

# Westwood News



This Friday our Remembrance Day Assembly starts at 10:55am. Grade 6/7 students from Ms. Mill's class will help lead us at the assembly. Mrs. Brown's class will also participate.

We are honoured to have Peacekeeper and Veteran, Bruce Gabriel speak at our assembly.

We will hand out poppies, to all students, prior to the assembly and **will collect donations** on behalf of the legion. Your donation supports:

- Programs and assistance for Veterans and serving military in need, and their families
- Medical training and research, and provide community medical appliances to assist in the care of Veterans
- Services through Canadian Military Family Resource Centres
- Housing and care facilities for elderly, disabled and homeless Veterans
- Bursaries for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Veterans
- Veterans drop-in centres and meals-on-wheels programs
- Sponsorship of cadet and youth programs

## Communicating Student Learning (CSL)

The purpose of CSLs are to provide parents & families with ongoing and timely information about your child's learning in relation to the learning standards in the BC curriculum. Your child's teacher(s) should provide you with at least 4 points of progress during the school year and one summary of progress at the end of the year.

*What is a point of progress?*

Points of progress are the meaningful, varied and responsive ways in which teachers provide parents with information about how their child is progressing in their learning and what the child can do to extend their understanding. Points of progress may take many forms, including but not limited to; digital portfolio posts, conferences, phone calls, written comments, parent teacher interviews and student goal setting and reflections on learning.

Point of progress - Parent Teacher Interviews - November 5, 6, & 7, 2019

To accommodate the volume of meetings needed we have **early dismissal** for ALL students at **1:32pm on Tuesday, November 5th, Wednesday, November 6th, and Thursday, November 7th.**

Please note these times will affect both the After School Academic Proficiency (ASAP) program and Tanja's Community schools after school activities.

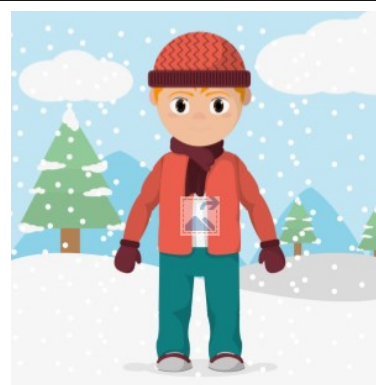
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# Westwood Elementary

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## Dressing for the weather

The cold weather seems to have set in. Please be sure to dress your children in warm coats with hats, mittens and boots. Our students go outside everyday and we want them to be warm. Students are expected to be outside in the morning, recess and lunch recess in temperatures up to  $-20$  degrees. Students in Kindergarten through grade 3 are not allowed to slide or use crazy carpets without having snow pants, gloves and a hat. Be sure to label the inside of your child's belongings in the event they go missing. Our lost and found rack is already overflowing.



## Prince George Cougars - Spirit of Healthy Kids Challenge.

The Cougars have presented to our students about being healthy and challenged our school to participate in a wellness program for a two week period ending on November 11, 2019. To participate, each student is required to complete an activity tracking log and have it initialized by a parent. They are hoping every child will read for 15 minutes a day and participate for 30 minutes a day in a healthy activity (running, walking the dog, After school programs, etc.). If we accomplish our goal classes and staff will receive a free ticket to attend a WHL game.



The **WITS Program** brings together schools, families and communities to create responsive environments that help elementary school children deal with bullying and peer victimization.

Students and staff use WITS to keep our school and community a safe and fun place to be. The WITS problem solving model stands for:

**W** alk away  
**I** gnore  
**T** alk it out  
**S** eek help

If you would like to further this learning at home, use the following four steps for solving sibling or peer conflicts:

- 1- Ask what the conflict is about
- 2- Ask the children which of their WITS they could use to solve the conflict. They may need to try all the WITS strategies in order to find a resolution.
- 3- Ask what they think might happen if they use their WITS.
- 4- Talk about why using their WITS is a better choice than fighting.

Please, check out the WITS website, <https://witsprogram.ca/families/>, for further information and tips on how to use the WITS program at home.



**Dates:**

Tuesday, November 5 - Early dismissal @ 1:32 & Parent teacher interviews

Wednesday, November 6- Early dismissal @ 1:32 & Parent teacher interviews

Thursday, November 7 - Early dismissal @ 1:32 & Parent teacher interviews

November 8 - Remembrance Day ceremony @10:55

November 12 - Cougars Assembly

November 28 - PJ Day

November 29 - Non Instructional Day - No school for students

December 6 - No school for Primary students - Teachers working on Communicating Student information. No school for students in grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, & 3

December 19 - Winter Concert - Tentative start time at 12:45pm

December 19 - Ugly, winter or Christmas sweater day

December 20 - Last day of school prior to Winter Break

Division 8 (Ms. McDonald's class) is fundraising money to plant trees in the community to create a greener environment and fight against climate change. They are selling reusable straws and brushes. About 50% of the profits will be going towards buying trees. They will also be having a bake sale next week on November 13, where 100% of the profits will buy trees. Thank you for supporting Division 8!



Westwood asks students to:

**Do Your Job**

**Be Kind**

**Play Safe**

**Be Proud**

