



Home of The Waves



## White Rock Elementary School

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### ***News Bulletin C • September 16, 2020***

#### **Thank You**

Ultimately, all we can really say is thank you. Thank you parents for your patience, for your understanding, and for your support. This has been a challenging time for us, for parents, and ultimately for our students. We have done our best (in a very short time) to organize classes and to implement new routines for the safety of everyone. It may not be perfect, and we are still adapting to new challenges and information. We will continue to do our best for our students, as we always have. Ultimately, all we can really say is



#### **Thank You!**

*Sincerely,  
The Staff, White Rock Elementary*

#### **Staffing Changes**

Our school had 97 of 482 students enrol in the Blended Learning program. This meant we had to reassign 3 of our teachers from face to face instruction to teaching the Blended program. We also had to reassign teachers from the fine arts to neighbourhood program.

We also welcomed several new staff members to White Rock this year. A complete staff list is enclosed in this News Bulletin.

***Student Photo Day Is September 22nd***

#### **Staggered Recess & Lunch Schedules**

To reduce the number of students on the grounds at recess and lunch our school has implemented a staggered recess and lunch schedule. Primary students (Grades K-3) will have a separate recess and lunch break from intermediate students (Grades 4-7).

To allow the students in our 3/4 combined classes to have the opportunity to play with their peers their classes will have recess with the primary classes and the lunch recess with the intermediate classes.

To further limit the number of primary students on the playground apparatus classes have been divided by division. A schedule is below. Please note that the *B.C. Back to Plan* states that during recess breaks students can socialize with a friend in a different learning group provided they minimize physical contact.

Block A: Grades K -3 • Block B: Grades 4-7

Block A Playground Schedule

Odd Divisions Odd Days • Even Divisions Even Days

8:35a.m. Classes Commence

Block A 10:00a.m. Block A Recess Begins

10:15a.m. Block A Recess Ends

Block B 10:25a.m. Block B Recess Begins

10:40a.m. Block B Recess Ends

Block A 11:40a.m. Block A Lunch Recess Begins

12:00p.m. Block A Lunch (Students Eat)

12:25p.m. Block A Lunch Ends (Classes Commence)

Block B 11:50a.m. Block B Lunch (Students Eat)

12:05p.m. Block B Lunch Recess Begins

12:35p.m. Block B Lunch Lunch Ends

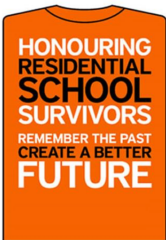
2:35p.m. Classes Dismissed



## Orange Shirt Day

This year Orange Shirt Day is on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Orange Shirt Day acknowledges the harm that Canada's residential school system has left in generations of indigenous families and their communities. Each September 30<sup>th</sup> Canadians are asked to wear orange as a sign of support.

To order an Orange Shirt for your child(ren) or yourself log into your *Cash Online Account*. Please note that all orders must be placed by next Monday, September 21st @9:00a.m. Instructions for creating a *Cash Online Account* are included in this News Bulletin. T-Shirts are \$6.00 each (including gst).



We are not permitted to hold assemblies in school at this time. Consequently, we will not be holding our traditional Orange Shirt Day Assembly. Staff are working on alternative ways to recognize Orange Shirt day this year.

## School Supplies & Planners

Students can bring their school supplies to school now. Parents can still order supplies from School Start. Visit the school's website for more information.

Given the uncertainty of the times a decision was made in June not to order student planners (it seemed like a prudent decision at the time). Now that there is some clarity about the school year the school is in the process of ordering student planners. More information will be sent home next week regarding the cost of student planners and which classroom teachers will be using them this school year.



## School Cash On Line Payment Instructions

*School Cash Online* provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as special event shirts, planners, or recorders -just to name a few. School Cash Online is a great way to pay without the need for cash or cheques.



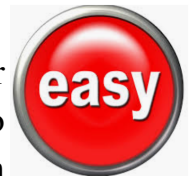
Go to the school web site:  
[www.surreyschools.ca/schools/whiterockelem/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/whiterockelem/Pages/default.aspx)

Click on the "Parent" heading in the ribbon at the top and then select "Pay fees online" to register. (It takes less than 5 minutes!).

Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps.

After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

Once you have registered your child/children, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing any deadlines!



## Student Photo Day

Individual student photos will be taken on Tuesday, September 22nd.



## FreshGrade

FreshGrade enables teachers to develop a digital portfolio of student learning that is accessible by both parents and students. Many teachers at White Rock use FreshGrade to create digital portfolios of student learning,

As FreshGrade enables parents and guardians to have an ongoing window into their child(ren)'s learning in the classroom, *teachers*



Electronic Portfolios

*using FreshGrade are not required to issue Interim or Formal Report Cards to parents.*

Parents of students with digital portfolios are reminded that the content of a portfolio is private. Copying and posting the information from the portfolio into social media sites is not encouraged.

Parents and guardians who have questions or concerns regarding their child's learning are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with the classroom teacher to discuss their concerns (over the phone by video conference). FreshGrade is not a viable format for parents to have questions regarding student progress addressed by teachers

## Not Feeling Well??

If your child is not feeling well in the morning **please do not send him or her to school.**

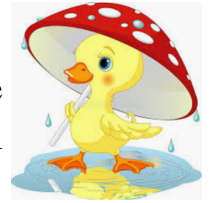


If a child becomes ill at school parents will be expected to make arrangements to have their child go home.

## Choice Days

When it is raining students have the choice to stay inside their classrooms at recess and lunch or to go outside. *If parents wish to have their child(ren) stay inside the school during a choice day then they should discuss their expectation with their child(ren).*

All students are expected to be dressed appropriately for all weather conditions.



## Valuables At School

Parents and students are reminded that personal belongings such as game-boys, skateboards, etc., should be kept at home. The school cannot be responsible for any personal items that are lost or go missing. Also, if students ride a bike to school they should have a bike lock to help keep it safe in the bike rack.



## Students & Lunches

At this time we are not permitted to allow parents to enter the building. We are also attempting to minimize the movement of students in the hallways. Consequently, for the health and safety of everyone it is extremely important that students bring their lunches with them when they go to school.



We are not able to provide an opportunity for parents, for caregivers, or for outside food vendors to drop off lunches for students. Please have your child(ren) bring a lunch and water bottle with them to school each day in the morning.

## Dates To Remember

Monday, Sept. 21	Orange Shirt Order Deadline
Tuesday, Sept. 22	Student Photo Day
Friday, September 25	Terry Fox Run ( <b>Tentative</b> )
Monday, Sept. 28	Non-Instructional Day
Wed., Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day
Tuesday, October 6	Early Dismissal Day. Students Dismissed @1:35p.m.
Wed., October 7	Early Dismissal Day. Students Dismissed At 1:35p.m.
Monday, October 12	Thanksgiving

## Early Dismissal Days

The Ministry of Education has set aside Early Dismissal Days for parent teacher conferences and or teacher planning. These early dismissal days remain in effect for this school year.



The school will be notifying parents of a time to schedule a phone or on-line conference with their child(ren)'s teacher(s).



**A fun, play-based, creative yoga class, for kids aged 6-12.**

**Wednesdays, 3:30-4:15 pm, Sept. 23 – Oct. 21/2020**

**DR. Allan Hogg Park, White Rock** (\*bring your own mat; distancing maintained; cancelled if raining)

**TEACHER:** Jacqui Fownes, ARAD, CYA-RYTGOLD; Children's Yoga specialist, with extensive education and over 27 years' teaching experience.

☸ For information and to register, please contact: (604) 785-4471; [jqfownes@shaw.ca](mailto:jqfownes@shaw.ca) ☸

Please note that the Kids' Yoga Program is not sponsored by the school. It is being organized by a private member of the community. The school is only promoting the event as a community service announcement.

## Terry Fox Run

White Rock's annual Terry Fox Run was to be held next Friday, September 25th. At this time the school has not cancelled the run. Staff are looking at alternative ways to recognize and honour the legacy of Terry Fox.

One alternative being considered is holding the run by class or by a larger cohort of no more than 60 students and staff at one time. Please watch for more information about this important event to be announced later this week.



## Kids' Yoga Contact Info

In case it is a little blurred, the contact information for the Kid's Yoga Program is: (604) 785 - 4471 or [jqfownes@shaw.ca](mailto:jqfownes@shaw.ca)

**FREE** (outdoor)  
**Kids' Yoga**

Have fun developing strength, balance, flexibility and stability, practicing the poses of yoga.

Breathe **calmness** through your body and mind.

Learn **mindfulness** and meditation, increasing your ability to self-regulate, feel empowered, and focus.

Increase feelings of **wellness**, kindness, happiness and peacefulness.

## White Rock Elementary • Staff For 2020-2021

Ms. Ameyaw	Education Assistant	Mr. Woodman	Aboriginal Youth Care Worker
Ms. Asselin-Simao	Education Assistant	Ms. Penner	Band Teacher
Ms. Bandesha	Education Assistant	Ms. Peters	Classroom Teacher • Grade 5/6
Mr. Bencze	Classroom Teacher • Grade 6/7	Ms. Redding	LST Teacher
Ms. Bentley	Classroom Teacher • Grade 1	Ms. Rochow	Classroom Teacher • On Leave
Ms. Brodie	Education Assistant	Ms. Rogers-MacDonald	Classroom Teacher • Grade 3/4
Ms. Butchart	Education Assistant	Mr. Rudd	Classroom Teacher • Grade 4/5
Ms. Cumblidge	Education Assistant	Ms. Scheer	Classroom Teacher • Grade 1
Ms. Cutler	Classroom Teacher • Blended	Ms. Shewchuk	Integration Support Teacher
Ms. Do Skalinski	Classroom Teacher • Grade 2	Ms. Smith	Integration Support Teacher
Ms. Doull	Classroom Teacher • Grade K	Ms. Smith	Education Assistant
Ms. Drover	ABA Support Worker	Ms. Sumner	Classroom Teacher • Blended
Ms. Duncan	Classroom Teacher • Grade 3/4	Ms. Swansburg	Vice-Principal & Classroom Teacher
Ms. Franklin	ABA Support Worker	Ms. Templeton	ABA Support Worker
Mr. Fryer	Classroom Teacher • Grade 6/7	Ms. Tice	Classroom Teacher • Grade 1/2
Ms. Fulton	Education Assistant	Ms. Vosloh	Classroom Teacher • Grade 3
Ms. Geerts	Supervisory Aide	Ms. Vuilleumier	Records Clerk
Ms. Gill	Speech Language Pathologist	Ms. Wigisser	Preparation Time Teacher
Ms. Gupta	Education Assistant	Ms. Woods	Music Teacher & FSL Teacher
Ms. Harris	Classroom Teacher • Grade 6/7	Ms. Young	Child Care Worker
Ms. Hubert	Education Assistant	Ms. Zueva	Supervisory Aide
Mr. Hurt	Principal		
Ms. Jensen	Education Assistant		
Ms. Jeon	ABA Support Worker		
Ms. Kendon	Supervisory Aide		
Ms. Knight	Education Assistant		
Ms. Kopf	Day Custodian		
Ms. Kubilius	Education Assistant		
Ms. Lenic	Custodian		
Ms. Markle	LST Teacher		
Ms. Matkin	ABA Support Worker		
Mr. Matsamoto	Supervisory Aide		
Mr. Mazurkewich	Counsellor		
Ms. McCredie	Classroom Teacher • Grade 4/5		
Ms. McKillop	Classroom Teacher • Grade 4/5		
Ms. Moravec	Head Custodian		
Ms. Nunns	Classroom Teacher • Grade K		
Ms. Nygaard	Teacher-Librarian		
Ms. O'Flynn	Integration Support Teacher		
Ms. Owens	Head Clerk		



Kindness Rocks At White Rock  
(And So Does Our Staff)  
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Parents / Guardians are required to complete the Daily Health Check each day with their child(ren) before school begins.



## Daily Health Check

Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discolouration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

\*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or a nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

## **‘Allergy-aware’ schools**

Anaphylaxis is a severe, life-threatening allergic reaction. Reactions are often rapid, and may occur within seconds of exposure to even the smallest amounts of the allergen. Immediate medical treatment is required when a reaction occurs.

### **Examples of life-threatening allergens are:**

- **peanuts**
- **tree nuts and nut products**
- **shellfish**
- **cow’s milk**
- **eggs**
- **insect venom**

The Surrey School District strives to keep schools safe for all students and staff. Where there is a student with a life-threatening allergy, school staff, students and parents work together to make the school ‘allergy-aware’ and prepare a plan to reduce the risk of student exposure to the allergen.

Factors such as the age of a student, organization and layout of the school, and properties of the allergen are considered in deciding upon the most appropriate action. Ideally, this is achieved without depriving allergic students of normal interactions or placing unreasonable restrictions on the activities of other students and staff in the school. Information about the plan is provided to all staff, students and parents as necessary.

In order to reduce the risk for allergic students, all students and staff are asked to wash their hands before and after eating. Schools may also ask parents to avoid sending specific food/beverage products to school in their child’s lunch or snack if there is an anaphylactic student in their child’s classroom. Alternative ideas for lunches and snacks can be obtained from public health facilities.

The success of an ‘allergy-aware’ school and the safety of our students are dependent upon the support and assistance of all staff, students and parents to limit the risk of exposure. Cooperation and understanding of life-threatening allergies is greatly appreciated.