

September 9, 2015

# Welcome Back !



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# Westwood Elementary

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015/2016 school year! We are very pleased to welcome both our returning and our new families to Westwood Elementary School and we look forward to working with you and your children in the new school year. My name is Craig Brennan and I am the school's principal. Our staff is looking forward to a year of open parent-teacher communication and co-operation in the education of your children. The school's telephone number is 250-562-3076. Included in the opening newsletter is important information for the school year. Please read it carefully and make a note of the

important dates included in the 2015/16 School Calendar.

## School Organization

Today students were grouped by grade and spent the morning with a teacher engaged in welcoming activities and information sharing. Students will begin in their regular classes Monday, September 14, 2015. Kindergarten students begin school on a graduated entry and will receive schedules from their teachers. Please remember that it often takes students a few weeks to settle into their class. We hope that you support this adjustment

### Bell Schedule

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

### Important Dates:



Sep 9	First day of school (90 min.)
Sep 10	First day of full classes
Sep 25	No School—NID
Oct 7	School photos
Oct 12	No School—Thanksgiving
Oct 23	No School—NID



Absentee Hotline PHONE: (250)562-7521

## Here's What's Happening.....

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in a positive, encouraging way. This will help to make the school beginning a positive one. Teachers have spent many hours working on class placements. As well as considering student and parent input, there are many others important factors taken into consideration.

### School Supplies

In addition to the generic lists you may have already received, your child's teacher will provide a more specific supply list. All students must have additional footwear (non-marking) to be worn inside, e.g. running shoes. Outside footwear must NOT be worn inside the school.

### Planners

Planners are an important tool for helping students to stay organized and are also used to communicate with parents. Our student planners are being provided courtesy of the Westwood Parent Advisory Council. Thank you to our Westwood PAC!

### 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 of your child. Please help us with the safe arrival of

our students.

### Labelling of Student's Belongings

All student's belongings (especially boots and gym strip) should be marked with the student's name. Each year many valuable items of clothing end up in our lost and found.

### Newsletters

A good source for news about our school will be the newsletters. These will be sent home every second Thursday. Another excellent information is our Facebook page. Please contact the office to join in!

### Calendar

Included with this newsletter is the 2015/16 School Calendar.

### Cultural Fee

The school collects \$10/student to help offset the costs of the cultural performances enjoyed by our students. Please forward this fee to the school at your earliest convenience.

*Craig Brennan*  
Principal

Westwood PAC

EMAIL US AT [westwoodpac@hotmail.com](mailto:westwoodpac@hotmail.com)





## 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### AUGUST

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August 3: BC Day

### SEPTEMBER

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September 7: Labour Day  
September 8: NID (In-service)  
September 9: Back to school  
September 25: NID

### OCTOBER

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October 12: Thanksgiving  
October 23: NID (Provincial day)

### NOVEMBER

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November 11: Remembrance Day

### DECEMBER

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Dec. 21-Jan. 1: Winter vacation

### JANUARY

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January 4: Back to school  
January 23: NID

### FEBRUARY

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February 8: Family Day  
February 26: NID

### MARCH

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March 14-24: Spring Break  
March 25: Good Friday  
March 28: Easter Monday

### APRIL

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April 22: NID (Zone conference)

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May 23: Victoria Day

### JUNE


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June 29: Last day of school  
June 30: Administrative day

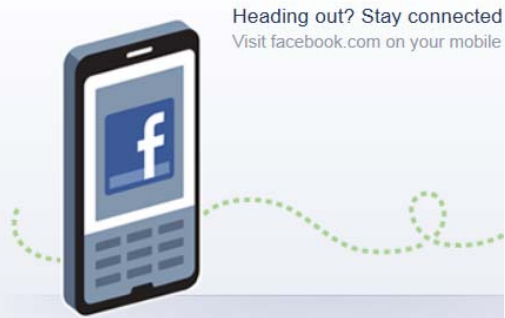
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July 1: Canada Day

**LEGEND:**  School/Statutory Holidays  
 Non-Instructional Days

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INFORMATION  
ABOUT WESTWOOD

Group Name: 🐾 **Westwood Wildcats, SD57**



DISTRICT 57 *Tapestry Singers* would like to welcome new members to join them for their 9th Season! SENIOR Singers include Grade 7-12 students and JUNIOR Singers include Grade 4-7 students.

The mission of Tapestry Singers is to create a joyful and beautiful sound, to strive for choral excellence, and to foster a life long love of music and music making.

Registration deadline is October 1st.

For more information call: 250-964-8184

OR

[cduerksen@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:cduerksen@sd57.bc.ca)

The Village

Parent Resource Registry

To submit your program or receive *The Village* contact Parent Support Services Prince George

Call (250) 962-0600 or email [parentnorth@shaw.ca](mailto:parentnorth@shaw.ca)

For the most current volume, see [www.parentsupportbc.ca](http://www.parentsupportbc.ca)

