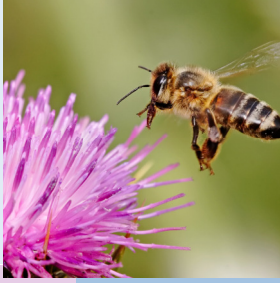


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Westwood Elementary

Westwood News—April

Spring is here and we are excited about continuing on our learning journeys. The theme for the month of April is Courage and this was introduced at a recent monthly assembly. Courage is one of the Aboriginal 7 Sacred Teachings. The bear represents courage and helps our children think about listening to their heart. This reminds them that it takes courage to do what is right.

We are also looking at the Westwood community garden and talked about Bees. We discussed with students that the bee population is decreasing and by planting wildflowers we can help Bee colony health. So we are looking forward to the blooms and signs of growth in our gardens.



ELECTION TIME:

The Westwood Elementary gym will be a community voting station for the upcoming provincial election on May 9th, 2017 (8 am to 8 pm). Due to this event, there will be higher traffic volume and parking will be a challenge. Please allow for additional time to drop off or pick up students on this day.

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you know you are moving out of the Westwood catchment area and you do not have intentions for your Child(ren) to continue to attend Westwood in September 2017, please contact the office asap.

LITTLE MUDDERS

Westwood has signed up for the challenge! Mrs. Murrell and Erica are leading the training for the 2nd Annual Little Mudder Challenge being held on June 23rd, 2017 at the Otway trails. This event is organized by our Aboriginal Education Department and will involve teams from across all of School District 57. It will be a challenging outdoor obstacle event focusing on fun, fitness and team cooperation. Last year it also included a lot of mud.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 14 Good Friday—No School
- April 16 Easter Monday—No School
- April 21 Earth Day events
- April 27 Hot Lunch
- April 28 NID—Floor Hockey Event
- May 5 Duffle Bag Theatre @1:30
- May 16 Gr 5,6,&7 @ PGSS Social Media Awareness
- May 17 Welcome to Kindergarten 3 to 4 pm
- May 19 Hot lunch
- May 22 Victoria Day—No School
- May 25 Aboriginal Art Black Tie event
- June 5 NID—No School
- June 9 Division 5 Salmon release
- June 12 Primary Report Card Writing Day
- June 13-15 Multi-Cultural days
- June 16 Intermediate Report Card Writing day
- June 22 Sports morning
- June 23 Little Mudder
- June 28 Hot Lunch
- June 29 Last Day of School for students



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School RSVP: **Westwood Elementary**

School RSVP: # **250-562-3076** - **We look forward to meeting you and your child**

For other early learning resources please visit our website at: thelearningpartnership.ca

You and your child are invited to our school's Welcome to Kindergarten™ orientation on:

Date: **Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

Time: **3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Place: **Westwood Elementary Gymnasium**



RED CEDAR BOOK AWARDS

Thank you to Mrs. Price for leading the Red Cedar Book Award Challenge. We had a lot of students participate in this fun but challenging event. Mrs. Price guides and prepares students for months prior to the event. This event was held on April 4, 2017.

What is the Red Cedar Book Award? It is a Canadian award which is presented to authors and **is voted on by students**. There are two categories, fiction and nonfiction. In order to vote for your favorite book, you have to read at least 5 of the fiction or 5 of the nonfiction titles.

What is the Battle of the Books? This is an activity that was developed by Teacher/Librarians in Prince George Schools more than a decade ago, that celebrates Canadian authors and literature and engages children in reading. This activity involves students answering questions about the Red Cedar Book Award Fiction Books in a "Reach for the Top" format. There was a school battle and a district battle. If you would like more information about the Red Cedar Book



RED CEDAR BOOK AWARD

PAC

Next Parent Advisory Committee meeting is on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 @ 6:30. PAC meets in the library.



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Saturday May 13th, 2017

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