

# Whonnock Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I write this I'm confounded by how best to help struggling students when it seems that all our best intentions and interventions aren't enough. What I mean is that despite all we know about adjusting teaching styles to accommodate a variety of learning needs it seems some of our students continue to not get the kind of results in their learning we all want for them. Keeping in mind what Ross Greene (*Raising Human Beings*, 2016) believes about all students doing well if they can, we continue to strive for success for our students in a system that doesn't seem to give them all they need to achieve that success. In my thirty years as an educator and nineteen as a student, the one constant I have observed is the power of **RELATIONSHIPS**. I don't remember most of the content I have been taught by many kind and caring teachers, I do however remember which teachers and principals knew my name and who seemed to care about me as a person. I liked school because it allowed me to connect with friends, be appreciated by teachers and try new things that I didn't know how to do.

Having just attended an intensive three-day workshop about creativity and innovation in education I can share that what seems to be important in student success is the self-efficacy that comes from being valued by those we hold in high esteem (teachers, parents/guardians, coaches). We build our identities by what we think others think of us. That is to say we need an outside, "objective" perspective of what we're all about in order to understand what type of person we really are. A creative endeavor can help to fulfill this by offering us a chance to express our souls--what's in our hearts--in a way that can be observed and appreciated by others, hopefully others who love us and want to see us do well and I have never met a student who didn't want to do well.

Whonnock elementary is filled with kind, caring adults who want nothing less than our kids to excel in whatever way they are able. We will do whatever it takes to support a student on their learning journey however it requires that student to be ready and willing to join us on the path the success. I look forward to working with you to figure out what it will take to see your child, our student, come to know themselves as a successful, resilient, kind, honest, and capable person.

Respectfully,

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## Upcoming Events

### March 1

PAC Hot Lunch

### March 2

Science Fair

### March 5

Lunch Lady

PAC Meeting

### March 7

Early Dismissal – 11:30

Parent/Teacher Conferences

### March 8

No School

### March 9

Last Day of School Before Spring Break

### March 12-23

Spring Break

### March 26

School Re-opens

PAC Hot Lunch

### March 29

PAC Hot Lunch

## Important School News

**SUCCESSFUL BUSY TOWN:** Mrs. Morgan's Kindergarten class had a great time working at Busy Town this week. They learned about the community and enjoyed sharing their new skills with their parents and grandparents. A big thanks to Mrs. Morgan for her hard work!



**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART UPDATE:** Friday, February 16 was a successful day for Jump Rope! Students filled the gym throughout the day skipping enthusiastically in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you to all the kids for their hard work and for all the donations that came in.

**ARE YOU PLANNING A HOLIDAY?** Reminder to parents/guardians to please let your teacher AND the office know if your child will be away to avoid unnecessary phone calls.

**PINK SHIRT DAY:** Wednesday, February 28 is Pink Shirt day. Remember to wear pink on this date in support of the Kindness Counts initiative.

**RUBEN'S SHOES:** We continue to collect new and used shoes. Please tie laces together or place a rubber band around the shoes so the pair stays together. For more information please check out their website – [rubenshoes.com](http://rubenshoes.com). Thank you for your support.

## More Important School News

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:** Parent teacher conferences will be taking place on March 7 & 8. Please remember to sign up for you conferences on the Parent Portal.

Wednesday, March 7 – Early Dismissal 11:30 am, conferences for the remainder of the day.

Thursday, March 8 – No school, conferences all day

Conferences run approximately 30 minutes and **INCLUDES** your student.

<u>Div. 3</u>	<u>Div. 8</u>
Rylan	Amaris
Andy	Brynn

James	
Maya	<u>Div. 9</u>
Deston	Josiah
Sara	Bryce
Clayton	Ava
	Jasper
<u>Div. 4</u>	Michael
Brynn	Syler

<u>Div. 5</u>	<u>Div. 10</u>
Vialise	Dalton
Jayden	

	<u>Div. 11</u>
<u>Div. 6</u>	Brooklyn
Jarod	Cameron
Devon	Cole

Stephen	<u>Div. 12</u>
Aly	Sofia
Darren	Jayce
Samantha	Ben
Aviva	

Grace	<u>Div.13</u>
Kayden	Nate
Ava	Kylie
Kiara	Sepanta
Ryder	Ryder
Tristan	Katelyn
Loghan	Conner

<u>Div. 7</u>	Hayley
Briana	Carson
Kane	Keagan
Davis	Kingston
	Julien
	Charlotte

## BASKETBALL

All three of teams had successful seasons with our girls and recreational boys seeing many wins. Our competitive boys learned about the high level of ability in the league and continued to work hard and learn up to the very last whistle. Our players represented Whonnock with respect and pride, well done to all our players and good luck next year!



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** is still under way; the first three phases are complete. The next phase is 'Late Registration', and will take place via the Parent Portal. If you have missed any of the first three phases, you will still be able to register during the Late Registration phase.

**Late Registration – March 28-June 7, 2018**

**All phases open at 12:00 noon and close at 11:59 pm.**

**GRADE 8 REGISTRATION:** All Grade 8 registrations for the 2018/2019 school year will be taking place online. Registration is now open and will close at 12:00pm on March 2.

Parents will be notified after Spring Break of their child's placement.

**SPRING BREAK March 12-23**

**Enjoy your time off!**



## **PAC NEWS**

**HOT LUNCH!** Just a reminder that hot lunch orders are being done online. Please complete your orders at:

[whonnock.hotlunches.net](http://whonnock.hotlunches.net)

March Hot Lunch Dates:

March 1 – Little Caesars

March 29 - Subway

**LUNCH LADY** – Orders for Lunch Lady are also being done online.

<http://thelunchlady.ca/>

Lunch Lady Dates

March 5

March 26

NEXT PAC MEETING

Monday, March 5

7:00pm



## **Ridge Meadows College & First Aid Hero: Riverside Centre**

### **RED CROSS BABYSITTING – SPRING 2018 FOR 11 YEARS OLD PLUS**

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone?

Different from all other Babysitting courses!

Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes first aid and learning through real life scenarios. Active role-play! Interactive and fun! Covered in this course:

- Exploring the Business of Babysitting
- Creating Safe Environments
- Safely caring for ages 0-12
- First Aid Skills

Please bring a yoga mat, pen/pencil, medium sized stuffed animal or doll, lunch, snacks and water.

#### **DATE AND TIME**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

**8:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**\$63/1 Session**

#### **LOCATION:**

Riverside Centre, 20575 Thorne Avenue, Maple Ridge

M – Th 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

F 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

*Spring Break Hours: March 19 – 23, 2018*

*M – F 8:00 am – 3:30 pm*

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*To register, please visit Ridge Meadows College in person or by phone/email  
604-466-6555 (Extension 203) or [rmc@sd42.ca](mailto:rmc@sd42.ca)*

