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The Westwind wave

School wide Running program

Spring is around the corner and the weather will be improving soon. Track and Field season (for all grade 3 to 7 students) is here soon. As a result, we'll be stepping up our run frequency and overall effort. We currently run as a whole school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

As a reminder, we have the following running goals for students for our students: Students K to 3 are able to run 1 lap without having to stop to walk, and students in grades 4 to 7 are able to run 2 laps without having to stop to walk. These goals are much easier to achieve if children have suitable running shoes. As an added incentive, we will be monitoring each class and their progress, and offering some fun prizes for effort.

Westwind Waves Basketball

Both the Boys and Girls grade 6/7 teams have been practicing hard in preparation for the exhibition games and upcoming grade 7 basketball tournaments held at McMath (March 1, 2 and 3) and Steveston/London (March 7, 8, and 9). In addition to playing a few exhibition games against other schools, we have started a grade 5/6/7 Intramural league (Fridays at Lunch). The Intramural league is drop-in style. A new skill is taught, then they play a game with intention of implementing that new skill. Last week we worked on lay-ups. This week we learned the "Pick and Roll" (aka setting a screen).

Bringing Valuables to School

We would like to offer a word of caution about bringing valuables to school. On a few occasions lately, some personal and valued items have gone missing, and naturally, this has been very upsetting. Of course, we are talking to our students about respecting other peoples' property etc., but sometimes, one's maturity does not allow them to resist temptation, and they take something that is not theirs. Often this is the result of a split-second impulsive decision. If you happen to notice that your child has come home with something that you didn't buy them, please consider this as a teachable moment.

In one instance recently, this Pokémon Book (see picture) went missing from a locker. If you happen to find this in your child's backpack, please return it to the school (no questions asked) and we'll assume you took advantage of a teachable moment.



Grade 6/7 Outdoor Education

The planning has started to prepare for our grade 6/7 outdoor excursion to Camp Elphinstone. The camp is located in Gibson on the Sunshine Coast. We'll be attending on May 29th - 31st.

We have an info meeting for students next Wednesday, and we have a virtual meeting for parents, hosted by the leaders at Camp Elphinstone on February 7th at 7pm. Eventually, parents will be provided with permission forms to attend.

Daily Health Check & Reminders

Before coming to school, students and staff should complete a daily health check. If you are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities, please stay home and return when you are feeling better.

Reminders for when students are at school:

- Wearing a mask is a personal choice in all areas of the school
- Frequent Hand washing will continue to be encouraged
- Use coughing and sneezing etiquette

A reminder to parents/guardians if your child will be absent or late to school, please leave a message on our Early Warning phone number # 604-668-6498.

PAC FOOD DAYS ORDER SUMMARY – TO KEEP YOU ORGANIZED!

Please see the lunch days below for January-March 2023. Kindly order by the indicated Ordering Closes date in order to avoid disappointment. *If for any reason your child will be absent on a scheduled lunch date, please be sure to email alannalunchday@gmail.com to schedule a pick-up at the multipurpose room on the day of.* Thank you!

Supplier	Date	Ordering Closes*	Contact
Taco Luis	Monday January 9	Sunday January 1	alannalunchday@gmail.com
Grade 7 Pizza Day	Thursday January 19	Wednesday January 11	kimaspen@hotmail.com
Japadog	Monday January 23	Sunday January 15	alannalunchday@gmail.com
Grade 7 Pizza Day	Thursday February 2	Wednesday January 25	kimaspen@hotmail.com
Boston Pizza	Monday February 6	Sunday January 29	alannalunchday@gmail.com
Takeya Sushi	Monday February 13	Sunday February 5	alannalunchday@gmail.com
Grade 7 Pizza Day	Thursday February 16	Wednesday February 8	kimaspen@hotmail.com
Taco Luis	Monday February 27	Sunday February 19	alannalunchday@gmail.com
Grade 7 Pizza Day	Thursday March 2	Wednesday February 22	kimaspen@hotmail.com
Japadog	Monday March 6	Sunday February 26	alannalunchday@gmail.com
Grade 7 Pizza Day	Thursday March 30	Wednesday March 22	kimaspen@hotmail.com

WESTWIND WAVES IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 30

Professional Development Day – No school

Tuesday, February 7

PAC Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 7

Grade 6 / 7 – Outdoor Education Parent meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 14

Spirit Day: Rainbow Day

Wed, Feb 15 & Thurs, Feb 16

Early dismissal for student-led conferences (1:45pm)

Friday, February 17	Professional Development Day – No school
Monday, February 20	Family Day – No school
Wednesday, February 22	Pink Shirt Day
Tuesday, February 28	Band Concert *NEW DATE*
Thursday, March 2	Band Concert (re-scheduled due to Basketball)
Friday, March 10	Spirit Day: Tropical Day
Mon, Mar 13 to Fri, Mar 24	Spring Vacation
Monday, March 27	Return to School
Monday, April 3	Spirit Day: Backwards Day
Friday, April 7	Good Friday – No school
Monday, April 10	Easter Monday – No school
Friday, April 14	Photo Day: Panorama, Teams, Class photos
Thursday, May 4	Spirit Day: Star Wars Day
Friday, May 19	Professional Development Day – No school
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day – No School
Mon, May 29-Wed, May 31	Grade 6 / 7 – Outdoor Education Camp
Thursday, June 15	Band Concert, Times TBA
Friday, June 23	Spirit Day: Formal Day
Friday, June 23	Grade 7 Farewell Assembly
Thursday, June 29	Year-End Assembly
Thursday, June 29	Last Day of School for Students
Friday, June 30	Summer Vacation Begins