

Here's What's Happening !



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Westwood Elementary

Lates

Late arrivals continue to be a concern. On some days 10% of the student population is late—some by only a few minutes—others by as much as two hours. Being late impacts a student's learning as well as the learning of others as the class flow is interrupted by latecomers. Often a child who is late arriving feels embarrassed or out-of-sorts because he/she feels that everyone else knows what's happening and he/she doesn't. If you and/or your child require assistance in getting started in the morning (for example an early morning phone call) please let Mrs. Stoppler (acting principal) know by calling the school.

The following are the statistics for lates for the last two weeks. We will publish the lates every two weeks and will be looking for improvement. However, we would happily have your child here late, rather than never.

The week of January 18th

Mon—23 lates, latest arrival 11:00
Tues—17 lates, latest arrival 9:21
Wed—12 lates, latest arrival 9:54
Thurs—26 lates, latest arrival 9:44
Fri—20 lates, latest arrival at 9:45

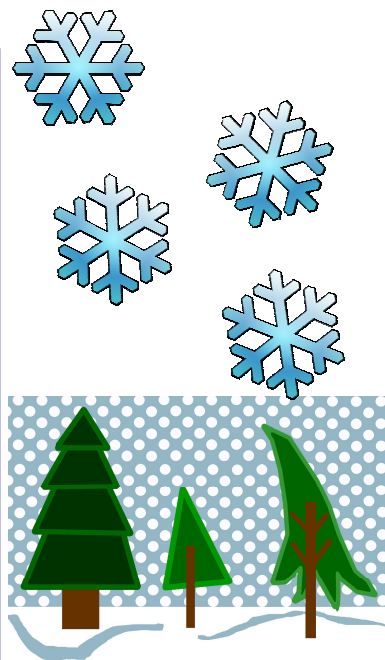
The week of January 11th

Mon—12 lates, latest arrival 9:55
Tues—20 lates, latest arrival 9:12
Wed—21 lates, latest arrival 9:11
Thurs—21 lates, latest arrival 10:00
Fri—12 lates, latest arrival 10:10

The pace is picking up - there are many activities going on in Westwood. The Iceman teams are entering their last few weeks of practice. Students have been swimming, skating, running, and skiing. They will be taking part in a media event on Friday, February 12 out at Otway and then competing on Sunday, February 14th. Integris Credit Union has been the primary financial sponsor of the school teams entered in the Iceman. Thank-you, Integris.

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)



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The Canfor Elementary Trades Program held its Celebration of Learning Event at the John Brink Building at the College of New Caledonia on January 22nd. Students from Westwood participated in this program; thanks to Ms. McLean for her supervision and guidance of the Westwood students and thanks to the CNC staff members who taught the program. A special thank-you is extended to Canfor for their sponsorship of this program.

At the assembly on January 22nd Mrs. Rekdal's class recited a poem extolling the fun of listening to stories. Great job, Division 4. At the next assembly, February 12, Div. 2 will demonstrate their recorder skills. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Please enter through the front door, remove your boots, and move to the gym and have a seat along the side (folding black chairs).

The main behavior goal is to show kindness - at the assembly students were reminded that "Kindness looks like keeping hands, feet, and objects to self. Kindness sounds like "Please, thank-you, excuse me, I'm sorry, you may go first". Kindness feels like someone cares about you and your well-being. Kindness costs nothing to give but is often repaid in many ways. Please remind your child(ren) of this daily goal.

Red Cedar

Mrs. Price (and in her absence, Mrs. Bakker) has been sponsoring a large group of students who want to represent Westwood at the Red Cedar Challenge. The students read specific books as chosen by a national committee and then compete for a chance to represent Westwood at the District Red Cedar Competition.

Science World (Vancouver)

Came to Westwood on January 28th and gave an excellent presentation that was highly informative and entertaining—All About Forces.

Winners of the "Gotcha" Draw.....

Harmon, Callen, Leland, Jackson, Rajdeep, Mathew, Trinity, Lisa, Mathew

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

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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 in the morning, 8:15 am
- ◆ Mrs. Brown will be supervising.

Bell Schedule

8:30 amSupervision Begins
8:40 amWarning Bell
8:45 amClasses Start
10:15 amRecess
10:30 amClasses Resume
12:00 pmLunch
12:15 pmOutside Bell
12:40 pmWarning Bell
12:45 pmClasses Resume
2:37 pmDismissal
2:52 pmSupervision Ends



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Westwood PAC

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.