

Westwind Waves Week at a Glance



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JANUARY 10 - 14, 2022

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



Information for Families: Continuity of Learning due to Health or Functional School Closures

As you are aware, school will begin for most students on Monday, January 10th. The delayed start was intended to give public health officials and school districts time to adapt to the impacts of the Omicron variant.

Although schools will be open to all students starting January 10th, it is possible that at some point, a school may need to be closed temporarily as a result of the impacts of the Omicron variant. We have therefore been asked to communicate with families this week in order to prepare for this possibility. To be clear, your child's school is not being closed at this time.

**Please the attached letter for more information.*

Mark Your CALENDAR

JANUARY

- Jan. 10** - First Day Back
- Jan 13** - Munch A Lunch - Pizza
- Jan 22** - Mr. Cooper Pie Pick-up
- Jan. 25** - PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Jan. 28** - Professional Development Day

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 4** - CSL Mid-Point Summaries Posted (Divisions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12)
- Feb. 16** - Early Dismissal @ 1:45
- Feb. 17** - Early Dismissal @ 1:45
- Feb. 18** - Professional Development Day
- Feb. 21** - Family Day

Key Health & Safety Practices

As always, schools will focus on providing a safe, supportive, and positive environment for all students.

This is especially important as we continue to navigate the COVID pandemic. All students, staff, and visitors should continue to practice these key prevention measures:

- Complete **daily health check; stay home when sick**
- Clean hands regularly and practice respiratory etiquette
- Wear a mask in accordance with the Provincial Health Officer Order
- Use available space to spread out, and respect other's personal space

Additional Prevention Measures:

- Lessons on H&S measures taught to all learners on Jan. 10 for consistent messaging and to set consistent expectations
- Continue to hold school gatherings/events (e.g., assemblies, parent/teacher conferences, etc.) virtually
- Continued extra cleaning and disinfecting
- Limit visitors to those that are supporting learning activities
- Munch-a-lunch and snack days are paused
- Playground schedule (alternating days) to minimize crowding

PAC UPDATES

Munch-a-Lunch / Pizza Day Updates

Earlier this week, the PAC Executive heard from our school's administration that all school lunch & snack programs have been put on hold for the month of January throughout the district. The district leadership team will re-asses later with regards to February.

So...where does this leave us? If you have placed orders, credits should now be showing in your Munch a Lunch account. This can be applied to future orders once the programs are back up and running. And we sincerely hope they will be.

If you're comfortable with leaving your money in a credit, then there's nothing more you have to do now. We'll inform you as soon as we hear that programs can run again and you can place new orders using the credit on your account. If you would prefer a refund for your Munch a Lunch order now, please [email wwpactreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:wwpactreasurer@gmail.com).

Huge thanks to Alanna McConnell, Shizuka Wilson & Sarah Bianchini for all their work in sorting this out. There were a lot of moving parts from dealing with MAL and participating vendors and they were amazing.

Also...thanks to all our Westwind families for the huge support of these programs. They play vital roles in meeting our fundraising goals and we couldn't do it without your support. Thank you.

One last note...the Mr. Cooper's Pies fundraising program that the Grade 7 committee is running is not affected by this change. Those orders will be fulfilled in an outdoor drive-thru model, similar to the Winter Bundle.

Thanks again for all your support! Here's to brighter days ahead.

Drew Savage, PAC Chair



Dear Grade 5 Families in the Richmond School District:

Please see the 2 attachments regarding information about the District's Late French Immersion Program at Diefenbaker and Whiteside Elementary Schools.

Students currently in the programs, along with their teachers, will be sharing their experiences virtually with Grade 5 students throughout the district next week.

Parents are invited to a virtual information session on the evening of **Thursday, January 13th, 2022** from **6:30 – 7:30 pm**. Please use the link to join the Teams Webinar.

Click here to join the LFI session

We look forward to connecting with you next week.

Sincerely,

Ms. R. Corneil
Principal
Whiteside Elementary

Ms. H. Wong
Principal
Diefenbaker Elementary

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION



Sending Students home Sick

Have a family plan for a quick pick-up should your child display symptoms of illness at school. We will be asking students to go home should they display or indicate symptoms listed on the daily health declarations including:

- Fever (above 38°C)
- Chills
- Cough
- Difficulty Breathing
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- Loss of appetite
- Headache
- Body aches
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea



Be a Mask Master

Follow these simple rules for proper mask wearing!



Mask in place properly.



Let's be mask masters!