



Home of The Waves



White Rock Elementary School

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**June Return**

At this time 38% of our student population in Grades K-7 have returned to face to face instruction in June. Teachers are continuing to plan for remote learning, to deliver a face to face instructional program, and complete year end summative report cards.

**Classes For September**

Not only are teachers working hard to finish the current school year, they are already planning for the coming school year (whatever that may look like).



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requests by parents or guardians for a specific teacher for their child(ren) are not appropriate as such requests place teachers in difficult position with their colleagues.

The criteria teachers use for placing students into classes is included in this News Bulletin.

**Thank You!**

Our staff are deeply appreciative of the patience and support we have received and continue to receive at this time of transition.

Since Spring Break, our White Rock Community has continuously demonstrated

flexibility, responsibility and patience. We are so grateful for the encouragement you've shown

for our teachers and their online learning programs. We're so appreciative of the students and their continued efforts to keep their learning journey moving forward. In this time we'll remember the kindness, compassion and hard work we've witnessed.

**Addition**

Last week the Minister of Education announced funding for several construction projects in the Surrey School District including an 8 classroom addition to White Rock Elementary.



The addition will be located on the East side of the building. Construction is planned to start in the spring of 2021 and be completed by fall of 2022.

**Summer Reading Club 2020**

To register your child(ren) for this year's Summer Reading Club visit [www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca).



Get a reading record, enter prize draws, participate in online activities, see amazing virtual performers and earn a medal! Visit [www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca) to register.



## Supply Pick Up

If your child is not returning to White Rock in June we have made arrangements for school supplies and personal items to be picked up on:

- Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m.- 3:30p.m.
- Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Please help us by keeping everyone safe by following these safety expectations:

- Enter through the doors to the right of the main doors. A staff member will be there to greet you.
- Where possible please limit the number of family members you bring into the school.
- Please exit through the back Gym door.
- If something is missing from your child's supplies email your child's teacher.

## News From The P.A.C.

Thank you for the wonderful support parents have shown during this COVID Crisis. We wanted to let you know a couple of important items. At this time our AGM has been postponed to the fall due to COVID. There are open positions for September on the PAC executive. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [whiterockpac@gmail.com](mailto:whiterockpac@gmail.com).



As well, the PAC is proud to be donating the proceeds from Yearbooks this year to the local food bank. Yearbook orders are currently being processed and once we know how much we are donating we will announce on our PAC Facebook page. More information about how to pick up your Yearbooks will come out in the coming weeks.

Finally, we are in the process of finalizing our fund-raising program for the new playground with the White Rock Rotary Club. Once these details have been completed we hope to purchase the playground this fall.

## Important Dates For 2020-2021

Below is a list of some dates and events that are planned for the coming school year. As the school year progresses the school may announce additional events, depending on direction from the Provincial Health Authority. Events marked '(Tentative)' are also dependent on direction from the Provincial Health Authority.



September 8	School Opens
September 22	Student Photo Day
September 25	Terry Fox Run (Tentative)
September 28	Non-Instructional Day
September 30	Orange Shirt Day
October 6	Early Dismissal @ 1:35p.m.
October 7	Early Dismissal @ 1:35p.m.
October 9	Cardboard Challenge
October 12	Thanksgiving Day. School Closed
October 19	DEAR & Pajama Day
October 23	Non-Instructional Day
October 28	Student Photo Retakes
November 6	Non-Instructional Day
November 10	Remembrance Day Recognition
November 11	Remembrance Day. School Closed
December 18	Last Day For 2020

### **2021**

January 4	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February 10	Early Dismissal @ 1:35p.m.
February 15	Family Day. School Closed
February 19	Non-Instructional Day
February 24	Pink Shirt Day
March 9	Class Photo Day (Tentative)
March 12	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 29	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April 2	Good Friday. School Closed
April 5	Easter Monday. School Closed
May 6	Welcome To Kindergarten (Tentative)
May 7	Non-Instructional Day
May 24	Victoria Day. School Closed
May 31	Non-Instructional Day
June 4	Games Day (Tentative)
June 18	Grade 7 Farewell (Tentative)
June 22	Kindergarten Celebration (Tentative)
June 25	Last Day; Early Dismissal @ 1:35p.m

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## Class Placement Procedures & Information

At the end of June, and again in September, the school organizes classes for the coming school year. Placing students in classes is a complex task that is taken very seriously by staff. Teachers meet in grade groups with the Learner Support Teachers and organize students into classes for the coming school year. For example, all the grade 1 teachers will meet together and group students into classes for grade 2. The criteria for the placement of students in classes are:

- Academic ability of the student.  
Each class is made up of students with varying abilities.
- Social/behavioural characteristics.  
The social and behavioural needs of students are considered when creating classes to ensure a balance of needs within each classroom.
- Learning Style.  
All children are unique. Not only do they develop at different rates, they also learn in different ways.
- Class size limits.  
The creation of classes must comply with the provisions of the School Act regarding the number of students in each class.
- Information from parents (does not include requests for a specific teacher).  
This is an opportunity for parents to share information about their child(ren)'s academic and social/emotional needs. Information provided will not guarantee a specific placement, but will be considered with all other placement criteria.

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The creation of combined classes involves creating teachable groups that, as best as possible, meet the individual needs of each child balanced with the needs of all children in the school. In every classroom, straight or combined, there is a wide range of abilities, talents and performance levels. Teachers are aware of these individual differences and structure learning activities according to the needs of each learner.

Your support of the final decision made regarding class placements is appreciated.