

Westwind Waves Week at a Glance

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MAY 2 - 6 2022



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

Mark Your CALENDAR

APRIL

April 30 - Pub Night Fundraiser

MAY

- May 2 - PAC Hot Food, Freshii
- May 9 - PAC Hot Food, White Spot
- May 12 - SLSS Gr. 7 Fun Day
- May 12 - PAC Hot Food, Pizza
- May 15 - Family Photos
- May 16 - PAC Hot Food, Takeya Sushi
- May 17 - PAC AGM
- May 20 - Pro-D Day (no School)
- May 23 - Victoria Day (No School)
- May 25 - McMath Gr. 7 Fun Day
- May 26 - PAC Hot Food, Pizza
- May 26 - Welcome to Kindergarten
- May 27 - Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch (Axis Theatre)

Class group photos have been printed and all students will receive a complimentary 5x8 copy of their class.

All other group photos such as teams and clubs can be ordered on the Mountain West Studios website. The printed class group photos are also uploaded in case any family needs more than one copy.



Web codes are required and have been emailed to families, as well as instructions on how to order. These photo orders will be shipped to your home.

Staff Update

We sent our farewell wishes to one of our Educational Assistants, Ms. Wickens, last week. She accepted a position at a local secondary school. Our position is now posted and we'll update you all once the process is complete.



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COMIC CON 2022

Is your child going to be absent?
Or late? Please call our early
warning line:

604-668-6498

PAC Updates

WESTWIND
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our PAC Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30pm on Microsoft Teams. We'll share the link as we get closer to the date.

What will happen at that meeting? We'll elect two new members of our PAC Executive - treasurer and vice-chair. The current chair & communications team will continue in their current positions for one more year. Why is it important that new executives are elected? **If we don't have a full compliment of executive members, the current PAC cannot continue.**

What happens if the PAC cannot continue? Years ago, when parents were fundraising for our existing playground, the Westwind PAC was set up as a registered charity. One of the benefits of that is that we're able to offer tax receipts for donations.

However, if the PAC does not have a full compliment of directors to manage and administer the funds raised, our registered charity will have to be wound down and the money in its accounts would have to be donated to another registered charity. This includes all money raised through Munch a Lunch, Playground fundraising, etc. In short, things get complicated.

At our last monthly PAC Meeting, there was a thought that maybe there wasn't enough awareness of the ramifications if the PAC was forced to wind down because there weren't enough people to run it. It's a good thought. No one likes to be perceived as the voice of doom & gloom, but it's important to be clear and transparent. At every AGM going forward, we'll be electing two new executive members - we need to have candidates for these positions to keep moving forward and avoid turning our money over to another charitable organization.

All that said, I have some great news to share. Since our last meeting, two parents have indicated that they're interested in running for the vacant positions. That's great, but with PAC and PAC committees, the more the merrier! Job sharing for these positions is do-able as it gets more people involved and lessens the individual workloads. If you have any questions about PAC Executive positions, please email me at drew.savage@shaw.ca. Or, let's chat at Pub Night this weekend at the Buck!

Looking forward to seeing you,
Drew Savage, PAC Chair

WESTWIND FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER BY OUR VERY OWN WESTWIND MOM... SANDRA STEIER

On May 15, 10am to 3pm at Britannia Shipyards 15 minute mini-photo session for \$60 for 2 edited high resolution digital photos (regular \$150). Option to purchase additional photos and packages through Sandra Steier Photography.

- 100% of each session goes to the school! Only 20 slots available so book while you can!
- Please book your 15 min time slot on Munch A Lunch starting April 26th.
- Please arrive 5 min before your allotted time to ensure ease of transition between families.
- If you have any questions please contact Gina Singh at ginasinghmail@gmail.com



PAC HOT FOOD DAYS TERM THREE

Lunch Day	Vendor	Ordering Closes
Monday May 2	Freshii	Sunday April 24th
Monday May 9	Whitespot	Sunday May 1st
Thursday May 12	Gr. 7 Pizza Day (Domino's)	Wednesday April 4th
Monday May 16	Takeya Sushi	Sunday May 8th
Thursday May 26	Gr. 7 Pizza Day (Domino's)	Wednesday May 18th
Monday June 6	Steveston Seafood House	Sunday May 29th
Thursday June 9	Gr. 7 Pizza Day (Domino's)	Wednesday May 1st
Monday June 13	Freshii	Sunday June 5th
Monday June 20	Takeya Sushi	Sunday June 12th
Friday June 24 (new date)	Gr. 7 Pizza Day (Domino's)	Wednesday June 15th
Monday June 27	Whitespot	Sunday June 19th



PAC FAQ

Did you know that you are a Westwind PAC member? All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to participate and are members of the PAC.

What is a PAC?

A PAC (Parent Advisory Council), through the BC School Act, is the official collective voice of the parents and guardians of a particular school's student community. The PAC will often:

- Provide input to the school
- Learn about (and participate in) school-based activities.
- Advocate for all students of the school community.
- A school must also have a PAC to be eligible for certain funding grants.

Westwind PAC AGM

May 17, 2022

6:30 pm

Please join us!

What happens at a PAC meeting?

- Administrators update - the principal and vice principal provide an overview of what is currently happening in the school and what future events are being planned.
- PAC Chair Report: our chair provides an update on the monthly Westwind events, shares important local and provincial PAC details and provides insight on future directions
- PAC Treasury Report: the PAC treasurer reviews the PAC budget. If PAC funding is requested, a vote to use PAC funds may take place.
- Fundraising: the many PAC fundraising committees provide updates

How long does a PAC meeting last?

We aim to have most meetings completed within an hour.

April Showers bring May Flowers!

Please make sure your child always dresses for the weather as we do go outside at recess and at lunch time, rain or shine! At this time of year, layers are important as it could be chillier at recess and then much warmer at lunch time. For our younger students, a change of clothes and/or shoes are encouraged. As well, a reminder that students should bring with them every day a recess snack, lunch and water bottle. At this time still, no lunch drop offs are allowed. Thank you



School Hours

We encourage parents to help their children be successful learners by ensuring that they attend school regularly and that they arrive at school on time. Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:30am. We expect staff and students to be in their classrooms by the time morning classes begin. Students should proceed home directly after school.

Bell Schedule

- 8:40 am..... Warning Bell
- 8:45 am..... Morning classes begin / Attendance
- 10:45-11:00 am..... Recess
- 12:00-12:26 pm..... Lunch (Play First)
- 12:26-12:52 pm..... Lunch (Eating time)
- 2:45 pm Students dismissed



GREEN THUMB THEATRE

This week we welcomed the Green Thumb Theatre to Westwind this week. Learners in Divisions 1-6 watched "What If" by Katey Hoffman, a heartfelt comedy about making friends and overcoming social anxiety. In the show Nicky wakes up with knots in her stomach and worries in her brain. While most kids can't wait for recess so they can hit the playground, anxious Nicky would rather spend her time safely hidden away in the school's sick room with her Big Book of Birds. In the sick room, Nicky can enjoy her routine in peace and quiet – but when Milo, a rambunctious boy with diabetes, comes barreling into her life, Nicky's peace and quiet turns to chaos! At first, these polar opposites' worlds collide, but as time goes on, cautious Nicky and adventurous Milo both come to discover they may have more to learn from each other than they think.



Summer 2022 is shaping up to be another exciting season of learning! There will be many courses and camps to choose from. More details about course information and registration dates can be found online now! www.RichmondCE.ca

Your student's 9-digit PEN number is required to register for Summer learning classes. **Your child's PEN number can be found on your MyEducation Parent portal account.**

For tech support please email accountsupport@sd38.bc.ca

Eid Mubarak!

As the month of Ramadhan comes to an end, we would like to extend a *Happy Eid Mubarak* to all our Muslim students and families. May your celebrations during this special time bring peace, happiness, and prosperity and of course lots of special foods to everyone! Happy Eid from our school family to yours!



WESTWIND COMIC-CON 2022

Division 7 and 8 were very excited to host Comic-Con 2022 this year. All classes in the school attended and voted on Funniest Story, Most Detailed, Coolest Character, The WOW Factor, Most Original Idea, Best Comic Company Logo, Most Engaging Speaker and Most Inspiring Comic Creator. Classes also received two comic packages; a compilation of the students' comic drafts and good copies. Attendees discussed as a lesson: What makes a draft a draft? What do you expect to see in the good copy? What could stay the same? What could be different? While the final product was celebrated, the process was highlighted as part of the learning.

