

January 14, 2016

Here's What's Happening !



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

The absentee rate has greatly increased this week—fortunately most students are well after a day or so. Thank you for contacting the school when your child is ill. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date in case your child becomes ill or is injured.

Some changes are in place at Westwood – regrettably Mr. Brennan, principal is unwell and is away on a medical leave. Mrs. Greenfield, the teacher in-charge, has done an admirable job of maintaining programs and procedures in Mr. Brennan's absence. However, the School District has hired a retired elementary school principal to fill in for the duration of Mr. Brennan's absence. Mrs. Greenfield will remain the teacher in charge when the principal is out of the building.

The replacement for Mr. Brennan is Mrs. Stoppler. She was most recently the principal of Quinson Ele-

mentary School, retiring from Quinson in July 2012. Many years ago she was the vice-principal at Westwood when Westwood's population was over 400 – compared to the 205 presently enrolled.

Mrs. Stoppler began at Westwood on Monday, January 11th so it will take her a little while to become familiar with the students, parents, and programs at Westwood. When you are in the school or on the school grounds picking up your child(ren) feel free to introduce yourself to her.

Morning/After School Supervision

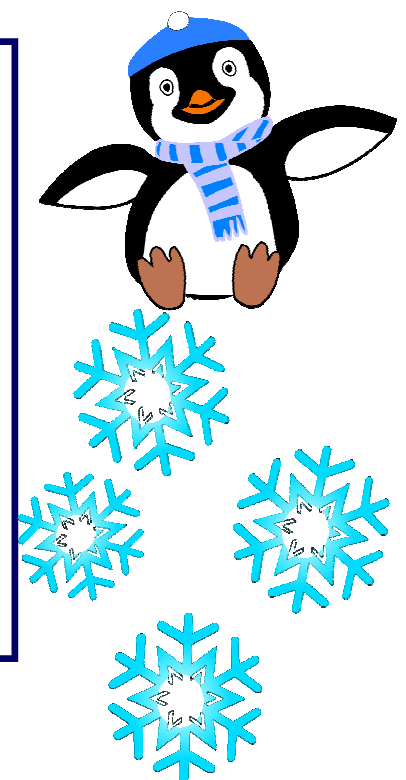
We put a reminder about supervision times before and after school regularly in our newsletters as it is an ongoing safety concern. Students arriving to the school grounds before 8:30 am or remaining on the school grounds after 2:52 pm are **not** supervised. Please do not leave your child unsupervised on the school grounds at anytime.

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Westwood Elementary

Important Dates:

Jan 29	Non Instructional Day (no school)
Feb 2	Kindergarten On-Line Registration
Feb 3	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
Feb 5	PAC Fun Fair 6:00-8:00 pm
Feb 8	Family Day—No School
Feb 9	Non Instructional Day (no school) On-Line Student Transfers start at 9:00 am
Feb 10	PGSS visits the Grade 7 students
Feb 12	Kindergarten Registration Information is due at the School Office
Feb 26	Non Instructional Day (no school)
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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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.

Facebook

Our school has a Facebook page. If you would like to connect to us this way, please contact the office.

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.

Once again we are saving labels from Campbells products. Please drop them off with Mrs. Cruikshanks (YCW) or the office.

Spirit Day: 80s Throwback!

Wednesday, January 27

Break out the neon t-shirts, legwarmers and denim overalls because we're going back to the 80s!
Prizes for Best Hair and Staff Choice

Check out the latest issue of REAPS

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BASKETBALL SHOOT AROUND—OPEN GYM

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS UNTIL SPRING BREAK

- ◆ Boys/Girls (Gr 6/7) BBall Team Members
- ◆ Starts Monday, January 18th
- ◆ Mrs. Brown will be supervising.

Bell Schedule

8:30 am Supervision Begins
8:40 am Warning Bell
8:45 am Classes Start
10:15 am Recess
10:30 am Classes Resume
12:00 pm Lunch
12:15 pm Outside Bell
12:40 pm Warning Bell
12:45 pm Classes Resume
2:37 pm Dismissal
2:52 pm Supervision Ends



Next **PAC meeting** is February 3, 2016 at 6:30 in the library.

Fun Fair is scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2016 from 6 to 8 in the gym. PAC is looking for volunteers to help run the games and cake donations. Volunteer forms have been sent home with your child or contact us at our email westwoodpac@hotmail.com or tanyapenner@shaw.ca if you can volunteer or if you have any questions.

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Westwood PAC