

# Westwood News



DON'T WORRY ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL. IT'S GOING TO BE TOTALLY AWESOME.

2017

Welcome BACK to our students and their families. Students, staff and myself are SUPER excited to be back at school. Westwood Staff has prepared for the return off our students. The table and floors are washed. The classrooms lists have been carefully created and adjusted . We now have over 205 students registered in grades Kindergarten to Grade 7. We have 30 staff supporting the development of our students.

### Important dates / events this coming week:

**Monday, September 17**—Student Photo Day

**Wednesday, September 19**—Family & Staff BBQ @ 5pm. Please RSVP (RSVP forms were sent home Thursday). This will allow us to order the correct amount of Burgers and Chips.

#### Bell Schedule 2018—2019

- Supervision Begins = 8:25
- Welcome Bell = 8:35
- Classes Start = 8:40
- Recess = 10:10
- Classes Resume = 10:25
- Lunch = 12:05
- Outside Bell = 12:20
- Classes Resume = 12:50
- Dismissal = 2:32



### Student Lates and Absences

**Students' safety to and from school is important to everyone.**

**Safe Start** - Westwood has a Safe Start program in place. To help us out at the office,

**Please phone the absentee line at 250-562-7521 if your child will be absent or late.**

When a student is absent, we will contact parents or the emergency contacts listed if we do not receive a phone call to say a student will be late or absent. This helps to ensure that nothing has happened to the student on the way to school. Our answering machine (250-562-7521) will take your call at any time of the day or night.

**Students are required to check in at the office whenever they are late for class in the morning or after lunch.**

Attendance is a critical factor influencing student achievement. We expect that students will attend classes regularly. We recognize there will be times when students need to be absent, particularly when they are ill.

www.west.sd57.bc.ca  
PHONE (250)562-3076

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**Absentee Hotline PHONE: (250)562-7521**

## Cultural Activity Fee

There will be a Cultural Activity fee again this year. The charge will be \$10.00 per student. This will enable us to schedule special cultural events at the school to enrich our daily curriculum and also attend events at Vanier Hall. Cultural Activity fees are due between September 18th—27th.

## Breakfast Program

This free program is open to any child in Grades 1 thru 7. Westwood PAC, Rotary club and Sinclar group help provide a nutritious breakfast everyday from 8:00 to 8:25.



## Calendar of Events

Sept 17—School Picture Day  
Sept 19—Family Staff BBQ @ 5  
Sept 24—27 Reconciliation Week  
Sept 27—Orange Shirt Day  
Sept 28 - NID—Curriculum Implementation Day  
Oct 3—PAC Mtg @ 6:30 pm  
Oct 4 - Grade 6 Immunizations  
Oct 19—NID  
Oct 23, 24, & 25 Early Dismissal at 1:32 pm and parent teacher conference  
Nov 9 —School Remembrance Day Ceremony



## Home-School Communication

Once a month, newsletters are prepared with current information pertaining to events at the school. Newsletters will be posted on our website at (<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/west/Pages/default.aspx>) for your convenience.

We are going paperless for newsletters this year. Please send an email to Mrs. Solmonson ([csolmonson@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:csolmonson@sd57.bc.ca)) with your email address so you can be added to this list. Please remember to add your email at the beginning of each year and to update the office if you change your email, as all returned emails are deleted.

## VERIFICATION FORMS

Student verification forms will be going home with each student within the first few weeks of school. Please update any information as needed. Remember to notify the office of any changes in phone numbers, employers or emergency contacts throughout the year to ensure family members can be contacted in case of emergency.

Please have your child return the verification form to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Westwood asks our students to:

**Do Your Job**

**Be Kind**

**Play Safe**

**Be Proud**

**Staff List 2018**

<b>Staff List 2018</b>	<b>Role</b>
Cathy Solmonson	Sr. Secretary
Deb Coupe—Division 1	Teacher
Pam Matyas—Division 2	Teacher
Allison Westfall—Division 3	Teacher
Melissa Hanson—Division 4	Teacher
Alison Brown—Division 5	Teacher
Cory Antrim & Kuldip Kearns—Division 6	Teacher
Catherine Hendry—Division 7	Teacher
Maureen McDonald—Division 8	Teacher
Julia Mills—Division 9	Teacher
Jim Elson—Prep Relief	Teacher
Deanna Murrell—Resource & Learning Assistance grade 5/6	Teacher
Terri Reed—Mental Health , Learning Assistance Gr 5/6 & ELL	Teacher
Kathy Rice— Learning Assistance & ELL—Grades K thru 2	Teacher
Charmine Thompson—Learning Assistance & ELL—Grades 3 thru 5	Teacher
Kuldip Kearns—Learning Assistance	Teacher
Andrea Koehn—Learning Commons & Learning Assistance	Teacher
Steve Dalla Lana—Principal	Teacher
Tanja Wilson (until approx. Nov. 1)	Community School Coordinator
Erica McLean (After Nov 1)	Community School Coordinator
Gige Blais	Aboriginal Education Worker
Brittany Schryer	Youth Care Worker
Sharon Chruikshanks	Educational Assistant
Jodi Duperron	Educational Assistant
Denise Gustitus	Educational Assistant
Stacey Harris	Educational Assistant
Shari Gustin	Educational Assistant
Anne Bokvist	Educational Assistant
Yvonne Cruikshanks	Educational Assistant
Warren Griffiths—Crew Chief	Custodian
Marie Stewart	Custodian
Wendy Dysart	Library Clerk



# Sign up for important updates from Westwood Elem.

Get information for Westwood Elementary right on your phone—not on handouts.

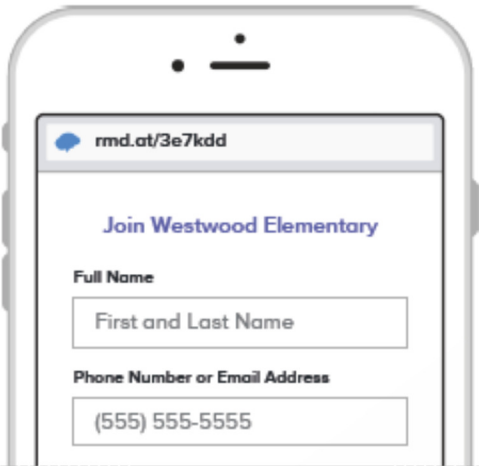
Pick a way to receive messages for Westwood Elementary:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/3e7kdd](https://rmd.at/3e7kdd)

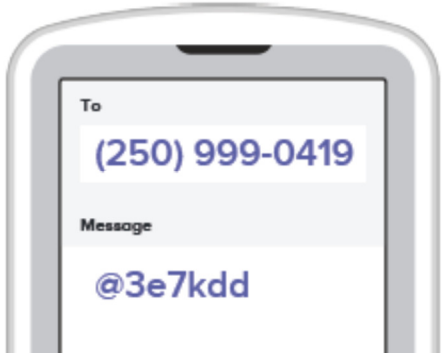
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @3e7kdd to the number (250) 999-0419.

\* Standard text message rates apply.



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