

White Rock Elementary School

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February Newsletter...

Hello all,

We are moving into Interim week and have Early Dismissal at 1:27 pm on Wednesday, February 7. The students are working hard to meet their goals academically, socially and emotionally. We thank the many parents that have been able to volunteer at the school. We'd also like to thank you for your support of the Jump Rope for Heart initiative. Don't forget to show your school spirit by wearing red on February 14, black on February 16 and pink on February 22. Thanks again for all your support.

Take care,

Jas Atwal
Principal

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Kindergarten Registration...

It's time to register for KINDERGARTEN. Those children who will turn 5 before January 1, 2025 are eligible to begin school in September 2024. Registration began on Monday, January 15th 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.

Please refer to the following link for the choice fine arts lottery:
<https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/987/kindergarten-choice-lottery>

All students entering Kindergarten need to register with their own catchment school and then register for the lottery program from January 29-February 16 if they are interested.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Kindergarten Registration
- ◆ Early Dismissal
- ◆ Lunar New Year
- ◆ Black History Month
- ◆ Valentines Day
- ◆ Pink Shirt Day
- ◆ Kindness Week

Upcoming Calendar Events...

- Feb 7 Early Dismissal 1:27 pm
- Feb 9 Lunar New Year (Wear Red at School)
- Feb 14 Hot Lunch-F.U.E.L. Catering
- Feb 14 Valentines Day (Wear Red, Pink, White)
- Feb. 15 Hot Lunch-Kesari
- Feb. 16 Black History Month (Wear Black)
- Feb 19 Family Day Holiday (No School)
- Feb 23 Non-Instructional Day (No School)
- Feb. 22 Hot Lunch-Fresh Slice/Booster Juice
- Feb 26-29 Kindness Week
- Feb 28 PAC Meeting 2:45 pm
- Feb 28 Pink Shirt Day (Wear Pink)
- Feb. 29 Hot Lunch-Boston Pizza
- Mar. 1 Grade 4-7 Science Fair
(March is Irish Heritage Month in Canada)
- Mar. 7 Hot Lunch-Hillcrest Bakery
- Mar 8 International Women's Day
- Mar 10 Ramadan Begins
- Mar 15 Report Cards Go Home
- Mar 15 Last Day Before Spring Break
- Mar 18-29 Spring Break (No School)
- Mar 29 Good Friday (No School)
- Apr 1 Easter Monday (No School)
- Apr 2 First Day Back (From Spring Break)

Black History Month

February is Black History Month in Canada. During this time, Canadians celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous country. A periodic table of Black Canadians has been posted for our students to study throughout the month. We ask you to wear Black on February 16 to support Black History Month.



Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year takes place on February 10 this year. It is the festival that celebrates the beginning of the new year on the Chinese calendar and is commonly referred to as the Spring Festival. In Chinese culture, animals represent their different zodiac signs. This year is the Year of the Dragon. The Dragon symbolizes good fortune, wisdom and success in the Chinese Culture. **You may wear traditional clothing or red on February 9th to show your school spirit.**



Valentines Day- Feb. 14th

Valentines Day takes place on February 14th. Please feel free to wear White Pink or Red on this day to support love and care in this world.



Pink Shirt Day / Anti-Bully Day

Pink Shirt Day is February 28, 2024. Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when a student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. It has since been recognized annually worldwide as a day to stand against bullying. Pink Shirt Day aims to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting workplaces, communities and schools to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive of all people. While all people can be the target of bullying, some groups or individuals experience more bullying than others. Please encourage your children to be accepting of all people regardless of their beliefs, race, skin colour or identity. You are encouraged to wear pink on Anti Bully Day.



PAC Meeting-Feb. 28th

The PAC will be holding their next PAC Meeting on February 28 at 2:45 pm. 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

The PAC will be holding a concession on Hot Lunch days if students are interested. With kindness and friendship being a focus this month, the PAC is selling a few candy bags where students can purchase a bag and give one to a friend.



Drop off and Pick Up Safety Policy...

Please drive slowly at drop off and pick up times. The parking lot beyond the rainbow crosswalk is for staff only. Please do not park in the drop off only zones as it creates a safety concern for pedestrians. Back up into visitor spots if possible so you can see pedestrians when you leave. Traffic gets heavy at pick and drop off times. Please walk if possible and teach your children to watch both ways before crossing.

Kindness Focus / Week

Kindness Weeks will take place between February 26-29. We will be asking students to do Random Acts of Kindness during this time. We will have a colouring contest and, hand out several Kindness Rocks tickets during the week. Student will participate in Kindness activities in their classes. We want to promote Kindness at the school and remind students that Kindness Rocks.

Early Dismissal, Holidays and Non Instructional Days Month

Wednesday, February 7 is an Early Dismissal Day. Please arrange to have your child picked up early that day. In addition, you may contact your child's teacher to meet with them if necessary. February 19th is Family Day and Friday February 23rd is a Non Instructional Day. Students will not be in session on these days.



Jump Rope for Heart Feb. 12-16

Our school Jump Rope for Heart event is happening from February 12-16 during our gym blocks. The students will be participating in different skipping events at the school and learning about healthy habits. We are also raising funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Up to date, we have raised \$390 out of our goal of \$2000. **Did you know that 8% of the funds will come back to the school to purchase equipment the students can use to keep healthy.** Please donate at the following link.

[White Rock Elementary - White Rock | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart \(crowdfunder.com\)](https://www.crowdfunder.com/White-Rock-Elementary-White-Rock-Heart-Stroke-Jump-Rope-for-Heart)

Illness Protocols

If your child is not feeling well please do a daily health check to determine if they should stay home. If your children are repeatedly coughing, sneezing or have flu like symptoms, it would be better to keep them at home. We do not want ill students to pass on their illness to other students or staff.

Be Kind to Yourself

Be Kind to Others

Be Kind to Your School

