

December



Westwood News

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Westwood Elementary

Students and staff have had a wonderful 2017. The final weeks of this year just flew by. We had Coding day; with Business@mobile leading our learning. Intermediate students participated in a series of interactive coding 'mini competitions' with some virtual reality simulations as well as programming with 'raspberry pi' (Yes, I had to figure out what all that meant: too) We had a girls group create a Caring tree. A boys group had a garage sale to raise funds for those in need. Communicating Student Learning (CSL) reports were sent home. The kitchen was used everyday by different groups. It felt good to part of the active learning and engagement of your children.

In the new year, we are invited to a UNBC basketball game and a Prince George Cougars game. You will hear more from your child's teacher(s) about "Core Competencies." Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. The three core competencies are: Communications, Thinking & Personal and Social.

Staffing Changes:

Andrew Lee has been appointed as Vice Principal of Lac De Bois effective January 2018.

Here is the update on staffing:

- ◆ Deanne Murrell is our Support Teacher
- ◆ Allison Adams remains as our Fine Arts Teacher
- ◆ Catherine Hendry is returning as our Grade 5 teacher
- ◆ Tanya Wilson is our Community School Coordinator
- ◆ Anne Bokvist is our new Educational Assistant

Westwood Basketball - Timberwolves Tournament November 24th at Duchess Park

Westwood students participated in the 1st Annual Timberwolves Basketball Tournament.

We are proud to say Westwood **WON!!!**

With one loss and a huge come back from behind by playing 6 games in a row the Westwood students **WON IN THE FINAL IN OVERTIME!**



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



Applied Designs, Skills and Technology—Gr 6 & 7

Alternating Wednesday students have a chance to participate in either: Sewing (at PGSS), Dancing or wood work. These activities will run through until March 2018.



Maker club continues at lunch, led on a regular basis by Ms. Koehn. If you have resources that you would like to donate, please drop it off at the school.

Absentee Hotline PHONE: (250)562-7521

Zones of Regulation in the Wildcat Room

We continue to support the Social Emotional Learning / growth of your children. One of the ways we do this is through providing them with the room and teaching them how to self regulate. Students can use the Wildcat Room to regulate their emotions, through direct support and teaching. Staff work with any child who need time, space or teaching to regulate. This is another way for us to teach Core Competencies, in particular, Personal Awareness and Responsibility. For more info on Core Competencies see; <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

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BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

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IMPORTANT DATES:

January 2 First Day of school in 2018
January 29 Non Instructional Day

Our Winter Wonderland Concert was outstanding. Our theme about a Canadian Winter was entertaining, funny and well done. Thanks to the staff and students for all of their hard work. A BIG thanks to Ms. Adams for being our Artistic director for this musical interlude.



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.