

White Rock Elementary School

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Vice-Principal: Bronwen Howden

September Newsletter...



Hello all,

We thank parents and students for being patient with the class placement process. We are happy to report that students are now in classes for the year. We have grown to 26 divisions this year. Children from Grade 1-7 received information on the grade, division, teacher name and room number they will be in for the year. If you did not receive this, please contact the office for details.

The new classes, room numbers and divisions are also listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Please keep this as your reference moving forward. Please review the information in this newsletter as it contains important information for the year.

Thanks again,

Jas Atwal



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Photo Day (18th)
- ◆ Toonies for Terry
- ◆ Terry Fox Run (22nd)
- ◆ Pro-D Day (25th)
- ◆ Parent Night (28th)
- ◆ Orange Shirt Day (29th)

School Hours...

SCHOOL HOURS

8:20	-	Playground Supervision Begins
8:30	-	Students may enter the building
8:35	-	Start of Morning Classes
10:15	-	Recess
10:30	-	End of Recess
11:40	-	Lunch (Play Begins)
12:05	-	Eating Entrance Bell
12:25	-	Start of afternoon classes
2:27	-	Dismissal
2:42	-	Playground Supervision ends

Office Hours (Phones)

8:00 am—3:00 pm—Monday to Friday

2023-2024 Staff List...

WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY STAFF

Principal - Mr. Atwal Vice Principal - Ms. Howden
Head Secretary - Ms. Foreman Clerk - Ms. Thompson

Enrolling Divisions and Staff

Div. 1	Grade 7 FA	-Mr. Benzce
Div. 2	Grade 7	-Mr. Fryer
Div. 3	Grade 6/7	-Mr. McNabb
Div. 4	Grade 6/7	-Mr. Baerg
Div. 5	Grade 6/7	-Mr. Roth
Div. 6	Grade 6 FA	-Ms. Rogers-MacDonald
Div. 7	Grade 6	-TBA
Div. 8	Grade 5 FA	-Mr. Rudd
Div. 9	Grade 5	-Ms. McCredie
Div. 10	Grade 5	-Ms. Radford/Ms. Canham
Div. 11	Grade 4 FA	-Ms. Yee
Div. 12	Grade 4	-Ms. M. Smith
Div. 13	Grade 4	-Ms. Ottewell
Div. 14	Grade 3 FA	-Ms. Swenson
Div. 15	Grade 3	-Ms. Horne/Ms. Vosloh
Div. 16	Grade 3	-Ms. Duncan
Div. 17	Grade 2/3	-Ms. Skalinski
Div. 18	Grade 2 FA	-Ms. Ms. McKillop
Div. 19	Grade 1/2	-Ms. Basarich
Div. 20	Grade 1/2	-Ms. Tice
Div. 21	Grade 1/2	-Ms. Scheer
Div. 22	Grade 1/2	-Ms. Prentice
Div. 23	Grade 1 FA	-Ms. Bentley
Div. 24	Grade K	-Ms. Doull
Div. 25	Grade K	-Ms. Anderson
Div. 26	Grade K FA	-Ms. Nunns

Non-Enrolling Staff Members

Music	-Mr. Woods
Librarian	-Ms. Nygaard, Ms. Kowalski
Counsellor	-Mr. Mazurkewich
Learner Support	-Ms. Markle, Ms. Forsyth,
Learner Support	-Ms. Heir
Band	-Ms. Penner
Speech Pathologist	-Ms. Gill
Integration Support	-Ms. Fredrickson, Ms. Webster
Child Care Worker	-Ms. Pillai
Aboriginal CCW	-Ms. T. Smith

Special Ed. Assistants - Ms. Asselin-Simao, Ms. Belaschke, Ms. Butchart, Ms. Cumblidge, Ms. Drover, Ms. Fischler, Ms. Hopkins, Ms. Hubert, Ms. Knight, Ms. Kubilius, Ms. Lafontaine. Ms. Vander Zwan, Ms. Van Puyenbroek, Ms. Wong

Upcoming Calendar...

Upcoming Events

Sept. 18 - 22 Toonies for Terry Collection

Sept. 18-22 Munchalunch Ordering

Sept. 18 Student Individual Pictures

Sept. 19 PAC Meeting 6 pm

Sept. 22 Terry Fox Run (1:15 pm)

Sept. 22 Wear Red and White for Terry Day

Sept. 25 Non-Instructional Day (No School)

Sept. 25 Stay Safe / Babysitting Course

Sept. 28 Meet the Teacher Night 5-6 pm

Sept. 28 Choir Meeting for Parents 6:30 pm

Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day

Oct. 2 Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)

Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Day (No School)

Oct. 20 Non Instructional Day (No School)

Staff List Continued...

Supervisory Aides

Ms. Hale, Ms. Liou, Ms. Motola, Ms. Sobotin, Ms. Seidel

Cutodians

Mr. Bhagirath, Ms. Moravec

Photo Day Sept. 18, 2023...

Photo Day is taking place on Monday, September 18, 2023. Please see the Darby notice information that was sent home as a separate attachment.

DARBY PHOTOS
(604) 274 0306 www.darbyphotos.com



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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 an appointment if necessary.

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.

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)

School Cash Online...

School Cash online is an online payment program run through the School District. It is completely safe and does not cost any additional. We will use this online method for planners, field trips, Fine Arts fees and Kindergarten Supplies. If you need help registering or adding your child to the account please call Ms. Foreman. The fees owing will already be attached to your child's profile. Go to the following link to start an account or make payment:

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>

Student Planners...

Planners have arrived and have been issued to teachers.

The planners will cost \$5.

The planners will have important information

about the school and District in the front 8 pages. Please refer to these pages for school contact information, school address and school code of contact. Please use School Cash Online for your payment.

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>



Terry Fox Run and Fundraising for Cancer Research...

Students and staff are on the run to help raise awareness about cancer! The classes will be learning about Terry Fox and participating in a run around our fields or sidewalks outside on Friday, September 22nd at 1:15 pm-1:45 pm. We will fundraise by collecting "Toonies for Terry" coin and cash donations from September 18-September 22. You may also go online and make a pledge to our Terry Fox Run school pledge site at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/31798>. Our goal is to raise \$1150 for cancer research.

Parents are welcome to attend the run as participants or help as chaperones around the grounds keeping students safe.

Please let us know if you would like to help on the day of the Event. Thanks again for your support.



Before and After School Care

Are you looking for a fun Before and After School care program for your child? Alex House is offering a day care program at White Rock Elementary in the Fine Arts Studio before and after school (7:30-8:30 am and 2:30-5:30 pm). Please contact 604-535-0015 or visit www.alexhouse.net for more details.

Truth and Reconciliation and Federal Holiday...

Each year, The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place on September 30. This day is meant to honour Canada's residential school survivors, their families and communities. The holiday publicly commemorates the history and ongoing legacy of the schools. In honour of this day, we will be holding Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29th. Monday, October 1 is a Federal Holiday and schools will be closed.



Crossing Guards and Frontiersman...

We have two amazing Frontiersman that help our families cross the roads on Fir Street and Johnston. Please watch for them and follow their signals carefully. We are looking for a Frontiersman on Roper Avenue. Frontiersman will receive a \$27 stipend from the City for their volunteer work per day. If you know of someone that is interested to help in this role please contact the office.



Drop off and Pick Up Safety Policy...

- ALWAYS HAVE YOUR CHILDREN EXIT TO THE SIDEWALK SIDE OF THE VEHICLE
- Never open the door to the interior of the street to exit out as cars may be passing
- Please drive slowly in front of the school.
- Look both ways before exiting the drop off area
- Do not double park on the street
- Do not overpass a stopped car as they may be stopped for students to cross
- Park one block down the street and walk to pick up your children
- Use the drop off and pick area in the parking lot with caution

School Closures Information...

Sometimes extreme weather conditions or other circumstances can cause class cancellations at a school, or district wide on short notice. In the event of class cancellations, the Surrey School District will post information on its web site at www.surreyschools.ca and provide updates to the following radio stations:

CKNW - 980 AM or www.cknw.com
 News 1130 AM or www.news1130.com
 CBC Radio - 690 AM or www.cbc.ca/bc

The District will do its best to communicate the status of schools by 7:00 am.

Sometimes the decision to send students home if they have care can come to us close to the entry bell. We will always keep all students who are without parents and contact you by phone for safe pick up. All students should check in to the office and should never return home on their own without contact made by the school staff. **Please discuss this safety protocol with your children.**

Inclement Weather and Change of Clothes...

The weather can be unpredictable at different times of the year. 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. For younger children, a change of clothes in the in bag or in the classroom is recommended.

Important Forms...

Coming Home this Month:

Important forms will be coming home that will need your immediate attention. There will be:

- 1.) a **media consent form**,
- 2.) a **Student Information Verification Form**
- 3.) a **Technology Form**

All forms will need to be reviewed, updated and returned to school. **It is VERY important that all three forms are returned promptly** so we can update our records and students can participate in all educational opportunities.

PAC Meeting Information...

Mark Your Calendars:

PAC meeting TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19th at 6pm in the ART ROOM

***Babysitting available.

Volunteer Call Out:

*volunteers can be any family member, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, household members.

Please email us whiterockpac@gmail.com

What kind of time do you have to spare?

Fundraiser Lunch Volunteers: Please sign up in [Munchalunch](#).

Ways you can help

- Organize the alphabetical letters for the outside sign (can be taken home overnight).
- Change the sign- short notice request.
- Help PAC with communication posts – ex: facebook, instagram
- Attend a PAC meeting: PAC meetings are a 1 hour commitment.
- Attend an online district PAC meeting and summarize notes for PAC
- Buy "PAC snacks" for sports day or fundraiser lunches from PAC fun
- Create a PAC newsletter
- Review and improve the coin drive information for parents (February)
- Help with Babysitting /Stay Safe course 1 hour shifts
- Help distribute hot lunch (Thursdays from 11-1230; sign up in Munchalunch
- Help with Halloween Dance and cake silent auction
- Be the Grade 7 rep /PAC contact (spring 2023. From February- June)
- Winter fundraiser (2 parents Nov-Dec)
- COIN DRIVE. Count the money collected - daytime school hours (2 parents, Spring 2023)
- YEARBOOK- Compile a school yearbook with Mountain West Studios and student leadership (January 2023 start. Work spread over 2-3 months) - ideal for 2 individuals, gr 7 parents)

We look forward to meeting you and helping to support the students this year.

Hot Lunch Information - Munchalunch.com...

LUNCH! LUNCH! Read all about it.

The Hot Lunch Fundraisers are OPTIONAL. If you wish to order from the lunch program, Fall Term ordering:

OPENS Friday September 15, 2023

CLOSES Thursday September 21, 2023 at 11:59pm

Lunch begins Thursday Sept 28, and will be available once per week.

Lunch is ordered in 3 Terms (Fall, Winter, Spring).

Parents will need to **ORDER & PAY by Thursday Sept 21 at midnight** if they wish to order a fundraiser lunch any time between Sept 28- December 21.

Payment options are by credit card or etransfer.

*to etransfer, choose the cheque option in Munchalunch.

-Send the etransfer to whiterockpac@gmail.com (no password needed)

Please write the **child's name** and the **munchalunch order #** in the etransfer comments

White Rock Elementary uses the Munchalunch platform for lunch ordering and other fundraisers. Here is the link:

[Munchalunch.com](https://munchalunch.com)

You will need to set up an account and register your children if you haven't used the platform already. **You will need your child's teacher and division to register**

Additional Information:

- Hot lunch is a PAC fundraiser, run by volunteer parents. Please let us know if you are able to help.
- Price mark up on lunches is very small (on average \$0.50 per item ordered). Cost of food/ordering has increased but the team has worked very hard to try to give affordable options for parents who wish to order.
- There are no refunds for Hot lunch days. If your child is sick or away on a day hot lunch is ordered, you can make arrangements with the teacher or another child to bring the lunch home, or it can be picked up from the school by lunch time the next day (Friday).
- At the end of the year, if parents have mistakenly overpaid, PAC will refund amounts over \$5.00. Anything less, PAC will use as a donation.
- Parents who order hot lunch will receive a weekly email reminder from munchalunch.

Thank you for supporting PAC and the Fundraising Lunch program!