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The Westwind Wave

October 31, 2022

Family Teams – Building our school community

We just had our pumpkin carving multi-aged team activity on Friday and it was a huge success. It's been several years since we've been able to host such an enterprise, and despite the time off, it was an amazing display of student leadership, teamwork and community. Hopefully you've had a chance to see some of our pictures and videos on our school's Instagram account @westwindwaves



Boo! It's Halloween!

It's no doubt one of the best days of the year. It's awesome to see all the costumes and Halloween spirit. We will showcase all the costume pics in our next school spirit slide show (to be shown at our next assembly) and in our yearbook.



If your child has unwanted candy, you are welcome to drop that off at the school (front office in the bins that are provided). This donated candy will be packaged by the McMath Student Leadership team and will be delivered to folks on the Downtown Eastside. Thank you in advance for your donation. Your dentist may thank you as well.

Westwind TECH PLAN

We've identified that the technological tools that staff and students use at Westwind needs to be upgraded. We will share in person at the upcoming PAC meeting the current status of our hardware, and talk about our 3-stage plan to get up to District standards. We have already started with phase 1 of our plan, where we purchased 18 data projectors for classrooms, and the process to install them has already begun.



We will proceed next with phase 2, where we plan to lease iPads for student use. Our goal is three additional iPad Carts (30 iPads/cart). We plan to order as many iPads as we can from our school budget and from other sources of revenue, prior to the November leasing deadline from our District.



Phase 3 will be the on-going Professional Development with these tech tools supported by our District's Curriculum Coordinator for Technology (Chris Loat). Chris will be joining us at our PAC Meeting on Tuesday at 6:30pm to offer insights on typical uses of technology in elementary schools. He'll provide a school district perspective, and answer any questions folks may have.

Going forward, we will be putting out a call for donations to support this tech plan so we can capitalize on the upcoming ordering window this November. This way we won't have to wait until November 2023 for the next opportunity to order.



PAC Meeting Reminder - Tuesday at 6:30pm

The meeting will be a hybrid of in-person in the school library and online. We will be voting on a proposed budget change for this year to increase the amount of technology in the classroom. Everyone who is in attendance will have a vote, so the PAC encourages you to come, ask questions and participate in this process. Hope to see you there!

Yearbook 2022-2023

As mentioned above, we’re planning to offer a Kindergarten to Grade 7 Yearbook this year. This is something that can be easily done online from home. We’re looking for a group of parents who would like to champion this cause. Mr. Juhasz will be the one supporting this group, so please email him at bjuhasz@sd38.bc.ca



This K-7 yearbook will be in addition to the Grade 7 yearbook/keepsake that is traditionally done.

School Photos

We are excited to announce that your school photo gallery is live and ready for viewing!

1. On Photo Day, your student was provided with a photo flyer containing a QR login code.
2. Use this login code to access your student's personal photo gallery at myorder.mountainwest.ca.
3. **Any active email address can be used to login.**



YOUR ORDER DEADLINE IS: Friday, November 11, 2022

1. To find out more about ordering, go to the Mountain West Studios website for support, <https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families>.
2. If you do not have your login code, or require assistance, please email us at help@mountainwest.ca.
3. Orders will be shipped directly to your home address.
4. If you are requesting a retake, further information will be provided by the school.
5. Looking to access digital downloads or check on the status of your order? Visit portal.mountainwest.ca



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

Monday, October 31

Tuesday, November 1

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

Halloween - come in Costume

PAC Meeting 6:30pm

Remembrance Day Assembly

Remembrance Day – No school

Student photo retake day ***date change**

Spirit Day: HAT DAY!

Professional Development Day – No school

Spirit Day: PAJAMA DAY!

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 – No school

Last Day of School for Students

Summer Vacation Begins