

WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM YOUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear Families,

December is a time of many celebrations and gatherings. We are extremely good at celebrating here at White Rock! Many events have been scheduled for this month and into the New Year. Please continue to check our calendar on the school website (<https://surreyschools.ca/schools/whiterockelem>) for updates.

Our Giving Back Project was a huge success. Our community generously donated many items from blankets, socks, gloves, toiletries and boots to the Metson Shelter on the downtown Eastside in Vancouver. Thank you to our community for “Taking Care of Others”.

In the next week, some of you will be receiving reports cards, others will continue to receive updates through electronic portfolios. Regardless of the media, all information is shared to give you a better understanding about your child as a learner. Thank you for continuing to keep an open respectful line of communication with your child's teacher.

We are requesting that families please follow expectations for drop off in the Parking Lot. Please only let your child out of your car when you are along the curbside drop off. Letting your child out before the drop off is very dangerous for your child.

The last day of school in December is the 21st. Please join us in the gym for the family sing along at 10:30 am!

Thank you to our wonderful parent community for all you do. We are wishing you a safe and peaceful break and look forward to seeing you all in January 2019!

Ms. Rawji
Principal

Ms. Swansburg
Vice-Principal

HAPPENING THIS MONTH...

Morning Procedures at White Rock

As we welcome students to school in the morning we would like to remind families that supervision begins at 8:20am. Students are encouraged to wait or play outside. While waiting for the bell to ring, students are also invited to:

- Quietly read in the library
- On rainy or snowy days, wait inside by the display cases near the dance studio.

Any other students in the school before the start of the day need to be supervised by a classroom teacher.



Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to the hard work of our amazing parent volunteers for making this fair happen!

The book fair made over \$1300.00.

Kindergarten Registration Begins

Kindergarten registration begins on Monday, January 14th. You need to register in person with the required documentation.

Please call the school for more information.



Communicating Student Learning

Teachers have been working very hard on ensuring that you and your child are well-informed when it comes to your child's progress at school.

Your child's first term report will be sent home in the next couple of weeks by teachers who are using the new Communicating Student Learning template.



FreshGrade classes will not be receiving formal reports at the end of each term as you are updated on your child's progress on a consistent basis via their FreshGrade portfolios.

As always, please let the office or your child's teacher know if you have any questions.

Lice Checks

Head lice are a reality in school populations and though they are not a health hazard, they are a real nuisance to families. Anyone can have head lice and it doesn't mean a person is unclean. "Head lice can be best controlled through the cooperation of parents, children, and the school". We have a couple of parent volunteers who complete 'head checks' throughout the year. You can help as well by checking your child's scalp and hairline on a regular basis. We ask that parents report when their child has head lice so that we can alert other families in the classroom to check their child at home. For more information, click on Health Link BC, available through our school website.

Nit Wit Team - Volunteers are needed to check students who may have lice. The time commitment is minimal and training is provided. If you are able to join the "Nit Wit Team", please contact Teresa at the office at 604-531-5731.

FROM OUR STUDENTS....

Sporting News

Mr. Benzce, Ms. Keen, Ms. Temple and Mr. O'Malley have been coaching our volleyball teams. Both teams had a successful season.



The students had an exciting time at Play Day! The boys' Play Day was hosted at White Rock Elementary. The girls' Play Day was held at Semiahmoo Trail! We thank our amazing and dedicated coaches!

Basketball season is starting in January. We look forward to our 6 and 7's coming out to play!

"Giving Back Project"

Thank you very much for your tremendous support for our "Giving Back" drive. Your generosity was very much appreciated by The Metson House.

Thank you very much for your support,
WRE Community Leadership Team



PERFORMANCES...



White Rock Elementary

Winter Concert



Monday, December 10th @ 6:00pm

Kindergarten Classes

Tuesday, December 11th @ 6:00pm Doors open at 5:30

Students must arrive by 5:45, Choir arrive by 5:30



Classes Attending: Mr. Fryer, Mr. Bencze, Ms. Temple, Ms. Vosloh/Ms. Graham, Ms. May, Ms. Chuback, Ms. Tice, Ms. Scheer and Ms. Bentley.

Wednesday, December 12th @ 6:00pm Doors open at 5:30

Students must arrive by 5:45, Choir arrive by 5:30

Classes Attending: Ms. Peters, Mr. Rudd/Ms. Cawdell, Ms. McCredie, Ms. Seto/Ms. Watson, Ms. Canham/Ms. Hanson, Ms. Rogers-MacDonald, Ms. Silversides/Ms. Radford and Ms. Markle.



KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY 2019 PROGRAMS OF CHOICE



OPEN HOUSE

INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

ALL Information meetings are program based and are open to all interested parents regardless of which school you would choose. In the case of multiple open houses, please choose the location/date most convenient for you in January 2019.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

FRENCH IMMERSION

LARONDE: 1880 Laronde Dr. 604-536-1626
MARTHA CURRIE: 5811 – 184 St. 604-576-8551
PEACE ARCH: 15877 Roper Ave. 604-536-8711
RIVERDALE: 14835 – 108A Ave. 604-588-5978
SIMON CUNNINGHAM: 9380 – 140 St. 604-588-4435
WOODWARD HILL: 6082 – 142 St. 604-594-2336

PARENT MEETINGS:

PEACE ARCH **RIVERDALE**
 Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm

INTENSIVE FINE ARTS

DAVID BRANKIN: 9160 – 128 St. 604-585-9547
WHITE ROCK: 1273 Fir St. 604-531-5731

PARENT MEETINGS:

WHITE ROCK **DAVID BRANKIN**
 Wednesday, January 16 at 6:00 pm Wednesday, January 16 at 5:00 pm

MONTESSORI

LATIMER ROAD: 19233 – 60 Ave. 604-576-9184
MOUNTAINVIEW: 15225 – 98 Ave. 604-589-1193
SUNNYSIDE: 2828 – 159 St. 604-531-4826

PARENT MEETINGS:

DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE Room 2020
 Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 pm (No children please)

TRADITIONAL

CLOVERDALE: 17857 – 56 Ave. 604-576-8295
MCLEOD ROAD: 6325 – 142 St. 604-595-1060
SURREY TRADITIONAL: 13875 – 113 Ave. 604-588-1248

PARENT MEETINGS:

DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE Room 2020
 Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm (No children please)

REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

- Four "Programs of Choice" are available for kindergarten registration. Parents can apply for up to three choice programs.
- There are no special fees and you do not need to live near the school to apply.
- Please see the Frequently Asked Questions page at: www.surreyschools.ca/choice

HOW DO I APPLY?

- The application will be online Monday, January 28th, 2019 at 8 am Parents will have three weeks to apply, edit and/or change their application until February 18th, 2019.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

Parents must register their child at their local catchment school prior to applying for a Kindergarten Program of Choice.

- **January 14:** Regular Kindergarten registration at your local school
- **January 28:** Online application opens
- **February 13:** Deadline to register at catchment school in order to apply online for Programs of Choice
- **February 18:** Online application closes
- **February 25 to March 15:** Random lottery draw takes place

RESULTS/WAITLIST

During the weeks of February 25 - March 15:

- An email will be sent to all applicants announcing the lottery results. The email will indicate whether your child has received a space in one of your selected choices and outline the next steps to accept or decline. Applicants not offered a space are automatically placed on a waitlist.

NEED MORE INFO?

- Contact a Choice School
- Visit our website at www.surreyschools.ca/choice
- Call 604-596-7733 – Ask for Kindergarten Registration for Programs of Choice

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION MEETINGS

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE AND FOCUS PROGRAMS

ALL Information meetings are program based and are open to all interested parents regardless of which school you would choose. In the case of multiple dates, please choose the location/date most convenient for you in January 2019.
Visit our website at: www.surreyschools.ca

FRENCH IMMERSION K-7

French Immersion is intended to develop fluency in French leading to functional bilingualism. Students study in French while following the regular BC Curriculum Prescribed Learning Outcomes. Students of all linguistic backgrounds are welcome. Parents need not speak English or French to enroll their children in French Immersion.

EARLY IMMERSION:

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2019
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: PEACE ARCH ELEMENTARY
15877 Roper Avenue

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2019
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: RIVERDALE ELEMENTARY
14835 108A Avenue

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION 6-7 (GRADE 6 ENTRY):

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2019
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: HENRY BOSE ELEMENTARY
6550 - 134th Street

DATE: January 15, 2019
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: K B WOODWARD
ELEMENTARY 13130 - 106th Avenue

DATE: January 24, 2019
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: SUNRISE RIDGE
ELEMENTARY 18690 - 60th Avenue

TRADITIONAL K-7

While each Traditional School is unique, we are defined by a greater emphasis on: values of citizenship, responsibility, respect and academic excellence; a crested student uniform dress code; engaged parent community. We offer, current, effective research-based teaching practices that support all learners to achieve their highest potential.

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2019 (No children please.)
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE 14033 – 92nd Avenue

EAST KENSINGTON OUTDOOR LEARNING K-5

Join a growing worldwide movement of learning in nature at East Kensington's Outdoor Learning (EKOLogy). EKOLogy is Surrey's only outdoor learning program. Students engage in outdoor experiences that integrate BC's curriculum with children's innate curiosity through emergent, inquiry-based, and place-based learning. Outdoor experiences embrace First People's principles of learning and connects children to the unique natural space on which our school sits.

Students work together as a team of learners, both inside and outside the classroom, to develop social and emotional skills and foster positive relationships.

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2019
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: EAST KENSINGTON ELEMENTARY 2795 -184 Street

INTENSIVE FINE ARTS K-7

The Intensive Fine Arts program integrates the four areas of Fine Arts – visual, music, drama and dance – into all curriculum areas. The program strives to create a stimulating and culturally enriched learning environment where the Fine Arts are equal partners with Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science.

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2019
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY
1273 Fir Street

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2019
TIME: 5:00 pm
LOCATION: DAVID BRANKIN
ELEMENTARY 9160-128 Street

MONTESSORI K-7

This program is intended to develop self-directed students with a global vision. Students learn in multi-age groups, and usually spend three years with the same teacher.

DATE: JANUARY 10, 2019
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE 14033 – 92nd Avenue
(No children please.)

INTER-A 8-12

The Inter-A program is a leadership and service focused high school environment. While students in the program attend classes in math, science, and humanities, they also engage in cooperative activities, project-based learning, and field experiences. The program emphasizes personal responsibility, public speaking and volunteering. Students in the program range from grades 8 to 12. Students often elect to join the Inter-A program because they value the leadership activities, enjoy working within a diverse group of students, and appreciate the smaller, "family" environment of the Inter-A program within the larger high school.

DATE: JANUARY 30, 2019
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: QUEEN ELIZABETH SECONDARY
9457 King George Blvd



UPCOMING DATES...

December 3 rd	Deck the Halls Hot Lunch – King Sushi
December 5 th	SpeechFest
December 6 th	Div. 13,14,16 and 18 Kent Street Singing
December 7 th	Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza
December 10 th	Hot Lunch – Fresh Slice Pizza Kindergarten Christmas Concert @ 6pm
December 11 th	Christmas Concert 1pm and 6pm
December 12 th	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs Christmas Concert 1pm and 6pm
December 13 th	Fine Arts to Mixed Nuts
December 14 th	Hot Lunch – A&W
December 17 th	Constable Sears visits Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
December 18 th	Div. 7, 13 & 17 Skating Div. 5, 9, & 15 Skating Grade 6FA Drama Performance 1:30pm & 6:30pm
December 19 th	Grade 5FA Drama Performance 1:30pm & 6:30pm
December 20 th	Primary Movie
December 21 st	Sing-a-long 10:30am Hot Lunch – White Spot Last day of classes before Winter Break
January 7 th	School re-opens Hot Lunch – White Spot
January 8 th	Div. 3, 8 & 14 Skating
January 11 th	Hot Lunch – Hot dogs
January 14 th	Kindergarten Registration begins Hot Lunch - Subway
January 14 th - 18 th	Soccer
January 16 th	Div. 2&3 Swimming Intensive Arts Parent Night 6pm
January 17 th	ArtStarts performance
January 18 th	Hot Lunch – A&W RCMP vs Students – Basketball
January 21 st	Hot Lunch – Pacific Bistro
January 23 rd	Hot Lunch – Hot dogs
January 25 th	Hot Lunch – Fresh Slice Pizza
January 28 th	Online lottery opens for Kindergarten registration Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza
January 30 th	Div. 10 – Museum of Anthropology

