

# THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

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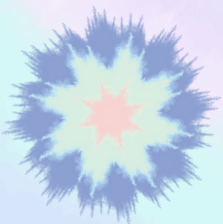
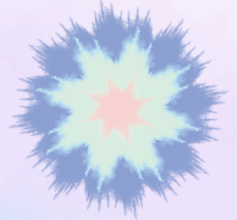
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PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK'S...

## Tie Dye Friday







## CONGRATULATIONS TO CARYS FROM DIVISION 3!

Carys recently presented a project at the Richmond Regional Heritage Fair. Her project was 1 of 3 selected out of 100 plus projects to represent Richmond at the Provincial Heritage Fair in Vancouver this summer.

A huge congratulations to Division 6 as well. Ms. Whitelaw's class also presented Heritage Fair projects both at school and at the Richmond Regional Fair. They did a wonderful job and had a fun time at the fair.



# — HAPPY — Retirement

It is with both joy and a touch of sadness that we announce the retirement of two of our beloved educators: Mrs. Hayre and Mrs. Chies.

Mrs. Hayre has been a cherished member of the Westwind community since 2007, and Mrs. Chies has been shaping young minds here since 2000. Over the years, they have inspired countless students, supported their colleagues, and helped create a warm and nurturing learning environment.

As they embark on this exciting new chapter, we thank them for their incredible service and wish them all the best in retirement.

We look forward to CELEBRATING them both at our year end assembly. We will miss them greatly!





# THE WESTWIND LEADERSHIP CLUB

## Waves in Motion Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 27 @ Lunch



On Tuesday, May 27, The Grade 7 Leadership Club students are organizing a Walk-A-Thon fundraiser in support of the Lapu Lapu Festival victims.

Pledge forms have gone home today. Participation is optional but all students can participate if they choose to do so.

In the days leading up to the event, students will collect pledges from family and friends. Students will commit to walking a certain number of laps around the school track at lunch on May 27. Cash contributions can be provided to students to be brought back to school or [use this link to make a contribution on School Cash Online.](#)

All contributions will support the **Kapwa Strong Fund** through United Way BC, which provides urgent assistance, trauma counseling, and long-term community support for those affected.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### ~ KAPWA ~

IN FILIPINO CULTURE, "KAPWA" TRANSLATES TO "SHARED IDENTITY" OR "US-NESS," EMPHASIZING A DEEP SENSE OF CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE CONCEPT OF "OTHER PEOPLE" BUT A RECOGNITION OF SHARED HUMANITY AND BELONGING, WHERE INDIVIDUALS SEE THEMSELVES WITHIN A LARGER "US".



Every step and every contribution helps bring healing and care to our neighbours and friends in need. Let's show what it means to be Westwind Waves by showing kindness to others in our community.



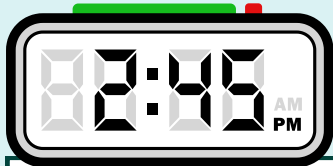


GOOD  
*morning*

## ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

welcome bell: 8:40am / classes begin: 8:45am

Thank you for helping your children get to school on time. We have noticed recently that many students have been arriving late. 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. Ideally, aiming to arrive at school by 8:35am is optimal. Your child's teachers and classmates thank you.



## STUDENT DISMISSAL IS AT 2:45pm

We would like to kindly remind parents that school dismissal is at 2:45 p.m., and there is no adult supervision after that time. We have noticed still that some students have been waiting to be picked up well after 3:00 p.m. In general, all students should be picked up or be heading home promptly at dismissal unless supervised by a parent/guardian. Thank you for your understanding.



## SUMMER BAND CLASSES for GRADE 4-7 STUDENTS

MacNeill Secondary is hosting summer band enrichment courses for students who have never played a band instrument before and for experienced band students from July to August. This is a great opportunity if your child would like an introduction to instrumental playing before their first year of band or if they would like to take their musical skills to the next level. Please see the attached brochure for more details.

Register now while spots are available! ✨





# SCHOOL NOTES

## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent or late, please phone the Early Warning phone number to leave a message (we cannot accept text messages at this time).

**EARLY WARNING VOICE MAIL:  
604-668-6498**



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

## HEALTH CHECK: SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?



We appreciate your support in keeping your child home when they are not feeling well. If they have been vomiting, have had diarrhea or a fever, the recommendation from Vancouver Coastal Health is that they should be free of these symptoms for 24-48 hours before returning to school.

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

## SCHOOL HOURS

Welcome Bell - 8:40am  
Morning classes begin - 8:45am  
Recess - 10:10-10:25am  
Lunch (eat first) - 11:50-12:42pm  
Students dismissed / parent pick up - 2:45pm

## STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY

When possible, please send a note in your child's agenda and/or email your child's teacher in advance with the time your child needs to leave.

**Classrooms are busy places and we request that you please allow enough time for your child to gather their belongings, walk down to the office and sign out.**

As a courtesy to your child's teacher and classmates, if possible, please have your child leave at a natural break (recess at 10:10am or lunchtime at 11:50am) to limit disruptions to our learning environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

## PARKING LOT GUIDELINES

Your continued cooperation and attention to our important parking lot guidelines has been appreciated. Click [HERE](#) for a link to these guidelines.

We are asking now for drivers to please slow down in our parking lot.





# WALK OR ROLL TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS

We challenge more students at Westwind to be aware of the environment and “walk or roll” to school on all Wednesdays in May. It’s good for our physical and mental health, and saves on gas too! Students will be keeping track and the class (intermediate & primary) with the highest “walking or rolling to school” numbers will win an ice cream party!

**Wednesdays in May -  
21st , 28th...**



...students can walk,  
scooter, bike, or even take  
transit – essentially anything  
but get a ride in a car!



\*It is mandatory for all cyclists to wear an approved helmet while riding.

# Significant Dates in our Community

May 2025

**Asian Heritage Month:** A month dedicated to honour and recognize the many contributions of people of Asian ethnicity to B.C. and Canada's rich cultural society.

**Canadian Jewish Heritage Month:** A month to celebrate the richness of Jewish culture, heritage, and history in Canada.

**Speech & Hearing Month:** A month to shine a spotlight on communication health and the life-changing work of speech and language pathologists and audiologist.



**May 17: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia** is a day to recognize the courage and resilience of 2SLGBTQ+ activists of the past and present who have fought for equity and against discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

**May 18-24: Anti-racism Awareness Week** is a week to learn about anti-racism and the actions we can take to combat racism in all its forms.

**May 21: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development** is a United Nations day that helps communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony.



**May 23: Anniversary of Komagata Maru** On this day in 1914, the Komagata Maru steamship arrived in Vancouver's Burrard Inlet. On board were 376 Sikhs, Muslims, and Hindus of South Asian origin and were denied entry into Canada based on racist laws.

**May 25-31: National Accessibility Week** was founded 1988 and inspired by Rick Hansen's Man In Motion World Tour. This week is an opportunity to celebrate Canadians with disabilities and raise awareness of the critical need for accessibility and inclusion for all in our communities and workplaces.

**National  
AccessAbility Week**

Let's build a world for everyone, everywhere

Rick Hansen  
Foundation





## IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025

May 16:	Non-Instructional Day - School Not in Session
May 19:	Victoria Day - School Not in Session
May 21:	Walk or Roll to school
May 21:	Welcome to Kindergarten Event
May 21:	WW Family Hangout, 2:50 pm @ Westwind Playground
May 26:	District Track & Field Meet at Minoru for Grade 4 - 7 students
May 26:	PAC AGM on Teams @ 6:30pm
May 27:	Waves in Motion - Walk-A-Thon fundraiser
May 28:	Walk or Roll to school
June 4:	Band Concert for Div. 1-5 Parents @ 1:30 pm
June 4:	WW Family Hangout, 2:50 pm @ Westwind Playground
June 6:	Sports Day
June 20:	Year-End Assembly
June 26:	Grade 7 Farewell Assembly
June 26:	Final Learning Update Published to MyEd Parent Portal
June 26:	Last Day of School for Students



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