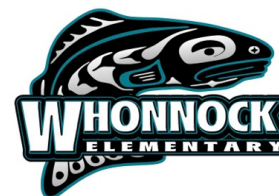


# Whonnock Elementary

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## Upcoming Events

**February 3 - February 10**

Kindergarten Registration

**February 4 - February 19**

Grade 8 Registration

**February 15**

Family Day – No School

**February 16**

Non-Instructional Day

**February 24**

Late Kindergarten Registration

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### Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many exciting things are happening at school this month. We will continue to have Zoom Pow Wow dancing classes with **Shayma Priya** who has a very impressive dance instruction and performance resume. It's also BLACK HISTORY MONTH and we'll be acknowledging significant contributions to Canadian society by prominent Black Canadians as well as learning some of our history together. Chinese Lunar New Year occurs on February 12 when the year of the OX begins. We've been very fortunate to have Ms. Denise Upton, our district primary **literacy helping teacher** continue to work with some of our classes supporting their reading instruction.

Grade 8 registration begins this Thursday through the parent portal so please watch for more information about that. Kindergarten registration continues through the portal as well.

Our district 6 year graduation rates for last year for our school district have just been released and SD42 has done very across all areas. In the case of students with Special Needs and Indigenous students we are 12% and 15% respectively *above* the provincial average:

All Resident Students – 93.2%      Indigenous Students – 86.2%

English Language Learners – 88.6%.      Students with special needs – 84.3

And finally, please accept my sincere appreciation for all you are doing for our students in ensuring they are healthy and ready to learn. As a dad myself, I know how challenging these times are with the many pressures of trying to follow the provincial health guidelines, staying positive, and providing a good example of resilience to our kids. While these are tough times, we have much to be grateful for and eventually will end. As always, feel free to connect with me at any time regarding your children and our school.

Respectfully,

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**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.

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## Important School News

### LUNCH HOUR SUPERVISOR POSITION NEEDED

Please call Stuart Richardson if you could spare one hour each day and would like work ( CUPE ) as a lunch hour supervisor with the best students and staff in the district!

### INCLEMENT WEATHER:

February typically bring lots of rain and a few days of snow or ice. Please make sure your child has appropriate rain gear – Boots/Jacket/Hat/Mittens.

As well as, a **full change of clothes at school** in case of an emergency. We are often outside for both recess and lunch!



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 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.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP** – Thank you parents/guardians for your continued effort in keeping our students safe during drop off and pick up times. Parking in the roundabout and road traffic has been much slower and safer. Please be considerate of other families and staff coming and going at these times of days... keep up the good work!

**GRADE 8 REGISTRATION** – Registration for students going into Gr. 8 for the 2021/2022 school year is open at noon on **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**.



Registration will be done on the **parent portal**, please be sure you are able to log in to your account prior to this date.

**FEBRUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 19**  
**GRADE 8 GENERAL REGISTRATION**

If you miss online registration, you will have to go to contact your catchment school to register directly with them.

## C.A.R.E

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 **DECEMBER & JANUARY**.

<u>Div. 1</u>	<u>Div. 6</u>	<u>Div. 8</u>
Aly	Dalton	Talon
Aviva	Cameron	Remy
Jonah	Christian	Eli
Lily A	Cole	Dean
Magnus		Ronan
<u>Div. 2</u>	<u>Div. 7</u>	<u>Div. 9</u>
Sloane	Jordan	Damien
	Senna	Olivia
	Jack	Elora
<u>Div.3</u>	River	Darius
Anthony	Maya	Ronan
Bryce	Trevor	Ethan
Matthew		Kian
Kaia	<u>Div. 8</u>	Trey
Amie	Kaden	Nolan G
Wyatt	Holden	
	Clara	
<u>Div.4</u>	Elliot	
Peter	Emmitt	
Ava P	Persia	
Isabella	Mya	
Raquel	Kinley	
Brianna	Anna	
MacKayla	Adalie	
Ayla	Audrey	
Olivia	Dean	
Brooklyn	Sage	
	Eli	
<u>Div. 6</u>	Persia	
Evelyn	Sha	
Claire	Audrey	
Greyer	Levon	
Jack	Holden	
Taylor J	Maveric	
Keagan		

Important School News

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** – Kindergarten registration is underway; the sibling and choice registration phases are now completed. General registration opens on FEBRUARY 5. If you have not registered yet, please do so right away via the Parent Portal.



***FEB 3-10 GENERAL REGISTRATION***

***FEB 24 – JULY 31 LATE REGISTRATION***

***AUG 19 and ON - OPEN REGISTRATION***

MAPLE RIDGE & PITT MEADOWS

# VIRTUAL FAMILY LITERACY CELEBRATION

January 27 – 30.

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Join the event

starting 4:00 pm, Jan 27.

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