreyschools.ca).

Thank you for your continued support.

## Spike Ball Guys

Thank you to the PAC for helping to pay for the Spike Ball Guys. Some of our classes will have an opportunity to learn about Spike Ball and play it with their classmates.



## 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.