

# White Rock Elementary School

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## November News!

Thank you to our PAC and parent helpers for organizing such a great Halloween Family Dance in October. We thank the many parents that have volunteered to take students to field trips. It was nice seeing many parents at the conferences last week. We look forward to seeing you at future events. Please remember to dress your children for the weather.

Jas Atwal

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## Non-Instructional Days / Holidays and Early Dismissal

The school will not be in session on November 10<sup>th</sup> for a Professional Development Day and November 13<sup>th</sup> as Remembrance Day falls on Saturday. This year, our Winter Break takes place from December 23-January 5. Our first day back from the Winter Break is Monday, January 8, 2024. Please mark this down in your calendars.

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Remembrance Day Assembly
- ◆ Pro-D Day Nov. 10
- ◆ Remembrance Day Nov. 11
- ◆ No School Nov. 13
- ◆ Diwali Nov. 14

## Traffic and Safety



During pick up and drop off times, we worry about student safety. Please do not park in the circling pick up area as it blocks the flow of traffic. Please drive slowly to help keep our students safe. We ask that you use the crosswalks to cross the street. The crossing guards are no on patrol and are helping to make sure students cross safely. Thank you following the slow down and stop procedures at the cross walk. Please do not block the driveways to double park behind cars Do not stop in the crosswalk to let students to as it is a safety concern.

## Remembrance Day Assembly...

Our **Remembrance Day Assembly** will be taking place on **Thursday, November 9 from 10:40 am-11:40 am**. This year's, assembly will showcase some student performers, class performers and MC's.

[This year, with our school population growing so much and for us to follow the Fire regulations, we can only accommodate one family member of each child performing.](#)



Money will be collected for the poppies from November 6-14<sup>th</sup>. Your coin donation will be donated to the Royal Canadian Legion who provide us with the poppies. Please hand your money to your child's teacher. You may also donate online on School Cash Online.

If you are a Veteran or part of the Scouts or Cadets, please contact the office. We would love to see an honor guard as part of our special assembly.

### Indigenous Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 8, 2023

National Indigenous Veterans Day is an important day of remembrance that honours the contributions of First Nations, Métis and Inuit people who participated in Canada's military efforts. Thousands of Indigenous Peoples served in the First World War, Second World War, the Korean War, and more recent conflicts.

## Diwali - November 12 and 14

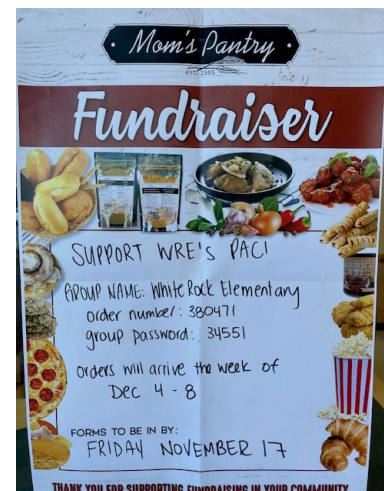
Diwali is celebrated by many cultures across the world. Diwali falls on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> this year in Canada. Our school will celebrate Diwali on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to wear cultural dress that day or you may wear vibrant colours. Diwali is often known as the Festival of Light where candles are burned. Your child may bring a Diya home.



## PAC Meeting and Mom's Pantry

Our next Parent Advisory Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 8 at 6 pm. Babysitting will be available if you need to bring your children. This will be an opportunity to find out what the PAC is planning for future events and how you can help support the school. We hope to see you there.

The Mom's Pantry fundraiser is open until November 17. If you are interested in items please order with the Group Name: White Rock Elementary, Order Number 380471, and Group Password: 34551. Orders will arrive in early December.



## Weather Update

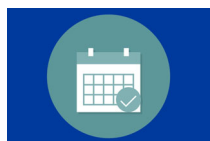
The weather is going to be unpredictable for the next few months. Please check the weather in the morning and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. Please be careful when walking to school as the ground may be wet, icy and slippery. If you are dropping off or picking up your child please follow Safe Drop Off guidelines. Have a waiting spot for picking up your child.



## 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 a good idea to have a change of clothes at the school or in their backpack, particularly the primary students.

## Mark Your Calendar



Nov. 9- Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:40 am  
 Nov. 10- No School (Non-Instructional Day)  
 Nov. 13- No School (Remembrance Day)  
 Nov. 14- Diwali (Cultural Dress or Vibrant Colours)  
 Nov. 30- Boys Volleyball Playday  
 Dec. 1- Girls Volleyball Playday  
 Dec. 4- Kindergarten and Band Concert 6 pm  
 Dec. 6 & 7-Christmas Concert (Times TBA)  
 Dec. 14- Choir to Care Home  
 Dec. 15- Christmas Sing Along  
 Dec. 22- Last Day of School before Winter Break  
 Jan. 8- First Day Back from Winter Break

## Sick Students

### When to Keep Your Sick Child Home

For the protection of your child, as well as other children, keep your child home if he/she:

- Has a fever, cough, runny nose, cold symptoms
- Is too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Has a suspected or known communicable disease (ie. strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, or any other undiagnosed rash).



Keep them home until they are no longer infectious. Please let the school know your child's symptoms.

For further information call your local health unit.

**A Message From Your School Nurse.**

[www.fraserhealth.ca](http://www.fraserhealth.ca)

## Late Arrival of Students

At times, students arrive late to school. If your child arrives to school after 8:35 please ensure they come report to the office.

Recently a lot of children have been going directly to class instead of checking in at the office, which then leads to phone calls home as attendance has already been completed and the office assumes the late child is absent.

## Volleyball Teams

Our Boys and Girls volleyball teams have been competing in inter-league play. They have their final tournaments at White Rock on November 30 for boys and December 1<sup>st</sup> for girls. The coaches have been very impressed with the sportsmanship and quality of play.

