

White Rock Elementary School

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December News!

We are nearing the end of our first term and have many exciting events occurring over the next few weeks. We have volleyball tournaments, Mustache Day for Movember, winter concerts, toy drives, sing-a-longs and term one report cards coming home. We are in school until the 22nd this year and the first day back will be January 8.

Jas Atwal

Mustache Day for Men's Health



On November 30, we will be having a schoolwide mustache day to support men's health and the Movember movement. Men's health and life expectancy has decreased over the years due to prostate cancer and other illnesses. Movember brings awareness to improve men's health. We ask that students who are interested in wearing a mustache either buy one, make one or draw one on.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Toy Drive
- ◆ Kindergarten Concert
- ◆ Winter Concerts
- ◆ Entrepreneur Fair
- ◆ Sing Along 22nd
- ◆ Last Day Before the Break December 22nd
- ◆ First Day Back Jan 8

Toy Drive hosted by Student Leadership

Our Student Leadership Group is hosting a Toy Drive to support the Christmas Bureau. They have a goal of collecting 100 new toys / games. The student leadership group is also open to cash donations that they can use to buy toys. You may donate through the school cash online system. Toys and cash will be collected until December 8.

Families have the option of dropping off toy donations at the evening concerts. We thank the many families that have been able to make a generous donation so far.



Winter Concerts December 6 and 7...

We will be having two winter concerts this year for families to enjoy on December 6 and 7 at 6 pm. Half of our Music classes will be performing on Wednesday, December 6 and the other half will be performing on Thursday, December 7th. This year, our classes will be performing songs from around the world honoring a 'Celebration of Light.' All performing students are asked to wear black pants and a white shirt for the performance.

Due to fire regulations, we are only able to host 2 people from each family and children that they must bring with them if they do not have a babysitter.

Students that are performing will need to be back at the school for their performances between 5:30 pm and 5:45 pm with the concert starting at 6 pm sharp. We anticipate that the concert will go until 7:20 pm.

Please pay close attention to the classes performing on each day:

Wednesday, December 6th :

Rogers-MacDonald, Smith, McKillop, Duncan, Bentley, Tice, Yee, Basarich.

Thursday, December 7th :

Rudd, Ottewell, Skalinski, Swenson, Bentley, Scheer, Vosloh/Horne, Prentice



We will have a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 5, at 1 pm for the Wednesday night performers and a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 6 for the Thursday night performers. Although we would love to have all of our performing students attend in the evening we understand that students may have conflicts with outside activities. If you have a conflict, you may make a request to come to the dress rehearsal rather than the evening performance. If student are not able to come to the evening, you must let your classroom teacher know as soon as possible so we can coordinate singing and dancing partners. Ms. Woods needs a few helpers for the set and props. Please contact Ms. Woods if you are able to sew a few simple costumes.

Kindergarten Concert December 4

Our Kindergarten Concert will take place in our school Theatre on December 4th at 6 pm. We ask that students arrive for the concert in between 5:30 and 5:45 pm. We will have the theatre seats pulled out and invite families to attend the concert. We anticipate that the concert will last for 30 minutes which will include some time for pictures. We hope all our Kindergartens' are able to perform.



Band Concert December 14

Our Band will be performing with the bands at HT Thrift Elementary, Bayridge Elementary and

Semiahmoo Secondary on December 14th at 7:30 pm at the Bell Centre. The band students will need to arrive at 7 pm to get ready for their performance. Audience members can purchase tickets for the performance at the following link <https://www.semiahmoomusic.ca/>

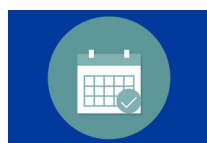


Weather Update

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.



Mark Your Calendar



- Nov. 28-Toy Drive Starts (Student Leadership)
- Nov. 29- Boys Volleyball Playday
- Nov. 30- Girls Volleyball Playday
- Dec. 4- Kindergarten and Band Concert 6 pm
- Dec. 5-Dress Rehearsal 1 pm (Wednesday Group)
- Dec. 6-Dress Rehearsal 1 pm (Thursday Group)
- Dec. 6-Christmas Concert # 1 at 6 pm
- Dec. 7-Christmas Concert #2 at 6 pm
- Dec. 7-15-Hannukkah
- Dec. 8-Toy Drive Ends
- Dec. 10-Human Rights Day
- Dec. 12-Young Entrepreneur's Fair
- Dec. 13-Mixed Nuts Field Trip
- Dec. 14- Choir to Care Home
- Dec. 14-Firsties to Perform at Kent Street
- Dec. 14-Band Concert at Bell Centre
- Dec. 22- Christmas Sing Along
- Dec. 22- Last Day of School before Winter Break
- Dec. 25-Christmas Day
- Dec. 26-Boxing Day
- Jan. 1-New Years Day
- Jan. 28-Jan 1-Kwanza
- Jan. 8- First Day Back from Winter Break

PAC News and iPad Coin Drive

We thank the PAC for generously providing each child a bag of popcorn on December 22nd. In addition, the PAC will be holding a coin drive for ipads from December 11- December 15. Many parents have donated to the ipad cause and we are close to reaching our goals of purchasing an ipad bundle. With our student population growth, we would benefit from this purchase. The class that has the most funds collected by December 15 will receive an extra treat and drink with the popcorn on December 22.



After School Pick Up

As the days are getting darker, we are worried about students not getting picked up after the bell. Please make sure your child is picked up or makes contact with you as soon as they arrive home if they are walking. Playdates should be pre-arranged and not done at the school so there is no confusion one where children may be.

Volleyball Teams

Our Boys and Girls volleyball teams have been competing in inter-league play. The boys had their final tournament today and the girls play their tournament on November 30. The coaches have been very impressed with the sportsmanship and quality of play. Well done to all our athletes.



Lost and Found Clothing Items

We have put out our lost and found clothing in the hallways for our students to pick up. If you notice your child has sweaters, hoodies or jackets missing, ask them to check for the items at school or come by to look in the hallway before or after school. Please come by and check in at the office first. Unclaimed items will be donated to those in need in the next few weeks.



Fine Arts Sibling Registration

Kindergarten siblings of current Kindergarten to Grade 6 students (not Grade 7) in the Fine Arts program have priority placement in the Fine Arts program for the next school year. Early registration for these siblings begins Monday, December 4, 2023, and continues up until Friday, January 12, 2024. There will be a separate registration going out to those families soon.

Young Entrepreneur Fair on Dec. 12th

On December 12, some of our classes will be participating in the Young Entrepreneur's Fair where they will be learning about business, money, how to make products and how to sell products. We will be inviting students to purchase products made by our intermediate students on the 12th. Parents who wish to come by may also see how our students are doing and purchase products for themselves.

Report Cards and Spaces Reporting

Reports will again follow two different formats this year. Your child will bring home a Communicating Student Learning Report card (CSL Template) or you will be asked to look at the your child's learning through the online Spaces platform. Your teachers will communicate with you the style of reporting they will be using. We look forward to showing you your child's progress on December 22nd. If you have any question, about this or how your child is doing, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Kindergarten Registration Jan. 16

New Kindergarten student registration for our neighbourhood and fine arts program will be taking place soon. The Kindergarten registration for the neighbourhood program will take place on Monday, January 15. A lottery system for the Fine Arts program will take place for new kindergartens interested in this program. Applications for this program open on January 23rd.

Traffic and Safety

Please drive carefully around our school during pick up and drop off times. We have several 4-way crosswalks that require students to cross in different directions. Our crossing guards and RCMP have noticed many vehicles stopping in the flow of traffic to drop off students or right in the middle of the cross walk. Remember that for the safety of all our children, drop off students in the school drop off zone or in a safe area away from oncoming traffic.





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SCENTS AND SENSITIVITY

Did you know that according to the BC Lung Association, 30% of Canadians report that scents adversely affect their health which can contribute to allergic reactions, respiratory irritations, headaches, irritability, nausea, anxiety, fatigue, depression, and etc... ???

There are thousands of products that contain chemical ingredients which provide a “pleasant” scent. They may include the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo/Conditioners | <input type="checkbox"/> Fragrances/Perfumes | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Household Chemicals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairsprays | <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Air fresheners/Deodorizers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorants | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles | <input type="checkbox"/> Colognes/Aftershaves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soaps | <input type="checkbox"/> Oils | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lotions/Creams | <input type="checkbox"/> Potpourri | |

Unfortunately, the “pleasant” scent isn’t usually the concern, but rather the chemical ingredient that produces the scent itself.

As a general guideline, only use products that:

1. Are labelled either "scent-free, unscented, or fragrance-free" and
2. Remember, your nose is a reliable resource to confirm it.

We Share The Air – Thank you for helping us contribute to a “SCENT SAFE” environment by refraining from wearing scented products.



If you are entering the school, please refrain from wearing scented products to our school. We have a few students and staff that have had severe reaction to the chemicals and fragrances. Thank you for your cooperation.