

## Whonnock Elementary

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Dear Whonnock families,

This is the time of year when we are looking forward at the same that that we are looking back. We are busy making plans for September, but we are also celebrating all the achievements of this school year. I want to recognize the hard work that our students and staff have put into making this school year such a success! Our staff continue to provide unwavering commitment, passion, and tireless efforts to nurture our students' minds and hearts.

To our amazing families, your partnership is so appreciated. Thank you for your trust, your support at home, your volunteer hours, and all that you do to make a difference for our students!

To our students: You are the heart of Whonnock Elementary! We are so proud of your achievements, big and small, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll do in the future.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and joyful summer break!

Megan Olynyk

Principal, Whonnock Elementary



**June 4** – District Track & Field 4/5

**June 5** – District Track & Field 6/7

**June 7** – All library books returned!



**June 12** – FUN DAY

**June 20** – Gr. 7 Leaving Ceremony

**June 23** – Intermediate Cultus

**June 25** – Final Assembly @ 9:30 and  
last day Dismissal @ 12:00 PM

**June 26 – June 28**

Admin. Days

School Office Open

### SUMMER TIME

**August 25**

School Office Opens

**September 2**

First Day of School – 12:30 start

**September 3**

Regular Hours for Gr. 1-7



## Important School News



As the weather warms up, please remember to send your student to school with a reusable cup/bottle for water, have sunscreen applied, and a labelled hat for shade!

**FUN DAY** - Whonnock students, staff and families are all invited to Fun Day Thursday, June 12th! The day will be organized and run by Ms. Murray's & Ms. Fitzpatrick's grade 6 & 7 leaders, and of course, our wonderful PAC will be running concession again. It will be a day filled with lots of laughs, food and of course FUN! (details on the Portal)

**MOVING** - if you are going to be moving over the summer, please let the school office know so we can get an accurate picture for our student numbers for next year.

School Supply Information will be posted on the Whonnock Website by the end of June.

### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

Do you have any overdue library books at home that belong to Whonnock? **All** library books are due by **June 7th**. We take great pride in our library and are proud of our collection. With minimal library budgets we cannot afford to lose any books. Check in with the library to set up a time to search shelves if it is believed the book was returned.

### **PICK UP MEDICATIONS**

Have you sent any medication for your child to school? If so, please PICK UP all medication before the end of the day on June 24th. **ANY MEDICATION WHICH IS NOT PICKED UP WILL BE DISPOSED OF!**

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Please check the Lost & Found. Items left in the Lost and Found at end of the school year will be donated or discarded.

### **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS AND REPORT CARDS**

The last day of classes is **Wednesday, June 25** with summative progress reports being issued and **dismissal occurring at 12:00 PM** on this day.

### **NEXT YEAR'S KINDERGARTEN**

Thank you to all the new kindergarten students who attended our "Ready, Set, Kindergarten" event. Please watch for an email coming home containing important information regarding gradual entry and times for small group sessions in September. We have purchased supplies in bulk for ALL kindergarten students. Payment will be requested in September.

### **SCHOOL START UP INFO**

All elementary schools will be welcoming students for a 12:30pm start on the first day of school, it allows schools to have important meetings in the morning before welcoming our students in the afternoon.



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## ENCOURAGE KIDS TO JOIN SUMMER READING CLUB

Make reading fun this summer! *Colour Your Summer* by joining Summer Reading Club (SRC). SRC is a free program that encourages kids to track their reading every day. Kids who read over the summer perform better at school. You can read anything – novels, picture books, information books, graphic novels, magazines, audiobooks, ebooks, websites – it all counts!

This year's theme is *Colour Your Summer*. Registration for in-person and online SRC officially begins June 21. For information about SRC and how to register, visit [www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca).

Here are the exciting activities your children can enjoy when they participate in SRC:

- Enter contests to win prizes.
- See amazing performers.
- Participate in fun activities online.
- Earn a medal!

There's so much to discover when you *Colour Your Summer* with Summer Reading Club!

It's not just for kids! Did you know that SRC is open for teens and adults too? Families can participate together to support each other's reading and set a positive example. The library has something for everyone this summer – and it's absolutely free!

Liza Morris  
Community Librarian  
Maple Ridge Public Library  
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## Fraser Health May Newsletter: Youth Vaping

**Vaping is popular among youth. Daily or near-daily use can increase the risk of mental and physical health harm.**

In 2023, 26 per cent of youth in grades seven-12 in British Columbia reported having vaped. The most commonly reported age B.C. youth tried their first vape was 13.

### **How to support youth to prevent, delay or reduce vaping**

Be supportive and expect that there may be setbacks. Here are some ways you can be a role model and offer support:

- Have open conversations about vaping. Try to understand their beliefs and see where you can offer facts that may help them better understand the risks.
- If you use tobacco, cannabis or vaping products yourself, be honest with your child about the risks and any regrets, difficulties and health effects resulting from your experience.
- Talk with your child about ways they might be able to refuse vaping in a way that makes them comfortable.
- If you vape, try quitting or reducing vaping for your own health and the health of your children. If you want to quit smoking or vaping, contact [Quit Now](#) for supports.
- If you vape, do not vape around your children to avoid exposing them to second-hand vapour.
- Keep vapour products out of reach of children and youth.
- [Tip sheet for parents: Talking with your teen about vaping](#)

Learn more about vaping products: [Youth and Vaping - Fraser Health Authority](#)

More information about child and youth substance use, including services, programs and resources available for children and youth: [Substance use in children and youth - Fraser Health Authority](#)

## **Board Meeting Highlights (April 30, 2025)**

Board meeting highlights from the April 30, 2025, public meeting can be found on the district website:

<https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2025-04-30-Board-Meeting-Highlights.pdf>