

THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

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COMING SOON ~ WESTWIND'S ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Save the Date! October 21-24, 2024

Every year the Westwind Library holds a Scholastic Book Fair in order to raise funds to support the library and student literacy. This year we have a fundraising goal to purchase an additional new rolling shelf to help to house our non-fiction collection. We, of course, also use these funds to purchase books for the library.

Your child will bring home a schedule indicating when their class will be visiting the Book Fair. You are welcome to join the class to assist your child, or you can send money with your child in a sealed and marked envelope on their assigned day. You will also receive a preview that you can use to discuss possible purchases at home.

The success of the Book Fair depends on parent support, and we particularly appreciate all the parents that volunteer to help out. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the front hall of the school, by the office. Time commitments are short, so feel free to sign-up more than once!

Book Fair hours are during the school day, except for Wednesday Oct. 23rd, when we will be open until 5:00 pm.

Ms. Nunn thanks you for your amazing support!

*Please note: only books directly from the book fair support this library fundraiser. Books purchased through classroom teacher accounts support that classroom only.



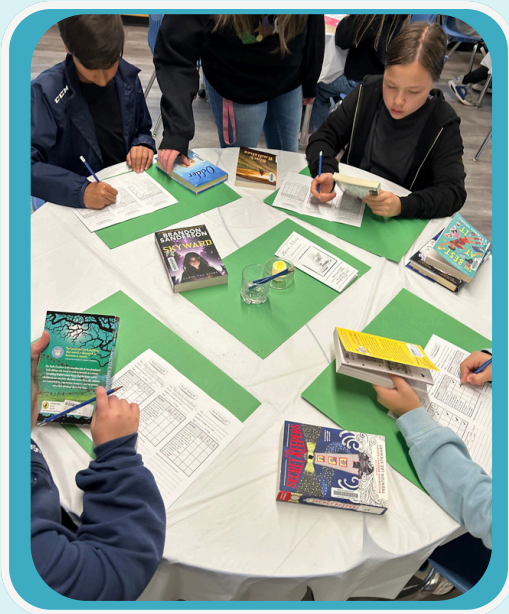
STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent or late, please phone the Early Warning phone number to leave a message.

EARLY WARNING VOICE MAIL: 604-668-6498

Students who arrive late are asked to please sign in at the office upon arrival.





BOOK TASTING!

The upper intermediate classes were treated to a **Book Tasting** in the Library Learning Commons hosted by Ms. Nunn. The activity introduced students to a variety of books available in our library, and encouraged them to look beyond the cover when choosing reading materials. Each student filled in a book “menu” where they evaluated aspects of several books and indicated which book they would return to in the future.

SPIRIT WEAR COLLECTION

Until Friday, October 11th, we are collecting any of your "gently used" school spirit wear. All donations will be sold to families at a discounted rate. After this used spirit wear sale, we will plan for a NEW Westwind spirit wear sale. The collection box is in the front entrance of the school.

GRADE 7 STUDENT HOODIES

The pullover hoodies come with a 2025 design with the students’ signatures on the back and a small design on the front left chest. Grade 7 students voted on a design with a light blue accent print on black hoodies.

Grade 7s were able to try sample sizes on. Please ask your child what size worked best for them! (Youth sizes are not often purchased for grade 7 students.)

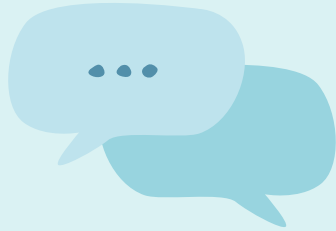
ORDERS ARE DUE BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 on your **SchoolCashOnline account!**



STUDENT PHOTO PROOFS HAVE ARRIVED!

Your student should have brought home their photo proof this week. Please see the proof for your unique ordering code. To qualify for free shipping (to the school) please order by October 14.

[Edge Imaging ~ Order Here](#)



SCHOOL MESSENGER

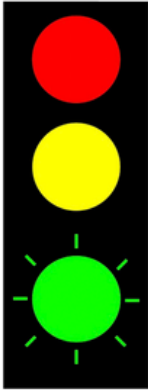
If you have not yet signed up to receive text messages from the school and district, send a text with “Y” to 978338 to opt-in! Then, add this number to your contacts and edit the name to “School Messenger”.

WESTWIND COMMUNITY FRIDGE PILOT

The district installed a community fridge at every school last spring to facilitate equitable access to food. The food stocked in the community fridge is intended for all students in the school who may be hungry, have forgotten to bring their lunch or snacks, or have accidentally dropped their food at school. We are encouraging students to reflect on the impact of their choices on the entire school community and the value of ensuring equitable access to shared resources. We are teaching the students to prioritize basic needs over personal wants. Students understand that the contents of the fridge are not meant to be “free snacks for everyone”.

Our Grab and Go Snacks -
What Do We Need to be Mindful Of?

The TRAFFIC LIGHT



- RED**
Stop Behaviour
Not Yet Meeting Expectations
 - I'd rather have this snack than what I have with me
 - I am taking more than what I need
 - I don't need to pack a snack because there is one at school
- YELLOW**
Be Careful Behaviour
Approaching Expectations
- GREEN**
Go Behaviour
Meeting Expectations
 - I didn't eat breakfast
 - I forgot my snack
 - I dropped or lost my snack
 - I'm hungry and a snack will help me learn and feel better
 - I need a snack to take home
 - I am getting a snack for a friend who needs one



What if my child forgets a lunch or a water bottle?

Students should let their teacher know and a snack may be provided, or a parent may be called. Any lunch drop offs should be brought to the school office lunch table to limit disruptions to the classroom. We have disposal cutlery available if needed, and our water fountains are fully operational.

Please translate.

Information importante: traduisez s'il vous plaît. 重要通告，請找人譯讀。
Mahalagang Pag-uulat: Pakisalin lamang. ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰ.
Важное объявление: Пожалуйста переведите.

PARKING LOT REMINDERS

The parking lot is reserved for our growing **Westwind Staff**, and parking spots are often needed before and after school for district staff or staff who are returning to school from meetings off-site.

Parking spots are not meant for pick-up/drop-off purposes.

If you do need to exit your vehicle, please leave enough time to park in the neighbourhood and walk to meet your child.

If you are a parent volunteering in the school during the day, there are a few designated parking spots in the southwest corner of the lot that you may use.

Thank you for helping to keep our parking lot safe for everyone!

DROP OFF/DRIVE THRU ZONES....

DROP-OFF / PICK UP ZONE: NO parking in this lane, please, especially directly in front of the school. Drivers, you **MUST** stay in your vehicle, as you may be asked to move to allow for school buses or emergency vehicles to enter the parking lot.

DRIVE-THRU LANE: Please **NO** stopping or blocking the drive through lane to allow traffic to flow smoothly.



Dress for the weather!



winter coat



rain coat



rain or
waterproof
snow boots



mittens



hats



scarf



extra clothing
including socks

IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025

- Oct 1-11: 'Gently used' Westwind Wear collection
- Oct 5: Parent Pub Night (6:30-9:30)
@ **Lavash Seaside Grill **New Venue!****)
- Oct 9-11: Grade 6&7 Outdoor Education @ Camp Jubilee
- Oct 14: Happy Thanksgiving - No School
- Oct 17: PAC Halloween Student Dance!
- Oct. 21: PAC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. on Teams
- Oct 21-24: Book Fair!
- Oct 22: District Cross Country Run (Garry Point)
- Oct 23-24: Early Dismissal (@1:45pm) for Learning Updates
- Oct 25: Pro D Day - No School
- Oct 31: Pumpkin carving - details coming home soon
- Nov 4: Student Photo Retakes
- Nov 8: Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day - No School
- Nov 14-29: Pickleball lessons - school wide



At Westwind, we show kindness to self, others and place.