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The Westwind Wave

October 18, 2022

District Cross-Country Fun Run

If you were at the District Cross-Country Fun Run last week you would have been incredibly impressed with the effort of our Westwind runners. We had 70 runners participating and regardless of our runner's experience, it was clear that we have been training. All of the runners should be proud of themselves, and this experience served us well to see what kind of training is required for future runs. Westwind continues our school-wide runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:45am (weather permitting).

We'll be showcasing some of the photos taken at the race at an upcoming assembly, as well as in our yearbook (yes, we're going to have a K-7 yearbook!). If you have some pictures to share, please send them to westwind@sd38.bc.ca or airdrop them while at the school office. Thank you, parents, for assisting with driving and as a reminder, if your child has not yet returned their yellow shirt from the race, please deliver the laundered shirt to the front office.

Family Teams

Several times per year, our students get together in their Family Teams to collaborate, cooperate, lead, learn and have fun. We have 40 teams in total, and the teams are comprised of a variety of students ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 7. We call them Family Teams because it is like a family, working together to build our school community. The most exciting time is when Family Teams get together during Sports Day in May/June, but until then, we team build. We will be having our first Family Teams session on October 28th when we do our pumpkin carving.

Pumpkin Carving Event – October 28th

We ask that each student come to school on the 28th with a Pumpkin in a plastic bag. The size of the pumpkin should be something that they can carry themselves to school, and home again after school. They should also bring their own carving tools (from the Dollar store). Please do not bring a knife. We also ask that you cut out a hole in the pumpkin from the bottom and empty out its contents prior to bringing it to school on the 28th. In our Family Teams, with the assistance of staff and student leaders, students will carve out their pumpkin and we'll make a 400 pumpkin display!

Halloween "Trick or Treating" with respect...

Halloween is one of the more exciting days of the year. However, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for ALL and not at the expense of equity seeking groups. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices and requires consideration. In doing so, it is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events.

A few things to keep in mind: It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes...

- Race (black face/brown face)
- Culture (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- Religious Faith (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab)
- Gender (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- Trauma (weapons)

Halloween Candy Donations: Message from the McMath Student leadership Committee

The Leadership Program at McMath Secondary have an annual drive collecting Halloween Candy Donations to give to people in need on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. They are seeking our help again.

Last year they delivered more than 15,000 candy bags and several hundred pairs of socks and other amenities to residents of this desperate neighbourhood. The need for candy and donations remains. The candy bags help the street teams to deliver a note of inspiration to those in need.

We are hopeful children will consider donating any extra candy they may have, and to parents whose children are not going door to door, we are hopeful they will consider purchasing bags or boxes of treats, NEW mittens or warm socks, so that we can continue our mission.

Starting November 1st, there will be a box in the front foyer of Westwind where donations can be placed. Thank you!

Halloween Howl Fun Run @ Garry Point - Wednesday, October 19 at 3:20pm

Come out and run the Halloween Howl Fun Run - you can come with your school or run with Kajaks. This is a fun cross-country run for all students which will take place right before the Richmond High School Cross Country Championships. Come run the trails, jump over hay bales and receive Halloween treats at the finish line. Arrive at 3:10pm, run your race, then stay to cheer on the older runners.

There will be 2 races:

- grades K to 3 - 1km 3:20pm
- grades 4 to 7 - 1.5km 3:30pm
- High School Students will race at 3:45pm

Parent Education for Westwind Parents

We will be offering several opportunities to get together to talk about hot topics in education. To start the year off, we're hosting "Elementary School 101." Victoria Chan is the lead on the PAC Parent Education Committee and she would love your input on future topics for parent education sessions! If you have any suggestions, please email Victoria at vicyee27@gmail.com. Thank you!

Westwind parents are invited to a Parent Session we're calling "Elementary School 101." It's been several years since parents have been able to be in schools and we can finally get together to talk about education. The pandemic has finally settled down a bit, and there have been some changes in the education system, of which parents should be made aware.

Elementary School 101 – October 25th 5:30-7:00pm in Westwind Gym

Hosted by Bill Juhasz (Principal) and Susan Tse (Vice Principal)

The following hot topics will be covered:

- What is personalized learning?
- Why combined classes?
- How are classes made?
- New K-12 Reporting Changes– Webinar + Q&A

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Childminding for primary-aged children available. You can drop your children off in the library at 5:25pm and grade 6 and 7 students will be on hand to supervise/entertain.

RSVP for Child-minding: If you require childminding service, please RSVP to westwind@sd38.bc.ca indicating the number of children that will need to be minded...this way we'll know how many grades 6/7 students to have on hand.

Cold and Flu season is on the horizon...

Thank you in advance for erring on the side of caution and keeping your child home to rest/recover if they are feeling unwell. Not only will your child recover more quickly with rest, you'll also be ensuring that no other children are catching what your child has.

If your child is going to be absent or late, please phone the Early Warning phone number to leave a message: 604-668-6498.

Also, the rains are coming – so let's be prepared. We will continue to go outside for recess and lunch, even in the rain, so please make sure that your child has the proper clothing to stay warm and dry in inclement weather. It is possible that we'll stay inside if it is raining particularly hard, but generally speaking, we'll be outside. For us tough and resilient Canadians, there is no bad weather, just bad gear. If your child is unable to avoid puddles etc., feel free to plan ahead and have a spare set of clothes in your child's backpack or locker.

Your Westwind PAC is proud to present a chance for **20 lucky families** to be photographed by Steveston's own: *Sandra Steier Photography*.

Since Sandra is also a Westwind mom of twins she has generously offered to **donate 100% of the proceeds to the school!**

HOW: Spots will be on sale on **Wednesday October 19th in the morning on Munch a Lunch**
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/westwind/>

WHEN: Photos will be taken on November 6th from 10AM until 3PM in Steveston Park wherever the leaves are looking their best. Sessions will be 15 minutes long, please arrive 5 minutes before your time slot. Exact location will be communicated to the buyers prior to the event.

RAIN: In case of rain the photos will be taken in the Studio located at *Phoenix Art Studio*, Third Floor, 12211 First Ave

Sandra's Website: <https://www.sandrasteier.com/family/>

Family Photo Day!

SANDRA STEIER PHOTOGRAPHY

November 6th 10am to 3pm

@

Steveston Park

15 minute photo session \$60

Includes: Two edited high resolution digital photos (regular price \$150)

100% of each session is being donated to the school by Sandra!

Please book your 15 minute time slot on

Munch a Lunch starting:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

ONLY 20 SPOTS AVAILABLE!



PAC FOOD DAYS ORDER SUMMARY – TO KEEP YOU ORGANIZED!

Supplier	Date	Ordering Closes*	Contact
Takeya Sushi	Monday October 2	Sunday September 25	alannalunchday@gmail.com
Grade 7 Pizza Day	Thursday October 13	Wednesday October 5	kimaspen@hotmail.com
WhiteSpot	Monday October 17	Sunday October 9	alannalunchday@gmail.com
Grade 7 Pizza Day	Thursday October 27	Wednesday October 19	kimaspen@hotmail.com
Freshii	Monday October 31	Sunday October 23	alannalunchday@gmail.com
Takeya Sushi	Monday November 7	Sunday October 30	alannalunchday@gmail.com
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

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, October 20

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Friday, October 21

Tuesday, October 25

Thursday, October 27

Friday, October 28

Monday, October 31

Thursday, November 10

Friday, November 11

Wednesday, November 16

Thursday, November 17

Friday, November 25

Friday, December 16

Mon, Dec 19 to Mon, Jan 2

Tuesday, January 3

Monday, January 30

Wed, Feb 15 & Thurs, Feb 16

Friday, February 17

Monday, February 20

Mon, Mar 13 to Fri, Mar 24

Monday, March 27

Friday, April 7

Monday, April 10

Friday, May 19

Monday, May 22

Thursday, June 29

Friday, June 30

Grade 6 & 7 immunizations

WESTWIND WAVES SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS DUE @ NOON

Professional Development Day

Parent Ed Session: "Elementary School 101" 5:30pm

Bollywood performance for students

Family Teams: Pumpkin carving (bring a pumpkin!)

Halloween - come in Costume

Remembrance Day Assembly

Remembrance Day – No school

Student photo retake day ***date change**

Spirit Day: HAT DAY!

Professional Development Day – No school

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Winter Vacation

Return to School

Professional Development Day – No school

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

Professional Development Day – No school

Family Day – No school

Spring Vacation

Return to School

Good Friday – No school

Easter Monday – No school

Professional Development Day – No school

Victoria Day

Last Day of School for Students

Summer Vacation Begins