



Whonnock Elementary

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Upcoming Events

December 3

Early Dismissal - 11:30

Parent/Teacher Conferences (Zoom)

December 4

No School

Parent/Teacher Conferences (Zoom)

December 10

Young Entrepreneur Fair – Gym

December 16

Ugly Sweater Day

December 18

Last Day Before Winter Break

December 21 – January 1

Winter Break

January 4 - School Re-Opens

January 14 – PAC Meeting

Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I have had so many interesting experiences with our kids this last month that I need to share some of them with you. Since starting to monitor 112th Avenue I have been so pleased to notice some students reading in their cars on their way to school. I have also been very impressed with the way our kids cross the street. They often make eye contact with drivers on each side of the road and then thank them for waiting. Thank you all for your cooperation in observing the school zone speed limit of 30 Km/h and avoiding parking in the roundabout.

Today I sat with a kindergarten student who read me three books with close to perfect accuracy and comprehension which is quite unusual for a 5-year-old. Recess and lunch have also seen some very cooperative and respectful behavior in the form of kids' inviting others to play, students trying out badminton, hula hooping, and skipping, some for the first time. And finally, a few students have volunteered to be our school DJs and as such play requests at recess and lunch—some may surprise you: *Rubberband Man* (The Spinners version), *Du hast* by Rammstein, *Ain't no Mountain High Enough* by Marvin Gaye, *Danger Zone* by Kenny Loggins and *Let it Be*.

I hope you are able to fully participate in our upcoming student focused conferences via zoom. This is a time to celebrate your child's successes and learn about areas they can improve. We are all partners in your child's learning journey.

Our winter celebration this year will, of course, be subject to our Covid guidelines. This means that each teacher may be doing something unique in their class. So far, the preparations are going well with some sign language, crafts and musical performances being planned. Much like Remembrance Day, these activities will probably be limited to in class viewing.

And finally, I want to reiterate what an honor it is to work at Whonnock with your amazing kids and we all appreciate the many kind gestures and comments you send our way. There is no doubt that in our Covid reality we need it more than ever.

Respectfully,

Stuart Richardson 604 626 1772 srichardson@sd42.ca

NOTE: READ newsletter carefully and keep as a reference as there are numerous important school information items. Many of these items will not be repeated in future newsletters.

Local Christmas Activities for the Family

GLOW – Maple Ridge

Memorial Peace Park - November 27, 2020 – January 8, 2021

A twinkling light tunnel, a brilliant art tree, a glowing bandstand, and an interactive illuminated sequoia tree will be just some of the amazing features that will serve as the perfect holiday backdrop for a selfie with a loved one on a winter walkabout this season.

GLOW - Langley

Home for the Holidays, Drive-Thru Light Journey

Thursday, November 26 – Saturday, January 2

Milner Village Garden Centre – 6690 216 St. Langley

The Glow Elves have created a brand new, COVID-friendly experience in Langley: A drive-through, contactless light journey will take you through dazzling landscapes created by nearly a million lights. Take a leisurely 15-minute cruise into an illuminated wonderland that brings Christmas dreams to life. Buy tickets online.

Bright Nights Christmas Train at Stanley Park

When: Dec 8th to January 1, 2021 (closed Christmas Day) **DELAYED START DUE TO NEW COVID HEALTH RESTRICTIONS**

Where: Stanley Park Miniature Railway

Tickets: Available online now for \$10 plus fees for all age groups.

About: Bright Nights is excited to welcome you back to a nostalgic and much loved family event. They have focused their efforts on making sure the train will be a fun, happy and safe experience for all. The experience will be a bit different this year... there will be **no plaza lights** and **Santa won't be visiting**. All the decorating efforts will be **concentrated on the train ride itself** so all those same memories of riding the train through countless twinkling lights will still be there.

Lights of Hope St. Paul's Hospital

Location: 1081 Burrard Street, Vancouver – open online now

Don't miss the spectacular Lights of Hope display in front of St. Paul's Hospital. Watch the virtual livestream of this festive tradition at home or enjoy it as you walk or drive by.

PNE Winter Lights – A Magical Journey to Santa

PNE Grounds - December 11-13 and 17-23, 2020 from 4 pm – to 9:30 pm.

Website: Lights Activities: Take a journey to find Santa on a 2-km drive-thru sparkling light display. Venture through nine different magical lands as you explore the Merry Bright Forest, Polar North, Candy Cane Lane, Dreamland, and more. Purchase tickets online.



At Whonnock, we CARE about ourselves, each other and our school. We use our **Common Sense**, have a positive **Attitude**, **Respect** ourselves, others and the environment, and put forth our best **Effort**. We would like to thank the following students for demonstrating our Code of Conduct for the Month of November 2020.

Div. 1

Brynn

Div. 3

Bryce

Davis

Vincent

Aiden

Wyatt

Balian

Div. 4

Ava P

Gemma O

Isabella

MacKayla

Brooklyn

Charlie

Raquel

Brianna J

Piper

Ava D

Kenzie

Gemma T

Peter

Ronan

Div. 6

Liam

Christian

Jack

Taylor

Griffin

Div. 6

Keagan

Cam

Robin

Greyer

Cole

Jayden

Taylor

Chiara

Dalton

Claire

Avery

Robin

Liam

Div. 7

Ronan

Div. 8

Ronan

Mya

Levon

Sha

Elliot

Kaden

Dean

Talon

Bayer

Holden

Sage

Persia

Maveric

Kinley

Div. 8

Emmitt

Remy

Eli

Sage

Clara

Audrey

Anna

Adalie

Div. 9

Aiden

Olivia

Div. 10

Jose

EXTRA CLOTHES!!! Whonnock participates in West Coast Recess, which means we are outside rain or shine. Please pack an extra set of clothes, especially socks and pants. This will help avoid calls home.



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Next Meeting:

Thursday, Jan. 14 - 7:00pm
VIA Zoom

INCLEMENT WEATHER: December and January typically bring a few days of snow or ice. If you wake up to snow on the ground please check the district website, <http://www.sd42.ca/inclement-weather-procedures>, the district Facebook and on local news stations by 6:00 a.m. If you are on a bus route, the “snow bus route” would have already been sent out, it is also available on the district website.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES – POWER OUTAGE: At this time of year power outages can happen at Whonnock. During COVID our protocols will change slightly. Since a power outage at Whonnock means no running water or flushing toilets we will be sending students home right away where possible. We may decide to wait it out if there is only a very short time left in the day, but otherwise, no power will mean no school. When students are to be released, an announcement will be posted on the district website and the parent portal. Teachers will begin calling families and releasing students from the classroom. Teachers will sign out their students (not parents this year) from the classroom, NOT the school office. Thank you for your patience in these situations, hopefully we will not see too many outages this winter!

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS:

Would you like to win **\$5 Library Bucks** to spend on a new book at the end of the year? The **12 Days of Reading Challenge** will be happening in the library which will enter you to win Library Bucks! Read, or be read to, for 12 days from December 1-17th. Primary students can read for 15 minutes a day and intermediates can read for 30 minutes a day. Pick up a form from outside the library to keep track and return it to your teacher on December 18th for a chance to win. Two primary students and two intermediate student’s names will be drawn on the 18th. Happy Reading!



Mrs. Emond
School Librarian

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FOR THE 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

All Kindergarten will be done through the parent portal.

parents.sd42.ca

For further information see the school district website: sd42.ca

Kindergarten

Phase	Registration Starts (12:00 noon)	Registration Ends (11:59 pm)	Supporting Documents Deadline (12:00 noon)
Sibling	Jan 6, 2021	Jan 12, 2021	Jan 19, 2021
Choice	Jan 20, 2020	Jan 25, 2021	Feb 5, 2021
General	Feb 3, 2021	Feb 10, 2021	Feb 22, 2021
Late	Feb 24, 2020	July 31, 2021	Sept 3, 2021
Open	Aug 19, 2020	open	Sept 3, 2021

*Parents will be notified of their child's placement via email shortly after the registration ends.





when
you
CHOOSE
joy

You feel good
& when you feel
good, YOU do good
& when YOU do good
it Reminds others
of what joy feels like
& it just♥
might inspire
them to do
the same.