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April Newsletter..



Hello all,

Welcome Back! We hope you had a relaxing Spring Break and Easter and had time rest and spend time with family and friends. We are thrilled to see the students back in the building learning and having fun. We thank you for all your ongoing support.

Take care,

Jas Atwal

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Upcoming Calendar...

April 9	Eid al-Fitr (Cultural Dress Up Day)
April 10	Eid al-Fitr (Cultural Dress Up Day)
April 12	Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser (Camp)
April 12	Vaisakhi Cultural Dress Up Day
April 13	Vaisakhi (Sikh Heritage)
April 13	Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (Superstore)-Choir
April 16	Gr. 7 Parent Meeting (Year End Ceremony) 6 pm
April 16	Gr. 7 Camp Chaperone Meeting 7 pm
April 17	PAC Meeting at 2:45 pm
April 19	Wacky Hair Day
April 22	Earth Day
April 26	Dance Festival (Div. 10, 23, 25)
April 27	Whistler Choir Trip
May 2	Star Wars Spirit Wear (In Lieu of May 4)
May 3	Non Instructional Day (No School)
May 6	Ready Set Learn (am) (3-4 year olds)
May 9	Welcome to Kindergarten Event
May 10	First Track and Field Meet at South Surrey

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Eid al-Fitr
- ◆ Vasakhi
- ◆ Krispe Kreme Donut Sale
- ◆ Gr. 7 Parent Meetings
- ◆ Wacky Hair Day
- ◆ Earth Day 22nd
- ◆ Ready Set Learn
- ◆ Welcome to K

Krispy Kreme Fundraisers for Grade 7 Camp and Choir...

Krispy Kreme donuts will be on sale on Friday, April 12. The funds collected will help the Grade 7 students with Camp costs. The donuts can be purchased individually or by box. A box of 12 donuts will cost \$20. Individual donuts will cost \$2 each.



Krispy Kreme Donut sales will also take place at Superstore on Saturday, April 13 at 10 am at 24th Avenue and 160th Street. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the choir for their Choir Trip to Whistler at the end of the month. Boxes will be sold for \$20.

Ramadan / Eid

This month some of our staff and student have been 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 10 and will end on April 8. 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 9, and end on the evening of April 10.

If you wish to, you may wear cultural dress on April 9 or 10.



Sikh History Month and Vaisakhi

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.

Vaisakhi is on April 13th 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 Friday, April 12.

Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony Parent Meeting - 6 pm

There is a meeting for all Grade 7 parents on April 16 from 6 pm – 7 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 15th. Any camp questions can be asked at that time as well.



Grade 7 Camp Chaperone Parent Meeting - 7 pm

A camp meeting for Camp Chaperones will be held right after the Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony Meeting on April 16. If you are a chaperone, please plan on attending this camp meeting. This meeting will be taking place at 7:00 pm.



PAC Meeting April 17 2:45 pm...

The PAC will be holding their next PAC Meeting on April 17th at 2:45 pm in the Library. 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



Ready Set Learn- May 6 10:30 am -11:30 am

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 2024. It will take place at White Rock Elementary on May 6, 2024 from 10:30 am to 11:30am.

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.

For those students enrolling in Kindergarten Fall of 2024, there will be a Welcome to Kindergarten event on May 9th for our future Kindergarten students. An invitation will be sent out soon.

Please **REGISTER** your child born between 2019 and 2020 by calling White Rock Elementary at 604-531-5731 by **Monday, April 30**. This will ensure we have enough activity bags for everyone! Please note each child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or adult family member.

We look forward to meeting you!

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.

Earth Day-Activities April 22nd

Earth Day takes place on April 22nd. We will have many classes talking about responsible decisions that can impact our environment and animals in the coming weeks. 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



WRE Spirit Wear

White Rock Elementary now has a new store where staff, students and parents can purchase Spirit Clothing with the branded White Rock Logo. The ordering window is now open until April 26, 2024.

There are several colour options available beyond the ones shown on the front page. Click the option of clothing you want and then choose the colour and size options. There are youth and adult sizes.

Click below to order:

<https://whiterockspiritwear2024.itemorder.com>

