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The Westwind wave

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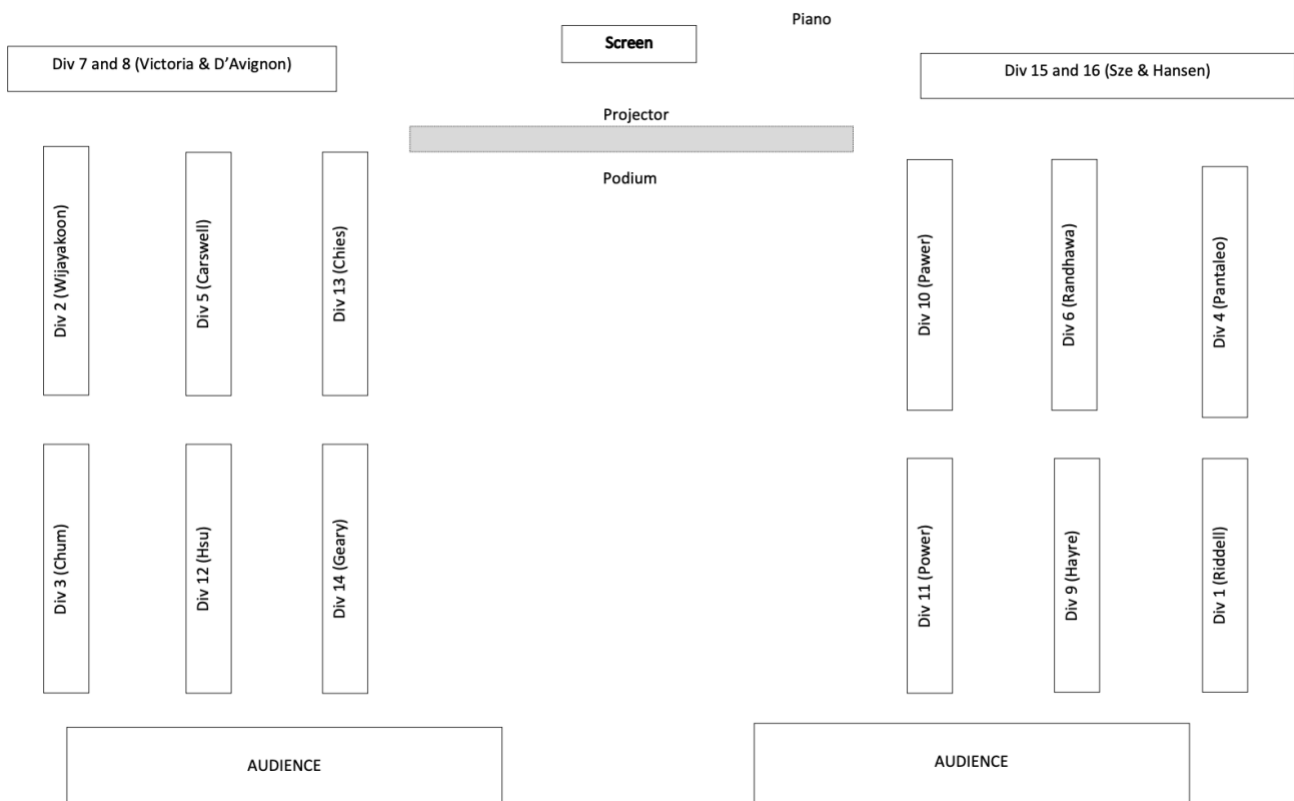
As we near Remembrance Day, please take time to reflect on what is truly important to you and your family. This time of the year makes me remember to not take all the good things we enjoy for granted. It makes me think about my parents who came to Canada to escape war and to maintain their freedom. As well it makes me think about my grandfather, who served in the Second World War, and the sacrifices that he and so many others made to give us the freedoms that we enjoy in Canada today. We want to make sure that our young people, who have not experienced the same hardship that previous generations have, are able to appreciate what has been done for them. As Canadians we have many opportunities, and as a school community we have much to be grateful for: hardworking, caring, and dedicated staff, involved and supportive families and amazing students.

We hope you can join us at our Remembrance Day assembly.

Remembrance Day Assembly

A reminder that our Remembrance Day service is on Thursday, November 10th at 9:30 am in the gym. Doors to the gym will open at 9:15 for guests. There will be seating for parents at the back of the gym. Below is a copy of the program and a schematic of the seating plan.

- Wreath Presentation
- Last Post/Minute of Silence/Rouse
- In Flanders Field: Mr. Victoria & Mr. D'Avignon, Gr. 3/4
- Remember Flanders Fields: Ms. Pauer, Ms. Power, Mrs. Hayre, Gr. 2/3
- Sing for Peace: Mrs. Chies, Miss Hsu & Ms. Geary, K / Gr. 1/2
- The Poppy Remembrance: Mrs. Chum, Gr. 6/7
- What a Wonderful World: Mr. Pantaleo, Gr. 5/6
- I've Got Peace in My Fingers: Ms. Sze & Mrs. Hansen, Kindergarten
- Candle Lighting Ceremony: Grade 7s



Parent Donations to our Tech Plan – THANK YOU!

We have been overwhelmed by the positive response so far from our parent community coming to graciously support our Tech Plan. In our last eNewsletter, we put out a call for donations so we could maximize the number of iPads we could lease. This was to meet an upcoming ordering deadline with our School District. That deadline is tomorrow Thursday, November 10th. ***This is a last call for donations to meet our ordering deadline for this year.*** If you are able to make a donation, you can find details about that process in two places: 1) in our last eNewsletter, or 2) on our [school webpage](#)

Thank you in advance for assisting us in getting tech tools into our student's hands as soon as possible!

Student Attendance

If your child is late for school, please ask them to sign in at the office. When a child is late, they are marked absent on the morning attendance. You will be contacted by the office if you have not notified the school of your child's absence or if they have not signed in late. Signing in when late will save time for the school office and save some worry for our families. EARLY WARNING can be called at any time, day or night. Please call **604 668 6498** and leave a message with your child's name, division number or teacher's name and reason for absence. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe!

What to do when your child is not feeling well....

Our district medical health officer asks for your support to maintain the health of all children by keeping your children home when they are sick. A proper sleep and breakfast are essential to ensure children function well at school. Parents will be contacted to take their children home if they become ill with these symptoms during the school day. Children should be kept home from school or daycare when they have the following symptoms:

- fever over 38 degrees Celsius
- diarrhea and/or vomiting in the previous 48 hours
- a rash that has not yet been diagnosed
- blister-like sores that have not yet been diagnosed
- cough, runny nose and/or sore throat

Coming dressed for the weather, and watching where you walk!

Now that the weather is getting cooler and wetter, please make sure that your child is dressed for the elements. Because we are tough Canadians living in a northern climate, we go outside at recess and lunch, even if it is raining. If you know that your child is the one to likely find all of the puddles, having an extra set of clothes on hand at school might be good planning. Also, the snow geese love to stop and visit our field (and all fields on the west side of Richmond) on their way from Russia to warmer climates down south. It is not fake news that we'd like the students to wipe their feet before coming into the school. The droppings are not harmful, just messy for our floors.



PAC FOOD DAYS ORDER SUMMARY – TO KEEP YOU ORGANIZED!

| Supplier | Date | Ordering Closes* | Contact |
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| Grade 7 Pizza Day | Thursday November 10 | Wednesday November 2 | kimaspen@hotmail.com |
| Grade 7 Pizza Day | Thursday November 24 | Wednesday November 16 | kimaspen@hotmail.com |
| Steveston Seafood House | Monday November 28 | Sunday November 20 | alannalunchday@gmail.com |
| Grade 7 Pizza Day | Thursday December 8 | Wednesday November 30 | kimaspen@hotmail.com |
| Takeya Sushi | Monday December 12 | Sunday December 4 | alannalunchday@gmail.com |

WESTWIND WAVES IMPORTANT DATES

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| <p>Thursday, November 10</p> <p>Friday, November 11</p> <p>Wednesday, November 16</p> <p>Thursday, November 17</p> <p>Friday, November 25</p> <p>Friday, December 16</p> <p>Mon, Dec 19 to Mon, Jan 2</p> <p>Tuesday, January 3</p> <p>Monday, January 30</p> <p>Wed, Feb 15 & Thurs, Feb 16</p> <p>Friday, February 17</p> <p>Monday, February 20</p> <p>Mon, Mar 13 to Fri, Mar 24</p> <p>Monday, March 27</p> <p>Friday, April 7</p> <p>Monday, April 10</p> <p>Friday, May 19</p> <p>Monday, May 22</p> <p>Thursday, June 29</p> <p>Friday, June 30</p> | <p>Remembrance Day Assembly</p> <p>Remembrance Day – No school</p> <p>Student photo retake day</p> <p>Spirit Day: WACKY HAT DAY!</p> <p>Professional Development Day – No school</p> <p>Spirit Day: PAJAMA DAY!</p> <p>Winter Vacation</p> <p>Return to School</p> <p>Professional Development Day – No school</p> <p>Early dismissal for student-led conferences (1:45pm)</p> <p>Professional Development Day – No school</p> <p>Family Day – No school</p> <p>Spring Vacation</p> <p>Return to School</p> <p>Good Friday – No school</p> <p>Easter Monday – No school</p> <p>Professional Development Day – No school</p> <p>Victoria Day – No school</p> <p>Last Day of School for Students</p> <p>Summer Vacation Begins</p> |
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