

February 25, 2016



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Westwood Elementary

Here's What's Happening !

Thank you to all of the parents, family members, and community members who attended the assemblies on February 12 and 25. It was great to see so many of you in attendance.

Monday, February 15th marked the first day of our schoolwide music listening program. Each morning, following the second bell, a short informative paragraph about that week's classical music selection is read. The paragraph is then followed by a music selection 2—5 minutes in length. The same selection is played for the week.

This is a new program for our school but has been used in many schools for a number of years.

It is expected that everyone will listen quietly and use the time to transition mentally into "school mode".



SLOW DOWN!

The RCMP has advised that there will be **a greater presence** around the school as speeding seems to be quite prevalent.

Parent Volunteers - Parent volunteers are always welcome at our school. Please note that you must complete a Criminal Record Check prior to volunteering. This process is free and paperwork is available at the office.

Safe Arrival/Phone-In Program - Please phone the school as soon as possible to report if your child is going to be late or away from school that day. The phone number is 250-562-7521 and the school has voice mail. If we haven't heard from your family by 8:45 a.m., we will be contacting you to determine the whereabouts

Bring Your Own Device Policy

1. While on school property students must use this technology for curriculum-related/educational purposes only.
2. In the classroom students are expected to use the devices responsibly, and only with the permission and direction of the teacher or other staff members.
3. Photos, videos, images or sound may not be recorded using any device without the permission and direction of the teacher or other staff member.
4. Students are responsible for lost, stolen, and/or damaged personal electronic devices, just as they are for any other personal items they bring to school.
5. Cell phones are to be either off or in the vibrate mode unless the student is given permission to have the phone in use. Parents/guardians who text or call students should expect to wait until a break for their child to respond (breaks are at 10:15 and 12 noon). At this time, with staff permission the child may read/respond to the text. If there is an emergency please call the office and your child will be called to the office to take the call from you. In an emergency situation it is important that there is adult support for your child.

Important Dates:

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| Feb 26 | Non Instructional Day
(no school) |
| Feb 29 | Pancake Breakfast 8—9:30am |
| Mar 2 | PAC Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Mar 4 | Primary Report Card
Writing Day
(no school for gr K-3) |
| Mar 10 | Report Cards Home |
| Mar 14-28 | Spring Break (no school) |
| Apr 22 | Non Instructional Day
(no school) |
| Apr 25 | Non Instructional Day
(no school) |

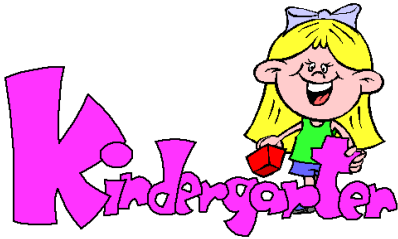
Absentee Hotline PHONE: (250)562-7521

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Kindergarten Registration

Just a reminder that if you or someone you know has not registered a child (born in 2011) for kindergarten, it should be done immediately. Children must be registered in their catchment area school—and then, if desired, parents may use the

online transfer process to transfer to an alternate school.



SWIS (Settlement Workers in Schools) Sponsored an **Art Workshop** for 14 students from Westwood on February 19th. The workshop was facilitated by Cat Siverson M.Ed, and Si Tranken PhD and centered on the theme of diversity.

Students' work has been on display in the library this week.



Congratulations to Mrs. Coupe 'who is celebrating 25 years of service with SD#57. Mrs. Coupe' and a number of others were recognized by the School District at a ceremony on February 18th.

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Purdy Easter
 Chocolate orders are
 due Wednesday,
 March 2, 2016!



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