

On WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM YOUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear Families,

At the beginning of January, students returned to school refreshed, recharged and ready to begin 2019 with enthusiasm! White Rock has been hopping with many wonderful learning opportunities. Our basketball teams have been busy practicing, our leadership students planned a fun-filled spirit day and talent show. We had a Jump Rope for Heart kick off assembly.

Our PAC continue to have amazing hot lunches! We are so grateful for all the hard work our parents put into running the hot lunch program.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, February 13th when students are released early at 1:27 for Conferences and Interviews. Have a wonderful Family Day on Monday, February 18th.

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Ms. Rawji
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Swansburg'.

Ms. Swansburg
Vice-Principal

HAPPENING THIS MONTH...



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP Powering Change

Our Global Leadership team is once again collecting dead batteries.

We are asking families to bring their dead batteries into school to prevent batteries from going into the landfill. The battery bin can be found by the front door of the school.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Our Leadership team has organized plenty of fun events this month. We have had a few Spirit Days including Disney Day and Crazy Hair Day. As well they worked very hard to put on a Talent Show for the students to showcase their many talents.



LOCK DOWN PRACTICE DRILL

On February 12th, we will be practicing a LOCK DOWN DRILL.

STAY ACTIVE & HEALTHY!

Our boys' and girls' basketball teams are well underway with practices and games. Thank you to our volunteer coaches, Mr. Bencze, Mr. Fryer, Mr. Curby and Mr. Woo who are coaching the boys and to Ms. O'Flynn who is coaching the girls.



ART STARTS

On February 5th, students will have Groupo America perform in the gym at 1:15 pm and on February 21st Canadiana Musical Theatre Company will be at White Rock at 8:50 am. Families are invited to come join us for both these performances. A HUGE thank you to our PAC for helping subsidize these wonderful performances.

FEB 27TH Pink Shirt Day

A movement celebrated across the globe, **Pink Shirt Day** has humble beginnings. It was inspired by an act of kindness in small-town Nova Scotia where a boy was made fun of for wearing a pink shirt to school. Some students decided to help that boy feel included and showed up the next day handing out as many pink shirts as they could find. We encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying at any time. For more information: <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about/>
Join us for an assembly on February 27th @ 9:00am





FEB 6TH Jump Rope For Heart

Pledges are now accepted
for our Jump Rope for
Heart event on February

6th! Did you know White Rock Elementary has raised over \$102,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation? Our goal this year as a school is to raise \$10,000! Register at

<http://www.jumpropeforheart.ca/>

Lunar New Year Celebration

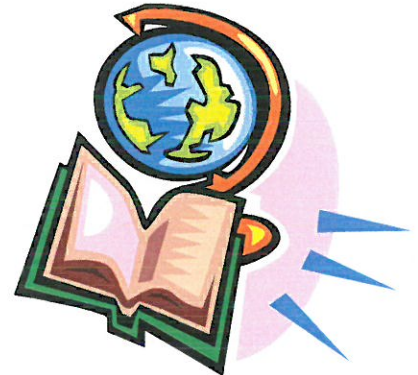


On February 7th to
celebrate Lunar
New Year, some
of our families will
be treating our

entire school community to taste
delicious dumplings! Over 2000
dumplings have been made for staff
and students! A huge thank you in
advance to all of the families that are
contributing to this event.

INTERMEDIATE SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR- MARCH 13TH

Many of our Grade Four through Grade Seven students are busy preparing for the Intermediate Socials Fair! In the coming weeks, they will continue their exploration and research of their chosen topics. The students will have the opportunity to showcase their hard work and findings Wednesday, March 13th. Parents are invited to join us in the gym between 12:45 and 1:45 pm on March 13th to view the exhibits, and chat with the students about their learning. We look forward to seeing you there!



READING LINKS CHALLENGE- Mrs. Nygaard

Ms. Nygaard has been busy working with our Grade 4 and 5 students with the Reading Links Challenge. *Reading Link Challenge is a program in partnership with the White Rock Public Library. The intention is to encourage students in grades four and five to have fun independently reading designated books in teams of six. We have five teams.*



- **Reading Link Challenge** Author Casey Lyall-Feb 6th 1:15-2:15 at White Rock Public Library

Here are the final Spring 2018 RLC dates.

- **February 21st – 11: 30 am for a WRE practice session:** all teams participate to see how fun the challenges are
- **March 7th – 11: 30 am for In WRE School Challenge** All teams participate with **one** team advancing to the In Library Challenge at White Rock Library.
- **Challenge April 3rd (tentatively) – 11: 45 am at White Rock Public Library** for In Library Challenge

One WRE team will compete against one team from White Rock Christian Academy!

CHOIR UPDATE- Mrs. Woods

White Rock Elementary has TWO choirs participating in the Surrey Elementary Choral Festival this year! Our Soundwaves choir will be performing on Thursday, Feb. 28 and our Primary Choir will be performing on Friday, March 1st. Both are during the morning session from 9:30 – 11:30 and the Festival is held at the Bell Centre in Sullivan Heights Secondary. Friends and Family are strongly encouraged to attend – there is no cost for the audience and it will be a lovely morning of music to start your day. There are usually 3-5 different choirs at each session for you to enjoy!

May 2 – 5th 37 of our Soundwaves choir members will also be taking part in the Con Brio Music Festival in Whistler, BC. Mrs. Woods and Mr. Bencze will lead the choir in a performance as well as taking part in a Master Class with one of the adjudicators and participating in a Massed Choir concert on Sunday! We will also be able to take in some activities such as a Lip Synch contest, a Gala concert for us to watch and some Whistler activities too! Thank you to all of the parents helping to make this event possible!

PARKING LOT REMINDERS

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

As many of you drive your children to and from school, you can appreciate the congestion that occurs in our parking lot, particularly before and after school. We commit to you that we will do our best to get your children in the door safely, but we will need your help.

If you choose to enter the parking lot, please follow the protocol established for our drop off lane.

- **Drivers are to stay in their car and continue to move toward the exit as space opens up.** Parking your car in this lane stops the flow of traffic and results in frustration and unsafe conditions for your children
- **Do not park in the DROP OFF ZONE, it's important that you keep moving forward to the next free space in the waiting spot.**
- **We will be asking students to meet you at the next available open spot in the DROP OFF zone. Students will not be permitted to wait at the start of the DROP OFF zone as it stops and slows down the traffic. Teachers and administrators will ask students to meet you further up if there is a spot.**
- **Do not sit in your car at pick up with the engine idling.** It is particularly difficult for our Kindergarten children whose doors and windows open to that area.
- If you have intermediate children, it is strongly suggested that you identify a pick up spot away from the parking lot area.

Whenever possible, we encourage you to walk to school with your children.



UPCOMING DATES...

February 4 th	Hot lunch
February 5 th	ArtStarts
	Parent Night with Jessica Shift
February 6 th	Jump Rope for Heart
	Notables – Grade 5 Fine Arts
	Boys Basketball @ Sunnyside
February 7 th	Lunar New Year
	Ready, Set, Learn
February 11 th	Shift Education for grade 6/7
	Gymnastics starts – ends March 8 th
February 12 th	Lockdown Drill
February 13 th	Early Dismissal
	Boys Basketball @ White Rock
February 14 th	Valentine's Day
February 15 th	Div. 4/11/16 Skating
February 18 th	Family Day
February 21 st	ArtStarts
February 22 nd	Non instructional day – school closed to students
February 27 th	Pink Shirt Day
February 28 th	Soundwaves Choir to ChoralFest
March 4 th	Odd Squad
March 5 th	Div. 3/5 HR MacMillan Space Center
	Div. 2/6/12 Skating
March 6 th	Grade 3 Fine Arts performance
March 8 th	EMS Pow Wow
	Primary VSO
March 13 th	Social Studies Fair
March 15 th	Last day of school before Spring Break
April 1 st	Back to school

COMMUNITY EVENTS

On Saturday, February 23, 2019 we are taking steps to prevent HOMELESSNESS - and we want you to join us! Walk 2, 5 or 10 kilometers in our winter walk-a-thon in support of the hungry, homeless, and hurting.

Our goal for the WALK is to raise \$100,000 with the support of 35+ teams and 300+ walkers.

Register a Walking Team: www.cnoy.org/location/whiterockRecruit 8-10 employees, friends, and family members to walk and raise money for SOURCES Homeless Prevention Services.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Contact Abby Gemino, Event Planner for more details at events@sourcesbc.ca or 604.542.7599"

DUE IMMEDIATELY!

Gymnastics In-School Permission Form

Dear Parents/Guardians

As an opportunity to enrich the gymnastics section of our Physical Education program, we are delighted to bring "Gym Sense Gymnastics" to White Rock Elementary this year. Gym Sense has been designed to facilitate teaching gymnastics to a multi ability group. This program brings a gymnastics specialist into the gym for 4 weeks. Gym Sense will increase student learning, involvement, skill and safety for this challenging curricular area.

Gym Sense will be here February 11 – March 8. Gym Sense provides the basics of gymnastics, including rolls, cartwheels, as well as using equipment like bars, beams and floor mats.

The cost for this program is \$9 per student as our PAC has offered to sponsor some of the cost.

Please complete the section below and return it to your child's teacher by February 8.

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN:

I _____ (the "Parent(s)/Guardian") am the parent(s)/guardian of the Student. In consideration of the Board permitting the Student to participate in the Activity, I agree as follows:

1. I have read and understand the materials provided to me by the Board outlining the Activity and agree the Activity is appropriate for the Student. I hereby give my consent for the Student to participate in the Activity.
2. I represent to the Board that the Student is medically fit to participate in the Activity. I have informed the Student not to participate further if he/she feels anything to be unsafe.
3. I hereby agree that I shall pay any and all financial obligations, loss or claims for compensation that the Board may suffer or incur in any way as a result of the Student's participation in the Activity.
4. I hereby waive any and all legal rights that I may have now or in the future and release from liability and agree not to sue the Board for any loss or damage that I may suffer as a result of the Student's participation in the Activity.
5. I recognize releasing the Board from liability prevents me from claiming for money from the Board.
6. I represent that I have discussed with the Student my expectations, the Board's expectations, and the risks and consequences of injury. I accept and assume all these risks and the consequences and freely choose to permit the Student to participate in the Activity regardless.
7. I hereby agree that it is my responsibility to arrange insurance to cover any loss or damage the Student may suffer, or liability I may incur, as a result of the Student's participation in the Activity

IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Student First Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Last Name: _____ Div.: _____

____ Payment of \$9.00 for lessons Online Cash Cheque

Please return this form by February 8, 2019.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____