

WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY

MARCH NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM YOUR ADMIN TEAM

The month of February was embraced by the spirit of giving, love and excitement. Our students raised close to \$10,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, our choirs participated in the District Choral Festival, we had a Day of the Notables for our Grade 5 Fine Arts Class, our Grade 4 and 5 students have been busy preparing for the Reading Link Challenge and our Pink Shirt Day was celebrated by all. Our students, staff and parent community wore pink shirts to celebrate inclusion and diversity in our building. The PAC generously sponsored two great ArtStarts performances. The first was Grupo America Dance showcasing dances from different cultures! Then we had a wonderful musical from Canadiana Musical Theatre and their gorgeous telling of the varied characters who were at Pier 21, an important part of Canadian history.

February was an exciting month with many learning opportunities. As we ease into March with Spring Break on the horizon, we wish everyone a restful break.

Zahara Rawji
Principal

Abby Swansburg
Vice Principal

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD...

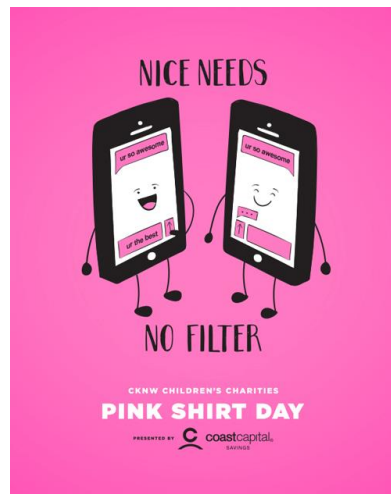
Global Leadership BATTERY DRIVE UPDATE

Global Leadership is thrilled to announce they have already surpassed their goal and thank you for all of your donations! We are still collecting every month until June! Please bring your old batteries to the box in the front of the school!



PINK SHIRT DAY

We had a wonderful Pink Shirt Day on February



27th. Our day began with a special assembly. We heard a personal story from our Grade 7 Fine Arts students. Our Grade ones in Ms. Markle's class showed us how to fill other people's buckets. Aniko from Ms. Bentley's class

read Angus All A Glow to the whole school and Ms. Bentley led us in singing "One Light, One Sun".

ATHLETICS UPDATE....

UPCOMING SPORTS

BADMINTON- Thank you Mr. Fryer for coaching our Grade 7 Girls and Boys.

ULTIMATE- Thank you to Mr. Bencze, Ms. Temple and Ms. Keen for coaching Ultimate!

Schedules and permission forms have been sent home to students who have shown interest.

End of BASKETBALL Season

Our teams had an amazing season. For the past many weeks they have worked hard on dribbling, passing, shooting and working together as a team. The boys attended a Play Day and it was a huge success. A huge thank you to Mr. Bencze, Mr. Fryer, and Mr. Woo for coaching this season!

SAVE THE DATE: Track & Field – Wednesday, May 8th

White Rock will be taking all Grades 3-7 to the South Surrey Athletic Park to experience their own track meet on **Wednesday May 8th**. Our rain out day is scheduled for **May 9th**. We will be requesting parent drivers and some classes will be walking! More information to follow!

READING LINK CHALLENGE



Ms. Nygaard has been busy working with our Grade 4 and 5 students with the Reading Links Challenge. There are 36 students participating this year making up 6 teams.

The In-School Challenge is March 7th.

The Final Challenge is on April 3rd at White Rock Public Library.

CHOIR UPDATE- Mrs. Woods

A HUGE “thank you” to both the Soundwaves Choir and the Primary Choir for successful concerts at the Bell Center last week! Mrs. Woods was very proud of all of our students.

The 37 members of the Soundwaves Choir who will be going to Whistler will continue to rehearse on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. We are so excited to share our music with more people!



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 to explore and research their chosen topics. The students will have the opportunity to showcase their hard work and findings on **Wednesday, March 13th**. Parents are invited to join us in the gym between 1:00 and 2:00pm to view the exhibits, and chat with the students about their learning. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH/APRIL...

MARCH 18TH-29TH

SPRING BREAK

APRIL 8TH

NON
INSTRUCTIONAL
DAY - NO SCHOOL

APRIL 10

CLASS PHOTO DAY



Set your clocks ahead 1 hour on March 10th.

ARTSTARTS PERFORMANCE

Our generous PAC provides funds for our school to bring four professional arts groups into our school. Our final performance is: **Monday, May 13th - Sand Northrup**

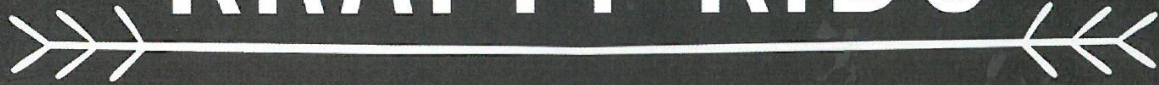


UPCOMING DATES...

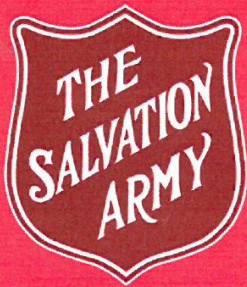
March 4 th	Div. 14,17,19 Joanne Howard Grade 6/7 Odd Squad
March 5 th	Div. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 to EMS for Peter and the Starcatcher Div. 3, 5 to HR MacMillan Space Center Div. 2, 6, 12 Skating
March 6 th	Grade 3 play Div. 2 to WR Museum
March 8 th	Primary VSO
March 10 th	Daylight Savings Time
March 12 th	Div. 14, 20, 21 Joanne Howard
March 13 th	Social Studies Fair
March 15 th	Last day before spring break
March 18 th – 29 th	SPRING BREAK – SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
April 4 th	Div. 3, 6 to Surrey Biofuel
April 8 th	Non instructional day – no school
April 10 th	Class photos
April 16 th	Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 to Dance Festival
April 17 th	Kindergarten Dance Festival
April 17 th – 18 th	Grade 7 Musical
April 19 th	Good Friday – school is closed
April 22 nd	Easter Monday – school is closed
April 25 th	Kindergarten Dental Screening



KRAFTY KIDS



EVERY TUESDAY 2:30-4:00 P.M.
AGES 6-12



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All Free!

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AGES 6-12

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LIFE, DINNER AND MUCH MORE!

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