

January to March Newsletter



Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you well as we embark on an exciting journey into 2025. This year promises to be filled with growth, achievements, and new opportunities for all our students.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members at our Winter Concerts in December. A huge thank you to Mr. Kujawa, our music teacher, for all his hard work in planning and organizing the show. A special thank you to Ms. Emond for her work backstage. We also would like to recognize our student light and sound crew, as well as our backstage runners and helpers. The show was a great success!

During the holiday season we collected food and money donations for the Friends in Need Food Bank. I am thrilled to announce that we smashed all previous donation records, and we collected over 25 boxes of food, as well as \$715! Thank you to Ms. Kotwal and the students of Division 4 for leading this wonderful holiday fundraiser.

Our basketball season is in full swing, and our student-athletes are already working hard on the court. Thank you to coaches Ms. Murray and Ms. Fitzpatrick for supporting our players. Our first home game is January 20th after school – come cheer on the Warriors!

It's hard to believe, but it's already time to start planning for September. Sibling registration for Kindergarten is now open, with general registration opening on January 29th. We look forward to welcoming our youngest learners at our Ready, Set, K event in the spring.

Grade 8 registration opens on February 11th. Let's prepare our grade 7 leaders for a successful transition to secondary school.

A highlight for January will be our Identity Day, held in the gym on Friday, January 31st. Please stop by from 1 to 2pm that afternoon to find out what passions our students have!

Thank you for your continued support of Whonnock Elementary. Together, let's make 2025 an outstanding year for our community.

Megan Olynyk

Upcoming Events

Jan 7 – Kindergarten SIBLING Registration

Jan 9 – PAC Meeting

Jan 17 – Pancake Breakfast

Jan 28 – Non-Instructional Day

Jan 29 – Kindergarten GENERAL Registration

Jan 31 – Identity Day 1-2 in Gym

Feb 11 – Gr. 8 Registration

Feb 14 - Non-Instructional Day

Feb 17 – Family Day

Feb 21 – Coldest Night Fundraiser

Feb 26 – **PINK Shirt Day**

Mar 13 – Early Dismissal 11:30 Student Led Conferences

Mar 14 – School not in Session Student Led Conferences

March 17-28 SPRING BREAK!!

Mar 31 – Welcome back to School

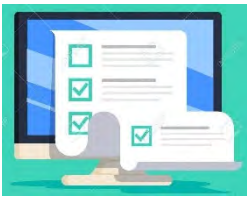
BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club serves the purpose of offering students a free meal to help them start their day off on the right foot. The model is eat and go, or grab and go. This means that students can grab a quick snack (granola bar, yogurt tube) to take with them, or they can stay to eat a quick meal (bowl of cereal, toast). Once they have grabbed their snack or finished eating, students are expected to head outside for some playtime until the bell rings for the beginning of the school day.

We do not have the space or capacity for students to be supervised by staff members until the bell rings.

Our staff are able to supervise students who are eating in the Breakfast Club area, but they cannot supervise students once they return outside. If parents are providing supervision for their child, they are welcome to come in while their student eats, and then head back outside with their child to wait for the bell.

PARENT PORTAL



THANK YOU for taking the time to fill out the online consent forms and the Emergency Release Forms. If you have not completed these forms, please go onto the parent portal, and complete them ASAP, there will be a **red alert** when you log in to let you know they are not complete.

STUDENT ABSENCES: Thank you for remembering to submit absences over the portal, emails, or calling into the office. All voicemail gets sent to Ms. Lorrie as an immediate email so feel free to leave a detailed message, mornings are busy times over here!

Please let Ms. Lorrie **and** your student's teacher know if your child is going to be late, absent, or requires an early pickup, and continue to sign them out at the foyer desk.

EXTRA CLOTHES:

We are into wet and muddy season here at Whonnock! Please send an extra change of clothes to school for your student and label with their names so we can keep the lost and found empty. Thanks for your help!

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP – Students are dismissed at 2:20pm. We do not have staff available to supervise students after school. Please ensure your students are picked up from school promptly at dismissal.

PARKING – Reminder to all parents/guardians that we have a “kiss and go” policy when dropping off students in the morning and picking up at the end of the day.

There is **NO** stopping or parking in the round-about and **NO** parking in the **staff parking or at the fire hall**. This creates too much congestion in the mornings and afternoons. Please be considerate of other families and staff coming and going at these times of days.

LOST & FOUND – The Lost and Found is at the GYM entry, please feel free to have a peek and take what is yours, items left at the end of each month will be donated to our local shops.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATES

Conferences will be taking place Thursday, March 13th & Friday, March 14th.

2025-26 Kindergarten Registration Dates at a Glance

Registration dates for the 2025-26 school year:

* All registration periods open at **12 pm (noon)**.

Sibling Registration

January 7 – January 11, 2025

Environmental School Registration

January 8 – January 10, 2025*

**Registration for siblings of Environmental School students is January 6-9, 2025.*

Choice Registration

January 15 – January 20, 2025

General Registration

January 29 – February 4, 2025

Late Registration

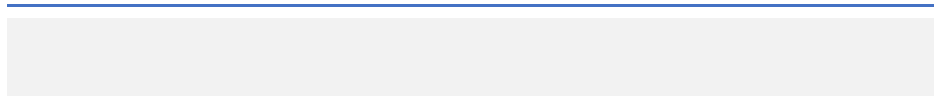
February 19 – July 25, 2025

Open Registration

August 20 – September 19, 2025

Any child who turns 5 years old in 2025 (born in 2020) is eligible to register for the 2025/26 school year.

For more information, please go to <https://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>



Grade 8 Transfer Period Information 2025/26

For parents of Grade 7 students going into Grade 8

Online registration OPENS at **noon, Tuesday, February 11, 2025.**

Deadline for completing a request for the Grade 8 Transfer Period is **11:59 pm, Tuesday, February 25, 2025.**

If you do not register by the online registration deadline, you will need to complete a request under the Enrolment Requests – New; Transfer; Withdraw (2025/2026) school year. See information under following tab, *Transfer requests (K-12), including late Grade 8 registration.*

Grade 8 students who did not register during the Feb 11 – 25 registration period will be able to register on the Parent Portal starting **noon, Wednesday, March 12, 2025**, in the early enrolment period for the 2025/26 school year.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES: SNOW

As the weather cools, please review the school district's inclement weather procedures as they relate to snowfall and possible school closures.

The decision to close schools due to accumulating snowfall is ultimately the responsibility of the superintendent, who must balance the safety of students, staff and parents with the need to provide learning. The decision is not taken lightly and is the result of a carefully thought-out process that is reviewed after each experience and refined if necessary.

Except in rare circumstances, no announcement will be made if schools are open.

The decision to close schools is made by 6:30 a.m. Details are:

- posted on the SD42 Website (www.sd42.ca).
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](#));
- posted on the SD42 Twitter feed ([@sd42news](#));
- shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations.

Please note: The district supports individual and family decisions regarding safety. Parents/guardians have primary responsibility for their children's safe travel to school. If, for any reason, there are personal concerns about the ability to travel safely to school, other arrangements should be made.

RIDGE MEADOWS MINOR BASEBALL

2025 SPRING BASEBALL REGISTRATION

OPEN DEC 15 - JAN 31

BASEBALL IS OPEN TO ANY PLAYER
BORN 1999-2020

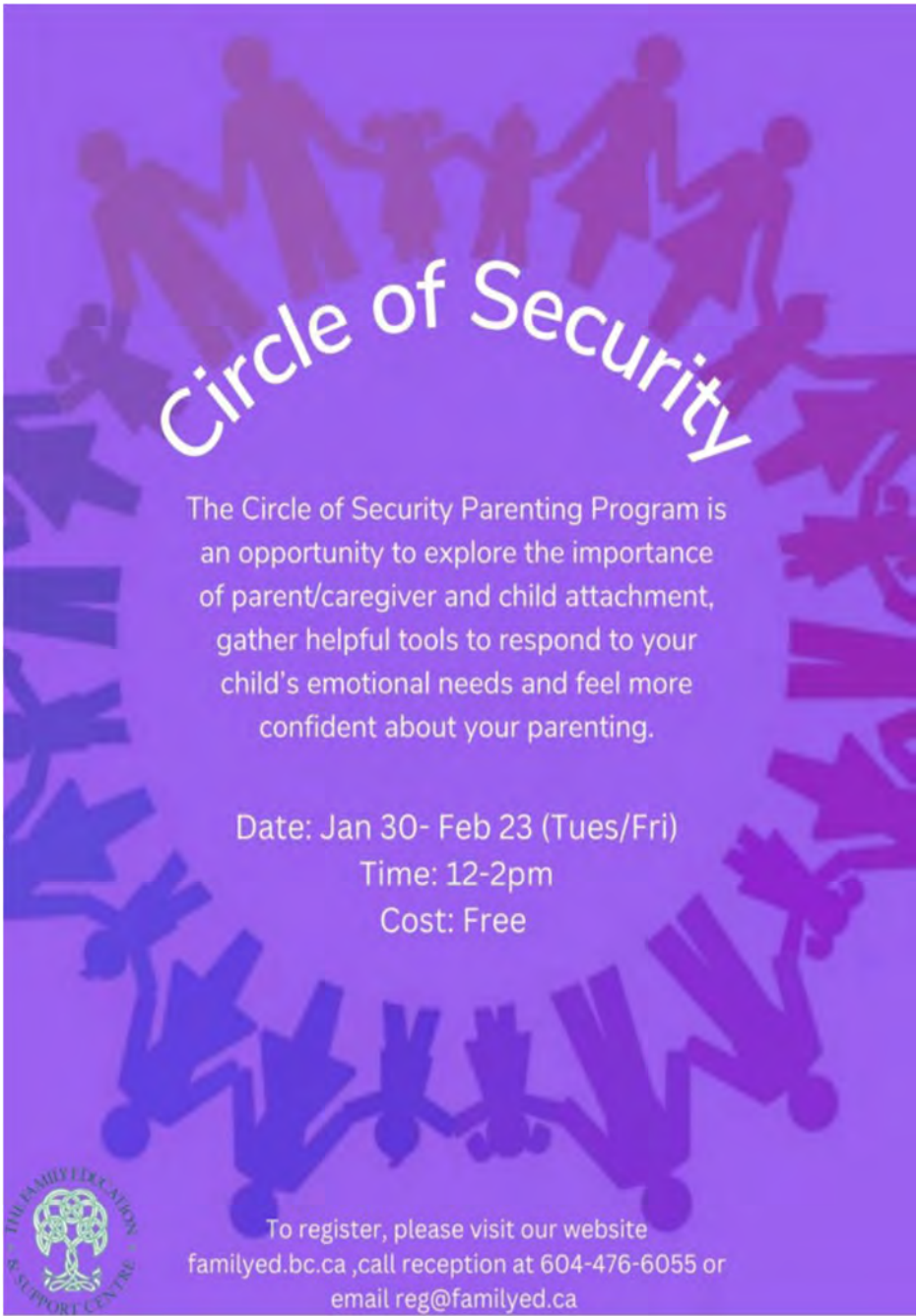
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Circle of Security

The Circle of Security Parenting Program is an opportunity to explore the importance of parent/caregiver and child attachment, gather helpful tools to respond to your child's emotional needs and feel more confident about your parenting.

Date: Jan 30- Feb 23 (Tues/Fri)
Time: 12-2pm
Cost: Free

To register, please visit our website
familyed.bc.ca ,call reception at 604-476-6055 or
email reg@familyed.ca

