



# Westwood News

This Friday our Remembrance Day Assembly starts at 11:00 am. Grade 6/7 students from Ms. Mill's class will help lead us at the assembly. Mrs. Rekdal's and Mrs. Brown's class will also participate.

I asked grade 7s "why do we remember?" and they all had thoughtful answers. Many told me that this is a day we come together, to thank those who fought on behalf to ensure peace, freedoms and our Canadian system.

Many Canadians have fought on Canada's behalf. And many have been injured or killed. In 2010, Prince George lost Cpl. Darren Fitzpatrick. Darren was the first soldier raised in Prince George to die in combat since the Second World War. Canada's Veterans never forgot us. So let's remember to never forget them. Students will be given a poppy to wear by their teacher before the assembly. Families are welcome to attend. Poppy donations will be collected in classrooms and at the office.

## Harry Potter Reading Challenge

Ms. Koehn organized the school wide reading contest. Students are all in Hogwart's Houses; Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, & Slytherin. During the month of October, students tracked their reading and submitted it weekly. Students read over 90,000 minutes. INCREDIBLE!! Ask your child for the school results.



Ms. Rekdal & Ms. McDonald have started the training for students who will participate in the PG Iceman on February 11, 2018.



We regularly talk with our students about having a 'Growth Mindset' as this encourages to try their best or give school their best effort. All of our children can learn; and they do this when they have a positive / growth mindset.



Maker club continues at lunch, led on a regular basis by Ms. Koehn. If you have resources that you would like to donate, please let her know.



On December 1st, students in Grades **Kindergarten, one, two and three** will not have school. Teachers will be working on assessing student portfolios &/or work and updating the ongoing communication to home about your child's learning.

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# Westwood Elementary

Absentee Hotline PHONE: (250)562-7521

## Winter Weather

The first snow of the year always serve as a reminder that the weather is changing and so must our habits, in particular clothing habits. Please assist your child by ensuring they are coming to school with proper outer wear so that they are not cold while they are out at the breaks or before or after school. (Extra mitts are an excellent idea to have tucked inside of backpacks!) Labeled clothing is harder to lose, so please consider labelling your child's clothing clearly.

"In Days" are called if the temperature drops below  $-20$ . Students will play outside for recess and lunch until we are at that temperature. Please be aware that due to safety of children, schools do not close in severe weather.



### IMPORTANT DATES:

November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 13	No School. Remembrance Day
November 17	Pajama Day
November 17	PAC Selling hot chocolate and cookies
November 23	PAC hot lunch. Chicken Souvlaki
November 24	PAC Purdy's orders due
December 1	Primary Grades Communicating student learning (CSL) writing day. No School for Divisions 1 through 5.
December 6	Winter Concert @ 1 pm
December 7	Communicating student learning (CSL) reports go home
December 15	Last day of School in 2017
January 2	First Day of school in 2018
January 29	Non Instructional Day

PAC purchased, last year, snowshoes that fit our primary students. Stay tuned as the order for snowshoes for our intermediate students are being placed.



### Bell Schedule 2017 - 2018

Supervision Begins	8:25am
Welcoming Bell	8:35am
Classes Start	8:40 am
Recess	10:10 am
Classes Resume	10:25 am
Lunch	12:05 pm
Outside Bell	12:20 pm
Welcoming Bell	12:45 pm
Classes Resume	12:50 pm
Dismissal	2:32 pm

Westwood asks our students to:

**Do Your Job**  
**Be Kind**  
**Play Safe**

**Student Safety:** For personal safety, students are to arrive no earlier than 8:25am when supervision begins. There is no supervision before that time.

### ELEMENTARY SAFE START PROGRAM

If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason, please phone the school office as soon as possible (250)562-7521. If we have not heard from your family by 9:00am, we will be contacting you to determine the whereabouts of your child. Please help us ensure all students arrive at school safely.