

Westwind Waves Week at a Glance



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DECEMBER 13-17, 2021

"We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.



FOOD DRIVE



On behalf of Division 6 and the PAC Helping Hand Committee, we are grateful for the generosity of our entire community. Your donations will go a long way to helping those in need during this holiday season.

DECEMBER

- Dec. 11** - Winter Bundle Pick-Up
- Dec. 13** - Munch-a-Lunch - White Spot
- Dec. 16** - Munch-a-Lunch - Pizza
- Dec. 17** - Snack Day
- Dec. 17** - Report Card Published on Parent Portal
(for Divisions 1, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16)
- Dec. 17** - Last Day of classes

Winter Holiday - December 20 - January 3

JANUARY

- Jan. 4** - First Day Back *Tuesday*
- Jan. 28** - Professional Development Day (No School)



COLDER WEATHER IS HERE...

Please have your child dress appropriately for the temperature, rain, snow, etc.. If families are in need of assistance in obtaining warmer clothing, coats, hats, mittens/gloves, etc., please contact Ms. Ludwig or Ms. Lai. We would be happy to help. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Be aware of the current weather forecast.
- Dress in layers.

The outdoors in winter is enjoyed most when you are dressed properly. It is also safer when you are dressed properly. Remember: there is no bad weather, just clothing that does not match the weather. In winter, the best idea is to stay warm and dry. Please pack your child's layers and accessories each day during this winter season.



PAC UPDATES

WINTER BUNDLE PICK UP DETAILS

All your holiday treats will be ready for a drive thru pick up **TOMORROW, Saturday December 11 from 10:30-12pm at the school.**

Stations with all the items will be set up and you can drive by and pick up your items. You can stay in your car and the elves/reindeer will load your treats into your car! Easy peasy!

If you know which vendors you purchased from that would be really helpful. You do not need to know the exact items, just the vendor.

If you are unable to pick up on Saturday December 11, please contact Kristy Miller at kmurao@gmail.com to arrange an alternate time to pick up.

PAC FOOD ORDER SUMMARY - TO KEEP YOU ORGANIZED!

ACTIVITY	Orders Open	Orders Closed	Food Day
WHITESPOT	Nov-01	Dec-05	Dec-13
PIZZA DAY	Dec-04	Dec-11	Dec-16
SNACK DAY	Nov-27	Dec-3	Dec-17
PIZZA DAY	Dec-27	Jan 04	Jan-13
MR COOPER'S PIES	Jan-05	Jan-14	Jan-22
PIZZA DAY	Jan-17	Jan-29	Feb-03

A reflection by Ms. Ludwig...

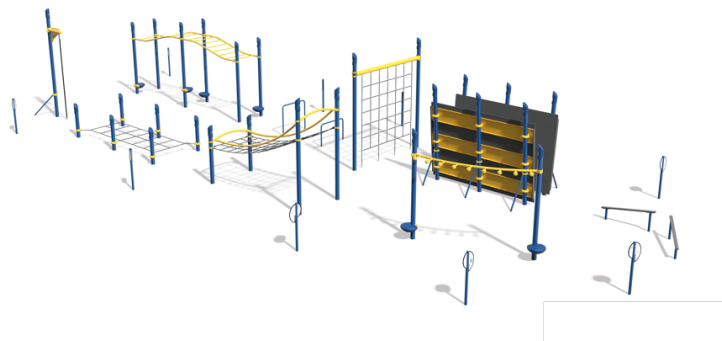
It is wonderful that so many holidays fall in December! When the world is dark (and it's *really* dark this time of year in the Pacific Northwest), it's a good time to light candles and hang strings of lights. When it's cold and blustery outside, it's the right time to gather with friends and family near the fireplace. And when the year winds down and the days are the shortest, it is a natural moment to reflect on the passing year and to prepare for the coming year. Winter break always seems to arrive just in the nick of time. Students and staff alike have been in what feels like a marathon since September. There have been projects, new learning, practice, presentations, and performances. Students have been physically active, made new discoveries and have developed new friendships. There have been wonderful days, difficult days and a little bit of both.



Most students (and most teachers, too) have felt the stresses of due dates, upcoming assignments, or a tricky social situation. We've celebrated successes together, solved problems together, and shared in a million moments and experiences that make Westwind such a big part of our lives. All of us are ready to have a little break to relax and recharge. This is the time for our learners to take a deep breath, step away from their regular school work and routine to rest and rejuvenate. It's an opportunity to contemplate how the year is going. And it's the chance to ponder and dream about the future. We hope that this break is a welcome respite for you and your family, and that students will return in 2022 refreshed and ready to continue to make the most of the year ahead. Whether you celebrate and however you celebrate, I wish you a restful and happy holiday season!



HELP MAKE OUR PLAYGROUND ADDITION A REALITY!



The Westwind Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is fundraising for an addition to our current playground. Our vision is a space where children from the community have the opportunity to learn and grow through play.

The picture above is a conceptual design of the project. The new equipment will offer a variety of play options for all ages and abilities, and will be an important addition to the school and the greater community.

Contributions from you and/or your organization will have a direct impact on the health and happiness of children now and in the future.

Our fundraising goal is \$130,000. Our aim is to have this addition constructed and operational by the fall of 2022. We need your help to make this happen.

We are asking you to donate to the playground fund to join us in building a legacy towards a more accessible and expansive playground.

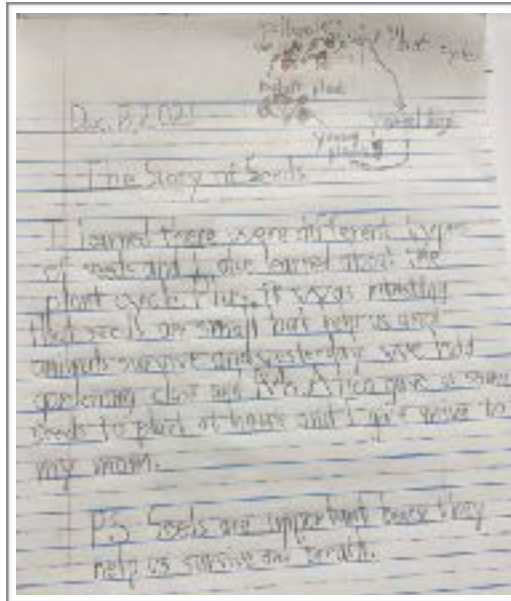
All donations will go directly to the playground. Any donation over \$25 will receive an official tax receipt.

Thank you very much for your support!

Westwind Playground Committee

How to donate:

1. **E-transfer:** send to wwpactreasurer@gmail.com and clearly state that the donation is for the playground.
2. **Cash/Cheque:** If you prefer to donate by cheque or cash, or have any questions, please contact wwpactreasurer@gmail.com.



DIVISION 10 LEARNING SHARE

Presley, Carlos, Maddie and Leah from Division 10 reflect on seeds after their work with the Kids in the Garden Program @urbanbounty



DIVISION 15 LEARNING SHARE

Language Arts

We read the book "Not a Box" and brainstormed different ideas for our own "Not a Box". We came up with so many creative ideas! Can you guess what they are? Then we wrote our ideas into our journals.





Thank You!



You made
a difference

