

Westwind Waves Week at a Glance



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JANUARY 17-21, 2022

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

Dear Families,

Thank you all for the care, commitment and courage you have shown in what has proved to be a particularly difficult past few weeks. We remain in continued communication with our district and ministry regarding health updates and potential functional school closures. It is our aim to keep you informed to the best of our ability.

We would like to end this week by saying an enormous "THANK YOU" to all of you who have contacted the school or sent in messages of thanks and offers of support. This is a situation like no other that we have ever had to face and myself and the Westwind staff genuinely appreciate your support and recognition of the job we are trying to do in continuing to educate, support and care for your children, our students.

We will provide further updates as needed and so please; look after yourselves, look after your families and let's meet the challenges of next while together.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ludwig & Ms. Lai

Mark Your CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 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 (no school)
- Feb. 23** - Pink Shirt Day



PLEASE PACK WITH YOUR CHILD EVERYDAY:

- Water bottle
- Extra masks please!
- Snack and lunch (no deliveries at this time)
- Weather friendly clothing for outdoor play

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ATTEND FORM

For the 2022/23 School Year

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Planning for the 2022/23 school year is underway. It is critical that school principals know the number of students who will be attending each school for September 2022 in order to allocate staff and resources for the upcoming year. To this end, parents/legal guardians are asked to complete the information section on the attached form and return it to school office or the teacher of the oldest child in the school **by Friday, January 21st.**

REPORTING ABSENCES

We understand that we are facing difficult times, and that each family has reasons for the choices that they make. Know that there will be times when staff and students are away. Let's work together to help each other during this difficult time by not making assumptions on why someone is absent. If possible or appropriate for your situation it would be helpful if you could indicate the nature of the illness (for example, tooth ache, chicken pox, or COVID). At the same time, it is important for the school office to know the reason for your absence. Please report your absence by emailing: westwind@sd38.bc.ca or by calling: 604-668-6497. Know that your reasons for your absences will remain confidential. If symptoms continue, please contact your health practitioner or call 811 to obtain medical advice regarding staying home or returning to school.

We know that families are considering having their child stay home for a few days out of concern of COVID and the Omicron variant. We know that it can be difficult to know what to do, and that every family has their own reason or story of why they may keep their child at home. At this time, we are not able to offer online learning, and classroom teachers are not able to provide lesson plans for learning at home.

****see attached letter for more information.***

DAILY HEALTH CHECK FOR STUDENTS

Daily Health Check

Just a reminder to please complete a daily health check before sending your kids to school.

The Ministry of Education has worked with Public Health and the BCCDC to create a daily health check website and mobile app for students and their parents to complete before heading to school in the morning. The website and app will contain the most up-to-date BC health guideline information. Here is a quick link to the [K-12 Health Check](#). If you prefer, there is a downloadable app for convenience. Please click [HERE](#) to download to your phone. Under the direction of Vancouver Coastal Health, symptomatic students will be sent home.

BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY (JANUARY 14, 2022)

"Black Excellence Day" is observed on January 14, 2022. The term "Black Excellence" was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960's and honours great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was born on January 15, 1929. Black Excellence is an opportunity for us to learn about the contributions of Black Canadians, and their ongoing civil rights struggle.



ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY IN EVENT OF A FUNCTIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of a Functional School Closure it is our priority that all our learners have access to technology at home for continuity of learning. We have technology that can be loaned out for this purpose for those families that do not have any access at home for their child(ren).

To be prepared, we are creating a list now for a quick sign process. **Please email westwind@sd38.bc.ca to be added to our list. Include your child's name and division.** We will then send you a *Technology Sign-Out form* to complete in advance so that we can have a tight turn around in distributing the device in the event of a closure.



Ms. Ludwig's Reflection

I'LL TAKE THE UNKNOWN

My reflection this week swirls around the unknown, where creativity and courage reside, and where we humans fear to tread with any kind of regular practice. For me, it has been a week that has offered one unknown after another; new perspectives on the known is one way I consider them.

I am getting used to the experience of what I know, or thought I knew, becoming something else. Yet, it is challenging when the present offers an array of unexpected moments, one after another. It is a lot to breathe in and out. So, I sit and take a breath rather than propelling myself forward into the next activity. I try to press pause on a habit without knowing what I will do or say next and let my routine fall away so that I can be guided by the natural flow of things. I am working on centering myself in the wisdom of not knowing. It is natural to be afraid to let go of the known. I am finding in this practice of being open to life's unknowns offers many lessons and I discover beautiful and amazing things along the way. *I think I'll take the unknown!*





Welcome back, Westwind Families!

A few notes for this week.

Our next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30 pm on Zoom. It would be great to see a strong turnout to kickoff the new calendar year. PAC meetings are great places to get all the latest school info and to ask questions and be part of the dialogue. We want to hear from you!

Also, TODAY (Friday) is the LAST DAY to place orders in Mr. Cooper's Pie Drive to support our Grade 7 grad committee. Order your delicious pies at www.mrcooperspies.com - select "Westwind Elementary" at check out and 25% of the price will go to the Grade 7's. For every 4 pies purchased, you're entered in a draw to win a \$100 GC at Steveston Seafood House.

Also, Westwind will be participating in **Pink Shirt Day 2022 on February 23rd**. This year's shirt has a fresh design but uses the same slogan as last year: "Lift Each Other Up." We'll begin taking orders next week - keep an eye out in your inbox for an email with a direct link to place your orders. In the meantime, to get you familiar with what's available, here are some pictures of what you'll be able to purchase. The cost of the **youth t-shirts will be \$7.95** and **adult t-shirts starting at \$8.95**. **Toques are \$9.80, bandanas are \$9.50 and bracelets are \$2.50.**





SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CYBERBULLYING

FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS



DATE: Tuesday, January 18, 2022

TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm (Zoom login opens at 6:00 pm)

LOCATION: Remote via Zoom (info email with Zoom Meeting ID and passcode to be sent to all registered attendees on Monday, January 17).

As a parent/caregiver, you lead the charge as a digital role model. Help your child develop a strong digital citizenship foundation while reminding them that their digital tattoo reflects their real and online selves. Parents/Caregivers have an important role to play in providing support and guidance during critical periods. A snapshot of current trends and concerning apps will be provided to equip you in your digital parenting strategy.

DO NOT MISS THIS FREE EVENT!!!

- **Social Media Update** - The most current apps and trends in your children's social media lives
- **Digital Parenting Strategy** - How to have important conversations with your child around social media safety
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** - With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note - What will they find?
- **Family Tech Plan** - Recommendations for family guidelines and parental controls

TO REGISTER FOR THIS SESSION, PLEASE CLICK [HERE!](#)

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