

THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

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Holiday RAFFLE

Our Westwind PAC, in collaboration with our Student Leadership Club, is organizing a fundraising initiative in the form of a Holiday Raffle. This is a much anticipated tradition at Westwind where all the kids are eligible to win prizes donated by the parents, school, and the community by earning and/or buying raffle tickets. In the past, we have had many items donated such as toys, games, and even hotel stays and event tickets!

What's new this year is that the Leadership Club students will help to promote the raffle, with proceeds supporting both the PAC, as well as a community charity chosen by the students. We are proud of our students for taking the initiative to show KINDNESS and generosity to others!

Ticket Sales: You will be able to purchase unlimited tickets for \$1/raffle ticket on MunchaLunch beginning Monday, December 2 to Sunday, December 13th.

BONUS: A complimentary raffle ticket will be submitted for every student at Westwind. Students may also earn extra raffle tickets at school by showing kindness to self, others or to place!

We look forward to having lots of fun when we announce the winners. Any exciting prizes you can donate will only add to the excitement and spirit, and will help support a worthy cause at the same time!

Prize Draw Dates: December 16-20

Prize Donations: **We need your help to make this a success!** We are asking all parents who are able to donate prizes to drop them off at the school between December 2 - 13. Thank you for supporting this PAC and Student Leadership fundraiser!





SAVE THE DATE

Our winter concert will be held over two days - December 18 and 19 - because our school is so large and we are not able to accommodate everyone in the gym at the same time. Each day will be the same concert. Our doors will open at 1:00 pm and we aim to start our show at 1:30pm. Please attend only one of the shows.

Wednesday, December 18 - families of "odd" numbered divisions attend
Thursday, December 19 - families of "even" numbered divisions attend

Families with children in both even and odd divisions can choose either of the days.



STUDENT ABSENCES - PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE

If your child is going to be absent or late, please phone the Early Warning phone number to leave a message (no texting). For appointments or days when your child needs to be picked up early, please communicate with your child's teacher ahead of time to let them know.

EARLY WARNING VOICE MAIL: 604-668-6498

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



SPIRIT WEAR ORDER UPDATE

Westwind spirit wear has been ordered and we hope to receive and distribute them to all who ordered before the winter break!

GRADE 7 HOODIES ARRIVED!

Grade 7 hoodies arrived a few weeks ago. The Grade 7 students are all super happy and proud to wear them!





INCLEMENT WEATHER: School Closure Notifications

In the event of inclement weather, the district will try to determine school closures by 6:30 a.m. Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites.

District Facebook: Richmond School District No. 38

Westwind Instagram: @westwindwaves

No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. **Only school closures will be announced by the media.** To reach as many people as possible - as quickly as possible - we work closely with our local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools.

If snowfall begins while school is in session, in most circumstances, schools will remain OPEN until the end of the school day. If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your school know of this decision by leaving a message on the early warning phone number 604-668-6498.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school.



WE GO OUTSIDE RAIN, SHINE OR SNOW!

Let's talk about spare clothes...

With the soggy season upon us, it is more important than ever that students have a spare change of clothes at school.

Especially the little ones! Please make sure to include pants, socks, shoes and shirts!

THANK YOU!





SCHOOL SPORTS



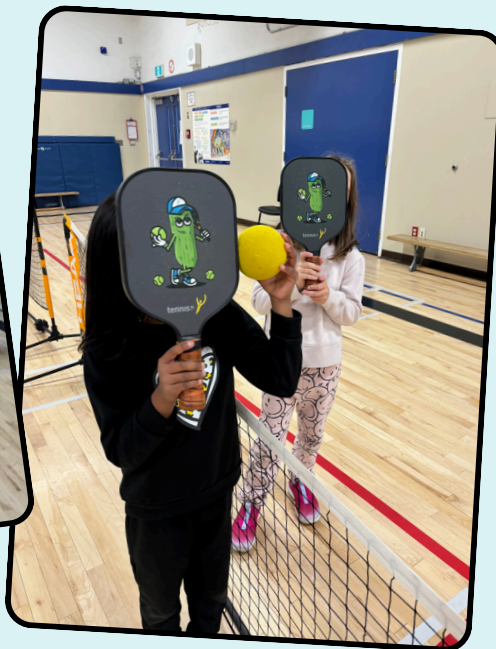
We are thrilled to have over forty Grade 6 and 7 students participating in volleyball this year. We have so many students that we have two teams! Team Yellow and Team Blue are learning new skills and showing good sportsmanship at every game.

Thank you, students and thank you, Coach D'Avignon and Coach Hansen. Way to show your Kindness to Others!



Thank you, Coach K from Tennis XL and THANK YOU to our PAC for covering the cost of these lessons!! All of our Waves have had an opportunity to play pickleball four times in our school gym over the past few weeks.

We are planning on purchasing pickleball equipment for the school so that students can continue to improve their skills, and we hope that the lessons have inspired some to try out a new sport - perhaps we'll see students out on public pickleball courts in the spring!



PARKING LOT REMINDERS

! ATTENTION PLEASE !



DROP-OFF / PICK UP ZONE: Drivers MUST STAY with their vehicle. NO parking in this lane, please.

DRIVE-THRU LANE: NO stopping or blocking the drive through lane to allow traffic to flow smoothly. Keep moving please.

Our school parking lot is RESERVED for Westwind and District STAFF. Parking spots are not meant for pick-up/drop-off purposes.

HEALTH CHECK: SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

We have entered flu season! We appreciate your support in keeping your child home when they are not feeling well. **Students should not come to school when they are sick.**

If your child is not feeling well, please continue to keep them home until their symptoms have resolved.



Please translate.

Information importante: traduisez s'il vous plaît. 重要通告，請找人譯讀。
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Важное объявление: Пожалуйста переведите.

IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025

- Dec 2-13: Holiday Raffle Prize Donations accepted at the office
Dec 16-20: Holiday Raffle Prize Draws
Dec 18: Winter Concert (doors 1:00pm / showtime 1:30pm) ODD divisions
Dec 19: Winter Concert (doors 1:00pm / showtime 1:30pm) EVEN divisions
Dec 19: Learning Updates published on MyEd Parent portal
Dec 23-Jan 3: Winter Break - No School
Jan 27: Professional Development Day - No School
Feb 12&13: Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm for Learning Updates
Feb 14: Professional Development Day - No School
Feb 17: Family Day holiday - No School
Mar 17- 28: Spring Break - No School
Apr 18: Good Friday - No School
Apr 21: Easter Monday - No School



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