

December 2022

Whonnock Elementary

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Upcoming Events

December 1

Early Dismissal - 11:30
Parent/Teacher Conferences

December 2 - No School

Parent/Teacher Conferences

December 6 - Santa Mall

December 7 - Div 7 Bake Sale

December 8 - Hot Lunch

December 9

Young Entrepreneur Fair – Gym

December 14

Ugly Sweater Day

December 15 Christmas Concert

Last Names A-K 9:00 am

Last Names L-Z 1:00 pm

December 16

Last Day Before Winter Break

December 19 – January 2

Winter Break

January 3 - School Re-Opens



Message from the Principal:

December is always a bustling time with many festive activities as we prepare for the Winter Break. In the hallways you can hear the sound of students working on holiday crafts and the excitement for the upcoming break is tangible in the building. I am looking forward to having our families attend our Entrepreneur Fair and our Christmas Concert as these events have not occurred for the past few years!

As always, feel free to say hello before or after school while we are out supervising the students. All the best to our Whonnock families this holiday season!

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! Read, or be read to, for 12 days from December 1-15th. 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 Mrs. Emond on December 16th for a chance to win. One primary student and one intermediate student's names will be drawn on the 16th. Happy Reading!

Mrs. Emond

Teacher-Librarian

From the PAC:

- Mention "Whonnock Elementary" when visiting the Townhall & Kanaka Liquor Stores in Maple Ridge (the school receives 5%)
- Neufeld Order pick up is Tuesday Dec 6th @ 2:30 pm
- There was a change to the hot lunch date for Tacos (new date is Dec. 13)
Details on Muchalunch.

New PAC Website: <https://whonnockelementarypac.weebly.com/>

Next PAC meeting: Dec 8th

LOCAL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

GLOW – Maple Ridge

Memorial Peace Park - November 26 – January 6

For the fourth year in a row and with the support of our amazing corporate partners, the City of Maple Ridge is bringing holiday cheer to the Town Centre with *GLOW Maple Ridge!* A twinkling tunnel, a brilliant art tree, a glowing bandstand and an interactive sequoia tree are just some of the amazing features that serve as the perfect holiday backdrop for a selfie with a loved one on a winter walkabout.

Enjoy an evening walk with family in Memorial Peace Park and the Maple Ridge Town Centre anytime take in the beautiful sights and sounds of our City's holiday magic. It's sure to become a part of your family's yearly traditions.

GLOW - Langley

6690 216 St. – November 23 – Dec 31

Outdoor Family-Friendly Walk Around Festival

All new Theme and Lights, The Jolly Jumble! Santa's tree trimming team decked out the biggest, most beautiful tree, only to have it all come crashing down in a decorating disaster! Panicked, the elves have run off to find new things for a tree for Santa. Find Santa's elves as you wander through the sea of giant ornaments, magical trees and cascading lights to delight the senses. Buy tickets online.

Bright Nights Christmas Train at Stanley Park

Stanley Park Miniature Railway – December 1 – January 1

Admission by donation, all proceeds benefitting the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund. 4pm – 10 pm, closed Dec 5, 6 and 25

Lights of Hope St. Paul's Hospital

1081 Burrard Street, Vancouver – November 17 – January 6

Don't miss the spectacular Lights of Hope display in front of St. Paul's Hospital.

PNE Winter Fair

PNE Grounds – December 14 – 23 4:30 – 10:30 pm.

The PNE has transformed into an immersive magical holiday experience for the entire family! Ten festive nights featuring Christmas themed concert series, skating on the Tim Hortons Indoor Ice Rink, magical holiday theatre shows, a winter market, tasty food and drinks and a sparkling walk thru winter lights display.

Tickets online.

LOST & FOUND Now that the weather is getting colder, we have a lot of mittens and toques gathering, please have a peek and take what is yours.

EXTRA CLOTHES!!! Whonnock students participate in West Coast Recess and Lunch, which means we are outside rain, snow, sleet or shine. Please pack an extra set of clothes, especially socks and pants.



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 2022.

Div. 2

Ava W.
Anthony
Justin
Matthew

Div. 6

Darius
Jase

Div. 8

Lily V.
Sawyer
Kashton

Div. 7

Brooklyn

Div. 4

Vienna
Sofia
Hailey
Gunnar
Domenique
Fallon
Paxton
Keira
Max
Nate
Mira

Div. 9

Penelope
Maya

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

December and January typically bring a few days of snow and 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.

The Family Education and Support Center is excited to have the following courses and workshops available for this winter.

- For a full list of programs, see the winter program guide: [Family Education and Support Centre Winter Program Guide](#). To register, call 604-467-6055 or visit <https://www.familyed.bc.ca/>.

Anger Monsters (8-12 years): This children's program is designed to teach children 8-12 yrs old what anger is. This program is designed to allow participants to be able to identify their triggers and learn tools to help control their anger. The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, including various anger cycles and goals of behavior. Participants will also learn how to help support their child's efforts to tame their anger, along with different calming techniques. Date: Feb 4- Mar 4 (Sat) Time: 330pm-530pm Cost: \$90 *price is for 1 child and 1 parent/guardian*

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I Am Awesome (Spring Break Camp): This course is designed to help young people with communication styles, triggers, “I” statements, looking at their special inner qualities, how to deal with stress and how to be a friend. We are offering two sessions. Ages 7 - 11 Ages 6-8 years Date: Mar 13 - 17 Time: 8am - 12pm Cost: \$86/child Ages 9&10 years Date: Mar 20 - 24 Time: 8am - 12pm Cost: \$86/child

STEPE: Developmentally appropriate parenting skills for children aged 0-6. Programming for children 0-6 is available. Date Jan 30- Feb 24 (Tues/Fri) Time: 1-3pm Cost: FREE

Parenting Resilient Children: Understand better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families. Please note, this workshop will take place via Zoom. Date: Feb 14 (Tues) Time: 10am - 12pm Cost: \$15

Conflict Resolution Parenting: Learn how to use "I" statements, conflict management styles, trigger scale, active listening, paraphrasing and open questions for parenting. This workshop will take place via Zoom. Date: Jan 10 (Tues) Time: 10am - 12pm Cost: \$15

Healthy Relationships: This 2-part course looks at the fundamentals of any adult relationship including the foundation, needs, wants, and communication skills. Date: Feb 4 & Feb 11 Time: 9am-3pm Cost: \$90/per person *must register in pairs*

Men's Anger Management: Explores the complex nature of anger, recognizing triggers, alternative methods of expression, and how to defuse anger. Date: Jan 15- Feb 5(Sun) Time: 9am - 2pm Cost: \$90

Brave New You: Women learn about creating and keeping their boundaries, healthy communication, managing challenging conversations, expressing feelings and identifying personal needs. Date: Feb 4- Mar 4 (Sun) * no class Family Day weekend Time: 9am - 2pm Cost: \$90

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FOR THE 2023/2024 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) |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sibling | Jan 4 | Jan 10 |
| Enviro | Jan 11 | Jan 13 |
| Choice | Jan 18 | Jan 23 |
| General | Feb 1 | Feb 7 |
| Late | Feb 22 | July 28 |
| Open | Aug 21 | Sept 15 |

