



WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY JUNE NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM YOUR ADMIN TEAM

Dear Families,

As the school year approaches the final month, our school community reflects on a year of amazing growth. We have focused on communicating student learning, authentically documenting student progress and having discussions and assemblies around the core competencies and the book *What Do You Do With A Chance*. Our emphasis on social emotional learning has also been a focus, as we continue to concentrate on building perseverance and taking chances.

We are all so lucky to live, work, play and learn in beautiful White Rock. Our community is lively and strong. Our PAC continues to be a monumental pillar by organizing community events. Our Spring Carnival raised over \$14,500 for our new playground. Thank you to our generous donors and businesses.

Mrs. Woods and the Soundwaves Choir had a wonderful opportunity to sing at Con Brio Whistler Music Festival. Thank you to Mrs. Woods, Mr. Bencze and to all parent chaperones for making this experience possible for our students.

Thank you, parents, for your continued support this year! We have appreciated all of your efforts in making White Rock a special place for all.

Ms. Rawji
Principal

Ms. Swansburg
Vice-Principal

Are you Moving?

As we begin to plan our school organization for the next school year, we are looking carefully at the number of students we anticipate for September. We appreciate you communicating your plans for next year. If you are not planning to return to White Rock Elementary, or if your plans change over the next few months, please contact the office at 604-531-5731. This information is critical in our planning for next year.

We're moving!



If you already know you will be absent on the first day, please let the office know. Attendance on the first day is mandatory.

WRE School Model - 2019 - 2020

We are in the process of staffing and planning for next year. We have some tentative organizations for the school but these will not truly be realized until the first week of September.

2019 - 2020 School Calendar



The 2019 - 2020 White Rock School calendar is still a work-in-progress. As we clarify dates with staff, we will post these to our website.

Changes In Staff

This year the following staff members will be leaving us for various reasons. We thank them for outstanding service to our school community and wish them all the very best in their careers.

- + Jane Silversides (Gr. 2)
- + Chantel Dix (Gr. 2)
- + Glynis Cawdell (Gr. 5)
- + Katelyn Sisk (Gr. 4/5)
- + Heidi Jones (Gr. 4/5)
- + Lauren Keen (LST)
- + Tanya Graham (Gr. 3)
- + Andrea Temple (Gr. 5/6)
- + Brenda Temple (IST)
- + Josh Rauw (Band)

Thank you to our Support Staff who have supported us throughout the year. We wish the following staff all the best.

- + Emma Knowles
- + Calina Phillips
- + Tracy Gall

A huge **“Congratulations”** on the anticipated arrival of new family members.

- + Brooke Canham
- + Cari May



Welcome:

We would like to extend a big, heartfelt “Welcome!” to our new staff members:

- + Laura McKillop Grade 3 Fine Arts from Peace Arch Elementary
- + Lisa Reid Grade 5/6 from Hazelgrove Elementary

We will continue to post information on the website as postings are filled.

School Fees

We have posted a letter on our school website under Parent Resources, outlining the anticipated school fees for the 2019-2020 school year.

School Supplies

School supply lists are now on our school website.

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/whiterockelem/Parents/SchoolSupplyLists/Pages/default.aspx>

These can be ordered thru School Start at www.schoolstart.ca or on your own.



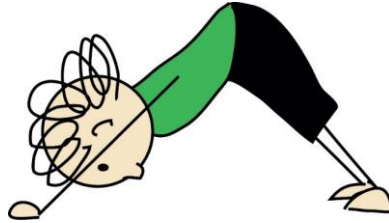
International visitors:



Surrey Schools International Education and White Rock Elementary are delighted to host in partnership with Sun Education, 29 visiting students from Caihe No. 1 Primary School in Hangzhou, China from June 3rd – 6th. This is a result of the sister school agreements that we signed in China with Superintendent Dr. Jordan Tinney, Assistant Superintendent Andrew Holland and District Principal Needer Dhillon back in November 2016. We are excited to see this opportunity for internationalization and cultural sharing come to fruition now. We are excited to host our visitors at our school.

WRE Gets Their Yoga On...

On Monday, June 17th, WRE will be participating in school-wide yoga on the grass field. Please bring with you a towel or yoga mat. Parents/families are welcome to join in. Thank you to Jacqui Fownes and Carli Lopston for leading us in this event.



Games Day

Come join us for our Games Day on Friday, June 14th. Enjoy a fun-filled day of games and activities.

8:50am	Station rotations for students
10:30am	Recess
10:40am	Station rotations continue
12:00pm	Lunch
12:45pm	Kids in classrooms
1:00pm	Team cheers
	Pre-school races
	Tug of war
2:00pm	Students back to classrooms



Water/sunscreen

With the weather hopefully getting better, please remember to send your children to school with sun protection, including sunscreen and hats. Also, please make sure that children have water bottles if appropriate for any field trips.



Year-end Assembly

Our year-end assembly will be on Wednesday, June 26th at 10:30am. Families are welcome to attend.

The Importance of Summer Routines

We are all looking forward to the summer and wish you and your families the very best over the break. This is an opportune time to continue your child's learning without the confines of a school building. We believe that summer can be a more relaxed time but not a time where a child should feel that their learning has stopped. For growing children the amount of sleep that is recommended is between 8 and 10 hours and staying up late regularly has negative physical and mental implications for their development.



Although routines will loosen over the summer, we do recommend that your child still follow a schedule, which will allow them to keep regularity in their environment. Keeping a 'Shape of the Day' on your fridge is just one example of helping your child know what is happening that day. It becomes very difficult for children to switch from total freedom to the rigors of a school schedule; so in order for children to ease back and forth between the two we recommend that they continue to write journals, to read for pleasure and to have fulsome family discussions mixed with their play and vacation time.



Summer is the perfect time for families and friends to reconnect and to have flexibility in children's schedules. We encourage that they do this within the umbrella of continuing their learning and physical activity. In doing this, try and limit screen time and enjoy the outdoors. Focus on interactive social connections and less on social media. All of this will lead to an easy transition back to school.

Have a safe and engaging summer.



Bell Schedule for 2019 - 2020

8:20 Supervision Begins

8:30 First bell, students may enter building

8:35 Instructional day begins; students arriving after this bell must report to the office for a Welcome Slip

10:15 Recess

10:30 Recess ends

11:42 Students go outside for recess

12:05 Students eat lunch

12:27 Afternoon Instruction begins

2:27 Dismissal

2:42 Supervision of students ends:

All students are to be on their way home unless involved in supervised extra-curricular activity or under the direct supervision of a teacher or their own parents.



2019-20 White Rock Calendar

September 3, 2019	School Opens
September 30, 2019	Non-instructional day
October 14, 2019	Thanksgiving Day
October 25, 2019	Non-instructional day
November 8, 2019	Non-instructional day
November 11, 2019	Remembrance Day (Stat holiday)
November 20, 2019	Early dismissal @ 1:27pm
November 21, 2019	Early dismissal @ 1:27pm
December 23, 2019 – January 3, 2020	Winter break
January 6, 2020	School reopens after winter break
February 12, 2020	Early dismissal @ 1:27pm
February 17, 2020	Family Day
February 21, 2020	Non-instructional day
March 16 – 20, 2020	Spring break
March 23 – 27, 2020	School closure days
April 10, 2020	Good Friday
April 13, 2020	Easter Monday
May 1, 2020	Non-instructional day
May 18, 2020	Victoria Day
May 25, 2020	Non-instructional day
June 26, 2020	Last day of classes – Early dismissal @ 1:27pm

UPCOMING DATES...

June 3 rd – 6 th	International students visit Div. 20 to WR Firehall
June 4 th	District Track Meet at Bear Creek Park
June 4 th – 7 th	Grade 1 Performance
June 5 th – 7 th	Grade 7 Camp at Camp Jubilee
June 5 th	Div. 21 to WR Firehall
June 6 th	District Track Meet make up day in case of rain out Grade 6's to Cultas Lake Waterslides
June 10 th	IST to Surrey Farms
June 11 th	Div. 13 & 21 Beach clean up
June 12 th	Div. 6 to Stanley Park
June 13 th	Grade 2 Performance
June 14 th	Games Day
June 17 th	School wide yoga
June 18 th	IST Beach day Young Entrepreneur Fair Div. 1 to Kitsilano Pool
June 19 th	Div. 6 to Grouse Mountain
June 21 st	Grade 7 Farewell
June 24 th	Band Concert IST to Waterpark
June 25 th	Kindergarten celebration Div. 1 to Guildford Theatre
June 26 th	Year End Assembly
June 27 th	Early dismissal at 1:27pm LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



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May 28, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians;

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We so appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the 2019-2020 school year, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner: We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

Intensive Fine Arts Program: If your children are registered in this program, there is a yearly fee of \$40 required by September 27, 2019.

School Start pre-packaged school supply service: Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list, or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through School Start. Payment is made directly to School Start. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. Supply lists have been sent home with students, and can also be ordered on line.

Field Studies and Field Trips: Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip or in-school activities. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study or activity, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments: Grade 4 and 5 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$8.00 or receiving one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt for/take band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

Zahara Rawji
Principal

home of the **WAVES**

Overdose on the Peninsula: The Crisis is Here



Your perspective will inform South Surrey/White Rock Overdose Community Action Team's strategies around substance use and overdose to end the crisis

Guest Group: Moms Stop the Harm
When: Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Where: White Rock Community Centre
15154 Russell Ave
Free parking underground and street level/plaza
Limited seating available

Food and refreshments: 6:00pm
Programs: 6:30- 8:30pm
Register at Event Brite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/overdose-on-the-peninsula-the-crisis-is-here-tickets-61700471772>
Or Phone: 604-542-4064