

Whonnock Elementary

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Website: [Whonnock Elementary School](https://www.sd42.ca/whonnock-elementary-school)



Upcoming Events

February 1 - February 7

General Kindergarten Registration
<https://www.sd42.ca/whonnock-elementary-school/registration/>

February 2 - February 17

Grade 8 Registration
<https://www.sd42.ca/whonnock-elementary-school/announcement/transfer-period-february/>

February 14

Valentine's Day – RED & PINK Day



February 20

Family Day – No School

February 21

Non-Instructional Day (school based)

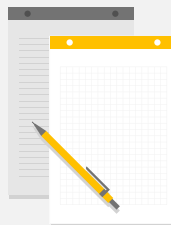
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Late Kindergarten Registration

Message from the Principal:

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to a new year at Whonnock!

We are very excited to have our mural complete in the front foyer which was designed by one of our very own Whonnock parents, Laura Johnson! The mural was inspired by the local mountains of the surrounding area and definitely creates a warm and inviting atmosphere as you enter the front of the school. Personally...I love the bear!



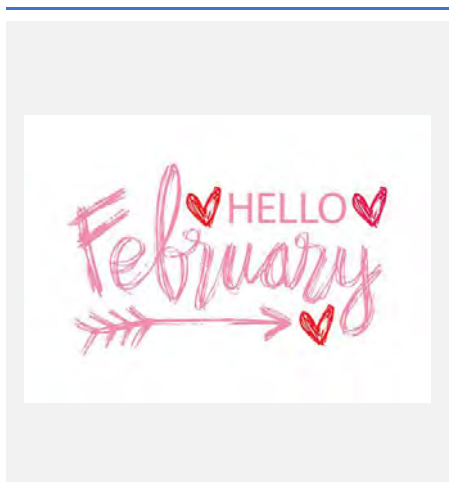
Thank you to Laura for your beautiful work and thank you to our PAC for helping make this work possible.

January was a busy and productive month with the start-up of basketball and many events such as bake sales and hot lunches.

Again, thank you to the teachers and the PAC for making these events possible as they help maintain a wonderful sense of community in the building.

I can't believe we are already at the end of January!

February is Kindness month, and we will also be focusing on identity with our Identity Day on February 17th. Here's to another great month at Whonnock!



Important School News

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 – PAC has provided 3 reminder signs for roundabout flow. Thank you, drivers, for your continued effort in keeping our students safe during drop off and pick up times. 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 2023/2024 school year is open at noon on **Thursday, February 2nd.**

Registration will be done on the ***Parent Portal***; please be sure you are able to log in to your account prior to this date, if you have any updated address information, we will need 2 documents at the office ***before*** registration takes place to have your student’s information updated.

LOST AND FOUND – We have collected many mitts, toques, masks, jackets, and water bottles already this month, please have a look through all the items collecting at the front of the school, all remaining items will be delivered to our community drop off bin Feb 3rd.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – Kindergarten registration is underway; the sibling and enviro registration phases are now completed. General registration opens on FEBRUARY 1. If you have not registered yet, please do so on the Parent Portal.



SCHOOL WEBSITE – Please have a peek, we update this every week, PAC has a tab with their ***new email*** posted and the varying ways to connect with them, they can help keep you up to date with all the latest news also.

Hot lunches have been moved to Wednesdays, next set is Feb 1st and 15th, please use Munch-a-lunch to sign up if you’d like to volunteer.

Next PAC Meeting: Feb 9th @ 7pm in the Library

FAMILY SMART — HELP FOR THE HARD TIMES - Open house information session for professionals

The Help for the Hard Times workshop series provides a framework for parents/caregivers to consider as they support their child after a crisis. The workshop includes practical strategies, tips and tools that support caring, connected relationships. Join this information session to learn more about Help for the Hard Times, and how you, as a Health Care Provider, Service Provider, Educator, Police and RCMP can help connect families to this free workshop.

Dates: Thursday, January 26th Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm Join us on Zoom. To Register:

<https://familysmart.ca/event/open-house-information-session-for-professionals-2/>

Questions? Email: info@familysmart.ca

FAMILY SMART — CONNECT AND LEARN - Self Harm: There is Always Help, There is Always Hope

Learn with us! Hear Kim Leifso a clinical counsellor and Ciara, a young person with lived experience; talk about what they know and have experienced with self-harm. Come together with other families to watch this 30-minute video presentation followed by a facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

Cost: Free of Charge Date(s):

- Monday January 9, 2023 (12-130pm)
- Thursday January 12, 2023 (5-630pm)
- Tuesday January 17, 2023 (630-8pm)
- Monday January 23, 2023 (630-8pm)
- Wednesday January 25, 2023 (930-11am)

Registration required: www.familysmart.ca/events

MEADOW RIDGE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Spring Flag Football

Ages 8 to 18

Registration starts February 1, 2023

Season: April - June

Practices are two weeknights 6pm – 8pm (Starting March)

Games (Jamborees) are on Saturdays

Required Gear: Cleats and Mouthguards

www.meadowridgeknights.com

email: mrkregistrar@gmail.com

MEADOW RIDGE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Fall Tackle Football

Ages 8 to 18

Fall Flag

Ages 5 - 7

Registration starting: March 15, 2023

Season: June - November

Practices are two weeknights 6pm – 8pm (Starting Last Tuesday in June)

Games are on Saturdays

Required Gear: Cleats (all other equipment provided)

RIDGE MEADOWS MINOR BALL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Registration is now open for the tykes program (5 to 6 year olds) and U8 to U21 Programs (7 to 21 year olds)

RMMBHA has been committed to offering an organized and affordable house youth ball hockey experience in the Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and Mission areas since 2003. Our league's volunteers strive to create an inclusive community with a focus on building a fun, competitive athletic atmosphere that helps all players learn and develop their ball hockey skills. We encourage sportsmanship and fair play, while instilling a passion for the game. RMMBHA is a co-ed league and we are always looking to expand the involvement of girls in our sport. Through BCBHA and CBHA there are opportunities to challenge our skilled, minor ball hockey players in tournaments against other teams throughout BC, other provinces and at an international level.

These include:

- The Western Challenge Cup Tournament
- Team BC Ball Hockey Tournament
- The Worlds Ball Hockey Tournament

Register at RMMBHA.com



READY, SET, PARENT

INFORMATION ZOOM SESSION

The Family Education & Support Centre and School District 42 would love to connect with you as you begin your new and exciting journey as a parent. Learn about locally offered free early years play opportunities and family services from infancy to 5 years! Join us for an information zoom session for expecting parents!

JANUARY 19
FEBRUARY 2
APRIL 6

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://www.familyed.bc.ca>
(604) 467-6055

- Use link or QR Code
- Scroll to Parenting and Personal Growth Workshops
- Locate Ready, Set Learn Series
- Register for Ready, Set, Parent





READY, SET, LEARN SERIES

READY, SET, SPROUT (BIRTH-18MONTHS) 3 SESSIONS

READY, SET, GROW (18MONTHS-36MONTHS) 3 SESSIONS

READY, SET PLAY (3YEARS-4 YEARS) 3 SESSIONS

The Family Education and Support Centre and School District 42 are offering Parent/Child PLAY and INFORMATION Sessions. Each session will provide families with activities they can continue to do at home, age-appropriate developmental information, a take-home toy or book and resource connections within the community.

Early Years Centre @ Webster's Corner Elementary

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