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# The Westwind wave

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## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is the last day of the school year. It feels like we just got here! It has been a dynamic year that has flown by quickly, mostly because we've been so busy. Our year has been filled with all kinds of energy from our staff, students, and parents, brought to life through exciting class programs and the myriad of clubs, teams, events, and spirit days that we've hosted this year. Our school was outfitted with data projectors in every class, we now have 3 iPad Carts, and we're poised to have the addition to our playground start in the fall. Simply amazing! If we were to measure the school year based on school spirit alone, it would be deemed a huge success.

Recently we celebrated our grade 7's efforts at the Farewell Assembly, and today we had a recognition assembly for all the students, staff, and parents who made a positive difference to our school and school community. At the Year-End Assembly today, we expressed our gratitude and said farewell to several staff that are leaving us at the end of the year. Ask your children about the awesome slide show we had that captured the "Best of the Best of 2022/23".

The cycle of change continues once again, not only for our students, but for some of our staff. In what is now officially summer holidays as far as the school is concerned, Mrs. Tse and I wish to thank you all for your support in the school and your child's education. We have appreciated so much the degree to which our parents and staff have worked together for the benefit of the children. Just as the grade 7s shared in their farewell speeches, we too are sentimental about our fond memories here this year and will take them with us and relish them over the summer. Like our grade 7 Class of 2023, us adults have learned a lot as well from our experience here and it is with anticipation and excitement that we look forward to next year. Stay tuned for a "Wave of Kindness" flooding our school community in September. And, stay tuned for more information coming to you soon that outlines not only our first week back to school, but important dates for the entire school year.

In closing, we hope you all have a restful summer and come back refreshed with all sorts of stories to share.

~ Mr. Juhasz and Mrs. Tse

### YEARBOOKS! WOW!

As I type, students have been popping into the office to have their yearbooks signed. They are so pleased with their time here this year, and the yearbook is an amazing keepsake that showcases what a great year we've had. Both the grade 7 yearbook and the K-7 yearbook (213 were sold) were awesome, and only possible because of the hard work and creativity of a group of parents who volunteered their time. Thank you to both of our Yearbook Committees, so humble, they didn't even want their names mentioned #waveofkindness

## PARENT SURVEY

Thank you, parents, for sending in your surveys. We've also been able to follow up with a number of surveys with phone calls and face to face meetings. It was very helpful to be affirmed of what is going well, learn some things, and debunk some myths. Thank you all for taking the time to do that. If doing the survey has been on your to do list, but you just haven't gotten to it, you can email your confidential responses to Mr. Juhasz at [bjuhasz@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:bjuhasz@sd38.bc.ca)

What makes Westwind a great community?  
What makes Westwind a great school?  
What would make Westwind a better school?  
What are your hopes for Westwind in the future?

## LIBRARY YEAR END NEWS

We have had a very busy year in the Westwind Library. As the school year comes to a close, we reflect on the highlights from the 2022/23 school year.

- Over 11.5 thousand books were borrowed from the Westwind Library this year, this was up by an amazing 10% over last year. Congratulations to Division 6 for reading the most books this school year, with an amazing average of 47 books per student. Close behind was Division 10.
- Our Reader's Choice Club had a whopping 56 students sign up to participate. The majority completed the challenge of reading at least three of the selected titles. Many read 8 or even 9 of the books, while several read all 10! A congratulations to all. A celebration was held on Friday June 16th where we voted on our favorite book, enjoyed an ice cream bar, and all participants chose a prize.
- I have been working this year with several divisions on ADST activities. Division 6 had the opportunity to design, and 3D print personalized keychains. They had so much fun!
- Due to circumstances beyond our control, our library renovation was put on hold until next fall. We are looking forward to seeing our refreshed library.

I thank all parents with their support in helping the students return all overdue library books. All library books were due back to our library by Monday June 20th! Please have a quick look around your home for any books with Westwind Elementary Library labels on them.

Have a great summer,  
~ Ms. Nunn

## WESTWIND SUMMER KINDNESS CHALLENGE

For the 2023-2024 school year, we will be unpacking our school logo with the students, staff and parents, and embarking on a community-wide initiative that we're calling "The Wave of Kindness." We encourage all students at Westwind to start a ripple and create a Wave. As a soft kick off to this initiative we are encouraging all our students to participate in the Westwind Summer Kindness Challenge. Students are welcome to show us their acts of kindness by providing a video, a photo, or a description of what they did and send this to our school email [westwind@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:westwind@sd38.bc.ca). We will be monitoring this email over the summer for your acts of kindness and will post on our school Instagram. Some act of kindness examples:

*Ask a new friend to play/hang out with you*  
*Pick up trash at a park, lake or beach*  
*Draw a picture and give it to someone*

*Help your parents with chores without being asked*  
*Hold the door open for someone*  
*Make kindness rocks and hide them*

### WESTWIND SUMMER GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to parents who have signed up to volunteer in our garden this summer! We are still looking for one more week - August 28th - September 4th. Interested families can use the [link](#) to sign up. The time commitment would generally involve visiting the school 1 - 3 times a week, depending on the weather and the garden's needs.

While at the garden, if you notice ripe vegetables, please feel free to help yourself. Better for you to enjoy as a family than to let them rot on the vine.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Bosma at [cbosma@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:cbosma@sd38.bc.ca).



**INTRO TO  
JUDO  
SUMMER CAMP**  
JULY 24 - 28

NO PREVIOUS  
JUDO  
EXPERIENCE  
REQUIRED!

LED BY OLYMPIC MEDALIST  
YUKI YOKOSAWA

LINK FOR EASY  
REGISTRATION

SCAN ME

**Who:** For children aged 8-12  
**When:** July 24-28, M-F from 10 am-12 pm  
**Where:** Steveston Martial Arts Centre Building, 4111 Moncton Street  
**Cost:** Early Bird fee deadline June 16: \$150.00 / Regular fee deadline July 7: \$175.00  
**Be Ready:** Wear light and comfy clothes for activity and bring a water bottle

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**WESTWIND WAVES IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday, June 30 Summer Vacation Begins

Tuesday, September 5 Back to School!



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