

# THE WESTWIND WAVES

## NEWSLETTER

 @westwindwaves

November 1, 2024

<https://westwind.sd38.bc.ca/>



### REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

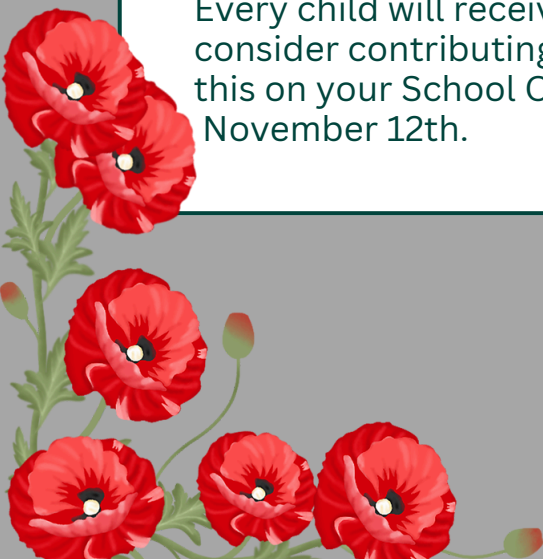
Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Friday, November 8th, starting at 10:45 am in the gym. Doors to the gym will open at 10:15 am for parents and guests. There will be guest seating at the back of the gym. Due to the solemn nature of this assembly, we ask guests to please turn devices off and to refrain from clapping during the assembly. If you need to leave before the end of the assembly, please try to exit at a natural break during the assembly. We appreciate your kind consideration.

**Did you know...?** National Indigenous Veteran's Day was created on November 8th, 1994 to honour the distinct contributions of Indigenous soldiers, including First Nations, Métis, Inuit and other Indigenous service members. Before its establishment, the service of Indigenous veterans often went unrecognized in broader national commemorations. While they fought alongside their fellow Canadians during major conflicts, their experiences and sacrifices were frequently overlooked. The creation of a distinct Indigenous Veterans Day emerged from efforts to address these historical oversights and provide a dedicated time to recognize the thousands of Indigenous soldiers who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. This day also seeks to address the systemic inequalities and challenges that Indigenous veterans faced when they returned home.

Every child will receive a poppy from their teacher for our assembly. Please consider contributing to The Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund. You can do this on your School Cash Online account. Our poppy campaign will run until November 12th.

### LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found bin is overflowing! If you are joining us at the Remembrance Day assembly, please take a moment to look at our tables. We will keep these items until the end of November, at which point we will donate the remaining items to a local charity store.



## SCHOOL-WIDE PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Tennis XL Agency Inc. is a leading provider of children's in-school and after-school programs, and we are EXCITED to have them return to Westwind for pickleball lessons for all our students!

Every class will have 4 lessons with a pickleball instructor. THANK YOU to our PAC for covering the cost of these lessons! We are also planning on purchasing pickleball equipment so that our students can continue to build their skills.



## PICKLEBALL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This year, Tennis XL Agency is also offering a PICKLEBALL after-school program on the days that the in-school lessons will occur. Students registered in the after-school program will have an opportunity to further develop the schools learned at school. Please click on the icon below to register!



Location: Westwind Gym

Who: Grade 2 - 7 Students

Dates: November 13-29

(No classes on Tuesday, November 19th and Monday, November 25)

Time: 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM (pick up at door #4 or #5)

Price:

- 11 lessons for \$175.00
- Drop In: \$25 per class

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Важное объявление: Пожалуйста переведите.

## STUDENT ABSENCES & ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

Thank you for helping your children get to school on time. Arriving on time ensures a calm, stress-free start to the school day and sets your children up for success when they are able to enter the classroom with their classmates and hear important information that is given at the beginning of the day.

**EARLY WARNING VOICEMAIL: 604-668-6498**



If your child is going to be absent or late, please inform the school by calling and leaving a message on our Early Warning Voicemail. This number is available 24/7 to leave a message. Please note: our office phones do not accept text messages and the Westwind school email is not monitored quickly enough in the morning for same-day lates or absences.

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

For upcoming absences or vacations, parents should notify the teacher and/or school office in writing. This is a perfect opportunity to send us an email at: [westwind@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:westwind@sd38.bc.ca). In some circumstances, an Extended Absence Form may need to be completed.

## SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

We are entering flu season! Staying home when sick helps keep our entire school community healthy, including staff, students and family members. Students who are exhibiting symptoms of illness should stay home until they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Students with a fever, who are vomiting or have diarrhea should be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. We appreciate your support in keeping your child home when they are not feeling well. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and healthy.



## WESTWIND'S ANNUAL BOOK FAIR - THANK YOU!

We had another successful Scholastic Book Fair in the Westwind Learning Commons! Thanks to the tremendous support of our school community, we achieved our goal of raising enough funds to enhance our book collection and to purchase an additional rolling shelf for the library! Ms. Nunn would like to send a big THANK YOU to all our parent volunteers for taking time from their busy schedules to help out. It wouldn't have been possible without all of you! We would also like to extend our appreciation to our amazing Westwind students who showed kindness towards our community by setting up before, cleaning-up after the Book Fair, and delivering books to classrooms.



## SPIRIT WEAR SALE! NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER 12...

NEW Westwind Waves Spirit Wear is on sale now! Go to your [School Cash Online account](#) to order a variety of Waves Wear, including our popular blue and yellow t-shirts, moisture-wick T's, hoodies, sweatpants and our new items this year: toques and ball caps! ORDER NOW so you don't miss out!!

**Deadline to order is Tuesday, November 12th.**  
Please note that we cannot accept late orders.  
Sizing charts are available on our school website.



***Have you signed in to your MyEducation Parent Portal?  
Now is the time!***

**Progress reports, also known as written Learning Updates, will be published electronically by PDF in your MyEducation Parent Portal.** The MyEd Parent Portal is used to view and access these progress reports. Paper copies of progress reports are no longer sent home. Your MyEd Parent Portal account provides you access to attendance records and student/pupil numbers. A quick link is available on our school website, as well as instructions on how to register for and access the MyEd Parent Portal. Now is the time to try to log on to troubleshoot any issues before our Learning Updates are published in December.



### **PARENT TECH SUPPORT**

If you need tech support with your MyEd Parent Portal account, please email the SD#38 parent tech help desk at: [myedparentportal@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:myedparentportal@sd38.bc.ca)



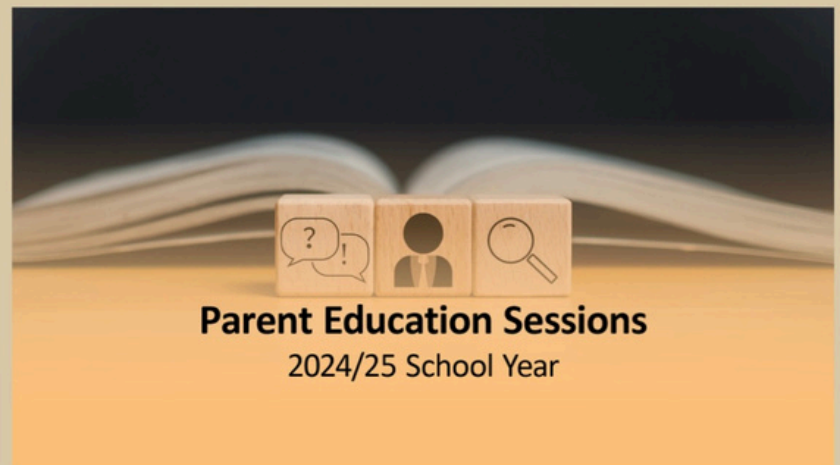


Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a major Hindu festival celebrated in India and by many around the world. It symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. During Diwali, people light oil lamps, decorate their homes, exchange gifts, and enjoy festive meals. The festival usually lasts five days and includes prayers to goddess Lakshmi for prosperity and wealth. It's a time of joy, family gatherings, and celebration!



**Happy Diwali**  
**Oct 31-Nov 1**

# Parent



## Parent Education Sessions 2024/25 School Year

The Richmond School District is excited to offer the following parent education sessions during the 2024/25 school year:

- **Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying**
- **Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids**
- **Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression**
- **Cybersafe from Exploitation**

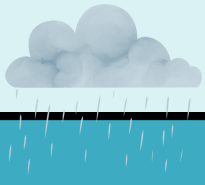
These virtual sessions are open to all parents in the Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child's well-being in the digital age. Please see the link below for detailed descriptions of each session and registration information. We look forward to your participation!

<https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>

## IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025



- Nov 2: Fall back! Move your clocks back one hour!
- Nov 4: Photo Retakes - send the attached form to school to help teachers identify students who need a retake.
- Nov 8: Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 am in the gym
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day - No School
- Nov 13: Westwind Family Hangout at 2:45 p.m.
- Nov 14-29: School-Wide Pickleball Lessons & After School Pickleball Program
- Dec 19: Learning Updates published on the MyEd Parent Portal
- Dec 23-Jan 3: Winter Break - No School



Pack  
extra  
clothing

### Dress for the weather!



winter coat



rain coat



rain or  
waterproof  
snow boots



mittens



hats



scarf



extra clothing  
including socks



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