

Westwood Elementary Newsletter

*Benats'ukuih Nun: November 2022
(Time of the landing of boats)*

Westwood Elementary School

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Senior Secretary: Kathy May



Hadiah Parent(s)/Guardian(s), Staff, and Students,

October was another busy month for the Wildcats! During this month we administered the Grade 4 and 7 FSA assessments, took school photos, engaged in the Indigenous Day of Learning, wore our pajamas, dropped everything and read (DEAR), hosted a bake sale and hot lunch, took a walk to Masich Place Stadium to watch a UNBC Women's Soccer Game, spent time at nearby parks, went rock climbing, played hockey at CN Centre, and concluded the month with a Halloween costume parade, a pumpkin decorating contest, and danced an entire afternoon away as costumed characters at a school sock hop.

It is evident that Westwood Elementary continues to be an active, dynamic, and positive place of learning and playing. The teaching and support staff are always working hard to provide students with a quality educational program each day and they look forward to sharing this learning with all of you at this week's 'Parent - Teacher Conferences'.

We have been so lucky with such beautiful weather for the past 2 months. The clear skies and spectacular autumn colours have been such a joy and have provided us with additional opportunities to bring our learning outside. With that said, the weather is getting colder and we want to remind caregivers to ensure their children come to school with weather appropriate clothing. During the recess and lunch movement breaks our supervision is outside and all students are required to get out and breath in some fresh air. Unless students are participating in an indoor club, they will be directed outdoors.

On November 10th students and staff will assemble to honour Remembrance Day. If you have a Veteran in your family that you would like to recognize, please send your photos to myself at swhitehead@sd57.bc.ca so they can be included in our slideshow.

Mussi cho,
Ms. Shandee Whitehead
Principal

Ms. Kathy May
Senior Secretary

Important Dates

Nov 1, 2, 3: Early Dismissal Days

- Dismissal time is 1:31pm (please plan for this dismissal as there will be no supervision beyond 1:46pm)

Nov 1, 2, 3: Parent – Teacher Conferences

- Teachers have communicated times and dates for each student

Nov 4: Hot Lunch Order Forms Due

Nov 8: National Indigenous Veterans Day

Nov 8: Div 7: Field Trip: Trapline: 8:40am to 2:30pm

Nov 10: Remembrance Day Student Assembly

Nov 10: Hot Lunch (hot dogs and beverage)

Nov 11: Remembrance Day: STAT - No school

Nov 14: PAC Meeting: 6:30 pm: Library

Nov 18: Twin Day

Nov 30: Hot Chocolate Sales: 1\$

Nov 30: Lost and Found Donated to Charity

Dec 2: Primary Report Card Writing Day. Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, and 3. No School

Dec 14: Winter Concert: Save the Date (more info to follow)

Westwood is PEANUT AWARE: We are encouraging all families to NOT send any peanut or tree nut products to school as we have students with an airborne anaphylactic allergy which is life threatening. We need to work together to keep our students safe!



Westwood Elementary Bell Schedule: 2022/2023

Supervision Starts: 8:15am
Welcoming Bell: 8:30am
Classes Start: 8:35am
Recess: 10:25am
Classes Resume: 10:40am
Lunch: 11:56am
Outside Bell: 12:12pm
Welcoming Bell: 12:36pm
Classes Resume: 12:41pm
Dismissal: 2:31pm
Supervision Ends: 2:46pm



Morning Supervision

A reminder that outside morning supervision does not begin until 8:15am. For personal safety, students are to arrive no earlier than 8:15am when supervision begins. Student participating in the breakfast program are not to arrive before 8:10am.

After School Supervision

Students are not permitted to stay on school grounds after supervision ends. Please plan for your child to be picked up by 2:46 pm or have a plan to walk home. Students who are not picked up will be brought inside and a call home will be made. We would like to eliminate some of the negative experiences that are occurring when students are not leaving.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO STAY HOME WHEN SICK: When deciding whether or not your child should stay home from school, please consider answering these three quick questions: **Does your child have a fever?** Fevers are generally a sign of illness and could mean they are contagious, so children should stay home from school. **Is your child well enough to participate in the daily learning activities?** A cough that disrupts normal activity, headache, earache, etc. can cause children to run down quickly and disrupt their ability to learn. **Do you think your child has a contagious illness, such as the flu or pinkeye?** If so, keep them at home until they're no longer infectious. NOTE: Ask your doctor if you are not sure about keeping your child home or dial 811 (dialing 811 puts you in contact with a nurse in case of a non-urgent health issue).

Parent Advisory Council (PAC):

Westwood Elementary parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to join the PAC and contribute their ideas and energy to our school community. The next meeting is being held, in the library, **Monday, November 14th** at 6:30 pm. For more information, please visit the Facebook PAC page or email the PAC: EMAIL CONTACT: westwoodwildcatspac@gmail.com
FACEBOOK PAGE: Westwood Wildcats PAC

Are you looking for casual employment? SD57 is looking to hire Uncertified Teachers On Call. For support contact Brittany Simrose at bsimrose@sd57.bc.ca



WE'RE HIRING!

UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS ON CALL

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CASUAL EMPLOYMENT?

School District 57 is seeking enthusiastic individuals to work on a casual basis as an Uncertified Teacher On Call in our elementary and secondary schools.

Who you are:

- Positive leader who would like to make a difference to our young learners
- Post-secondary undergrad degree is an asset
- Experience working with children and teens
- Self starter who likes flexible work

How to apply:

- Go to the Make A Future site and create an account
<https://www.makeafuture.ca/bc-schools-and-districts/prince-george-school-district-no-57/>
- Upload your letter of application, resume and 3 professional references, transcripts, copy of certificate or degree
- Contact Brittany Simrose, Human Resources Assistant for support at bsimrose@sd57.bc.ca

Visit our website at www.sd57.bc.ca

Are you looking for casual employment? SD57 is looking to hire Casual Education Assistants. For support contact Brittany Simrose at bsimrose@sd57.bc.ca



WE'RE HIRING!

CASUAL EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CASUAL EMPLOYMENT?

School District 57 is seeking enthusiastic individuals to work on a casual basis as a Casual Education Assistant in our elementary and secondary schools. The hours of work are typically between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm.

Who you are:

- Positive individual who would like to support our young learners thrive
- Experience working with children and teens with diverse learning challenges and special needs
- Self starter who likes flexible work

How to apply:

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Visit our website at www.sd57.bc.ca

Please join me in welcoming Stacey Danroth (EA2) and Kristy Hardie-Bachand (YCW) to our staff. Stacey is taking on a new position and Kristy is replacing Kristen McBurnie (who has joined the Ron Brent team). Good luck Kristen. We will miss you!

Good News Story:

Jay, the Kindertagens, and the Westwood Staff would like to thank 'Canadian Tire Jumpstart' for providing the funding to allow our Kindertagens students to participate in a rock-climbing program at OverHang.



LOST AND FOUND:

EACH YEAR MANY ARTICLES FIND THEIR WAY TO THE LOST AND FOUND BIN. TO HELP REDUCE LOSSES WE SUGGEST THAT ALL STUDENTS' ARTICLES BE LABELLED, ESPECIALLY ALL GYM WEAR, OUTDOOR CLOTHING AND BOOTS.

LOST ITEMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE LOST AND FOUND HOOKS AND BOOT RACK LOCATED AT THE EXIT ACROSS FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE (BY THE PAPER RECYCLING BINS).

SMALL ITEMS SUCH AS RINGS, KEYS, ETC. ARE KEPT IN THE OFFICE.

FALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY ON NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022.

