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White Rock Elementary School

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#### The First Week

We have had a great first week back at school. We want to welcome all the new families to our school community. It's been great getting to see how are White Rock students have welcomed the new students to our school. Thank you to all those White Rock students who took time to show new students around.

We greatly appreciate everyone's patience while we have taken the time needed to organize our classes. Teachers take the job of making classes very seriously and put a lot of effort into ensuring every class is a balance of



student needs and gender. We also ensure that all organizations with the comply Teacher's Collective Agreement, outlining class size and composition.

During this first week we are so proud to get to work with so many students who are kind, compassionate and helpful. Every day we walk down the hall and we are greeted with big smiles and hellos. This goes a long way and makes our school a fantastic place to be. Our book for the year is Say Something and we learned that sometimes you can say something with a smile or a nice gesture and we've seen lots of that this week.

Mike Hurt Principal

Abby Swansburg Vice-Principal

#### Meet The Teacher Night

Wednesday, September 18th from 6:00p.m. -7:00p.m. is Meet The Teacher Night. This is an informal evening to provide parents an



Foundation.

opportunity to meet staff members.

Please remember that these

Teacher Night types of events are voluntary for teachers. Thank you to teachers for volunteering their time to be part of this event.

# Meet The Teacher Night Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

## 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

#### **Terry Fox Run**

Friday, September 20th is our school's Terry Fox Run. Students will be completing the run on the school grounds with times to **RIN** announced be by classroom Our Student Leadership teachers. Team will also be collecting donations for the Terrv Fox



Pledge Forms have been sent home today (Tuesday), are included at the end of this News Bulletin, and are also available on our school's website.

#### The Great Turkey Run October 6th

Help the Rotary Club of White Rock raise September 30th, which is also a Professional and Peace Arch Elementary schools.



Join the community on Sunday, October 6th at Memorial Park in White Rock (beside the museum). Check in time is 9:00a.m.

For More information on the run, and making a donation, use the link below.

https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/whiterockelem/ NewsEvents/Newsletters/Documents/ The%20Great%20Turkey%20Run.pdf

#### Parents' Advisory Council (P.A.C.)

The P.A.C. is a forum within each school community to discuss matters affecting your

school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and



support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school; and,
- involving parents in volunteer activities.

Who can become a member of the P.A.C.?

parents and guardians of students A11 registered in the school are able to participate as a member of the P.A.C.

## The first P.A.C. meeting of the school year is Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (Time T.B.A.)

Please watch for an email announcing the time and location for this meeting.

money to fund playgrounds for White Rock, Development Day for teachers. Consequently, we will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 27th.

> HONOURING Orange Shirt Day acknowledges the SURVIVORS harm that Canada's residential school **FUTURE** system has left in generations of indigenous families and their communities. Each September 30th 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 this Friday, September 13<sup>th.</sup>

#### **Cross Country**

Cross Country Practices have begun! Students in grades 3 to 7 are welcome to participate in this year's Cross Country Team. Practices are Mondays and Thursdays (7:45a.m. - 8:30a.m.). Meets are held on Tuesdays after school at Crescent Park.

To join, students should obtain a permission form from the office and attend

the next Cross Country practice this Thursday, September 12<sup>th.</sup>



Thank you to Ms. Temple and Ms. Keen for volunteering their

time to support this extra curricular program for students.

> Home of the Waves....



#### **Orange Shirt Day**

#### **Choice Days**

When it is raining students have the choice to Ms. Vladimirov is an exchange teacher from stay inside their classrooms at recess and lunch Australia. She has been teaching at White or to go outside. If parents wish to have their Rock Elementary since January, 2019. 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 Aussie Club. dressed appropriately for all weather conditions.

#### Not Feeling Well??

If your child is not feeling well in the morning please do not send him or her to school. When a child is ill he or she is not able to learn. There is also the possibility that the child can pass on his or her cold or flu symptoms to others in the class, including the teacher.

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



#### **Dates To Remember**

Monday, Sept. 16	P.A.C. Meeting (Time T.B.A.)
Wed,, Sept. 18	Meet The Teacher Night
Friday, Sept. 20	Terry Fox Run
Friday, Sept. 27	Orange Shirt Day
Monday, Sept. 30	Non-Instructional Day
Tuesday, October 1	Student Photo Day
Friday, October 4	Cardboard Challenge
Sunday, October 6	Great Turkey Run
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving
Monday, October 21	DEAR / Pajama Day
Friday, October 25	Non-Instructional Day

## Student Photo Day Tuesday, October 1st

Aussie Club

Ms. Vladimirov would like to share some of her knowledge of Australia with students at White Rock, and has volunteered to start an

The club is open to all primary students in



Grades 1-3 and meets each Wednesday during the lunch recess (11:45a.m. - 12:10p.m.).

To join all students need to do is attend. Announcements will also be made to inform students about this exciting club.

#### Soccer

Our school soccer team is open to all students in Grades 6 and 7. Practices are Tuesday and Friday mornings beginning at 7:45a.m. Games are held after schools (days T.B.A.).

It's not too late. To join the soccer

team students can obtain a permission form from the office. Thank you to Mr. Bencze and Ms. Keen for volunteering their time to sponsor this extra-curricular activity.

#### 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. If students

ride a bike to school they should have a bike lock to keep it safe in the bike rack.



#### White Rock Elementary • Staff For 2019-2020

Ms. Asselin-Simao Ms. Atkinson Mr. Bencze Ms. Bentley Ms. Butchart Ms. Cullimore Ms. Cutler Ms. De La Vega Ms. Do Skalinski Ms. Doll Ms. Doull Ms. Drover Ms. Franklin Mr. Fryer Ms. Fulton Ms. Gallant Ms. Geerts Ms. Gill Ms. Grewal Ms. Hazelwood Ms. Herle Ms. Hubert Ms. Huang Mr. Hurt Ms. Jeon Ms. Keen Ms. Kinvig Ms. Kowalski Ms. Kubilius Ms. Lacroix Ms. Leblanc Mr. Lenic Ms. Markle Ms. Matkin Mr. Mazurkewich Ms. McCredie Ms. McKillop Ms. Moravec

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Ms. Neumann

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#### Cardboard Challenge

To help students celebrate their creative and industrious challenges we will be holding a school wide Cardboard Challenge on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Students are challenged to design and create an object out of cardboard. An organization called the Imagination Foundation was founded to foster creativity and entrepreneurship in children around the world to raise a new generation of innovators and problem solvers who have the tools they need to build the world they imagine."

More information about this event will be sent home in the next News Bulletin.

#### Field Trips & Donations

When notices are sent home for field trips parents are asked to provide a donation to help cover the cost of the field trip. The total cost of the field trip is provided in the notice. The difference in the cost of the field trip and the donation requested is paid out of money raised by the P.A.C. for field trips.

Last year the P.A.C. generously provided funds to pay transportation costs for all students on one field trip. Field trips are expensive. Buses alone, for example, cost on average \$600.00 per trip. Teachers request a contribution to help cover the cost of each field trip so they can plan and fund future field trips. If they do not collect money in the form of contribution they cannot plan future field trips.



Your financial support in the form of a contribution to help cover the cost of a field trip, or in the form of supporting a P.A.C. or school fund-raiser is appreciated. If financially contributing to the cost a a field trip, or any other activity at the school, is a financial hardship for your family please contact Mr. Hurt in confidence.

Student Accident Insurance



## www.surreyschools.ca

Tel: 604.596.7733

#### Did you know . . .

Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities?

You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Parents who would like to purchase accident insurance for their child are advised to choose an insurance provider. Several companies offer accident insurance and you must decide which plan suits your family's individual needs the best.

The Surrey School District and your District Parent Advisory Council provides the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Kids Plus<sup>™</sup> accident insurance program.

Kids Plus<sup>™</sup> Accident Insurance offers protection against the potentially high costs of serious injury from unexpected accidents and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

#### Accidents can, and do, happen

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- A full year (September to September), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home;
- Expenses such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more that are limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or MSP;
- Injury-related dental treatment, eyeglasses;
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If you change address during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums range from \$14.50 to \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected, and your child is covered all the time, not just while at school. A discounted premium is available for families with three or more children.

The insurance agreement will be between you and Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. and your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance Policy becomes effective on the date the enrolment application and payment are received by the insurance carrier.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <u>www.kidsplus.ca</u>, or speak with an Kids Plus™ Customer Service Representative at 1-800-556-7411.



# '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:		
<ul> <li>peanuts</li> <li>tree nuts and nut products</li> <li>shellfish</li> <li>cow's milk</li> <li>eggs</li> <li>insect venom</li> </ul>		

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.

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