# THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

May 30, 2025

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### YEAR END EVENTS

With just four weeks left until the last day of school, we're entering an exciting and eventful stretch! Next week, we look forward to our band concert for Divisions 1–5 and Sports Day on Friday. How is it that time of year again already? These are certainly busy days for our school community and we appreciate your patience and understanding, especially as some information may be sent out with less notice than usual.

We're also gearing up for upcoming year-end classroom field trips, which are always a highlight as we celebrate the end of a fantastic school year together. Please be sure to check your School Cash Online account for any upcoming payments.

With all the excitement, we'd like to gently remind everyone that our school policies and procedures remain in place through the final weeks. As always, we appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all students and staff.

Also on the horizon is our Year-End Assembly and Grade 7 Farewell Assembly, where we'll reflect on our achievements, thank our students and staff for their incredible efforts, and wrap things up by saying a heartfelt farewell to our Grade 7 students on the last day of school. Both assemblies are always meaningful and memorable events.

Thank you for your continued support – we're excited for the weeks ahead!

Mrs Tse & Ms Reid



### **LOST AND FOUND TABLES**

Our lost and found bin is once again overflowing! Please feel free to take a look at the tables set up by the office if your child is missing clothing or coats. We will also have these tables out at Sports Day. After Sports Day, the remaining items will be donated to a local charity store.

# ZONE TRACK MEET 2025

Congratulations to all Grade 4 - 7 students who participated in our Track Meet on May 26<sup>th</sup> - you showed great sportsmanship and athleticism that day! A huge THANK YOU to Mr. Rollins and Ms. Bosma for organizing, to Mrs. Spence and Mrs. Thompson for printing tags and notices, and to all the staff who made the day go so smoothly both at the track and back at the school.



# SPORTS DAY 2025

9 FRIDAY, JUNE



We are very pleased to announce that this year's Sports Day theme is **MAKING WAVES AT THE WESTWIND BEACH!** 

Our Grade 7 students and staff have been busy planning some fun stations for our students.

We invite all families to join us for some awesome fun! **SEE BELOW FOR THE HIGHLIGHTS!** ~ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS COMING HOME SOON ~



**DRESS IN YOUR TEAM COLOUR** 



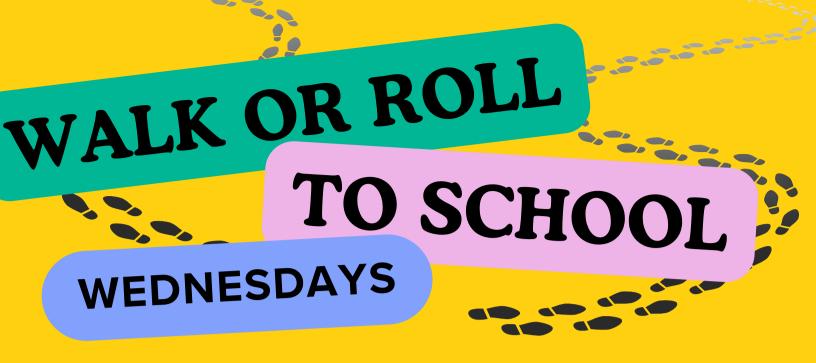


**MORE DETAILS COMING** 

**HOME SOON** 

WHEELS PARADE (DECORATE YOUR WHEELS IN YOUR TEAM COLOUR) **PRESCHOOL RACE 10 SPORTS DAY STATIONS SNACK BREAK & PRE-ORDERED MUNCH-A-LUNCH** TUG-O-WAR





Students were challenged to walk or roll to school. We kept track and are thrilled to report that 79% of the students in the school walked... or rolled to school every Wednesday in May!

## **Top Intermediate Classes:**

Div. 10 Mr. Victoria's class - 93.6%

Div. 7 Mrs. Carswell's class - 93.2%

Div. 8 Mr. McLeod's class - 88%

Div. 3 Mr. Wedgewood's class - 86%

### **Top Primary Classes:**

Div. 19 Mrs. Hansen's class - 100% Div. 12 Mrs. Hayre's class - 96%

Thank you to everyone for participating!



## THE WESTWIND LEADERSHIP CLUB

# **Waves in Motion Fundraiser**









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

## BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, WE RAISED ALMOST \$5000 FOR THE KAPWA STRONG FUND!!!!!

In showing up for one another, you reminded us that *kapwa*—our shared humanity—connects us all. We are part of something bigger,











## Personal Digital Device Policy Changes (Policy 104G-A)

In January 2024, the Ministry of Education and Child Care mandated all school boards in British Columbia to update their Codes of Conduct to include restrictions on students' personal digital device use.

Elementary School students (K-7):

- Students should not have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes. This includes during recess and lunch or while outside on the playground or on school property.
- It is recommended that students do not bring personal digital devices to school.

To view the complete polices and guidelines, please visit the district website



## 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 <u>HERE</u> for a link to these guidelines.

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





## **GRADE 7 FAREWELL COFFEE & TEA FUNDRAISER**

Place an order for some delicious locally roasted coffee and tea and 20% of all sales will go towards our Grade 7 Farewell celebration. Please share with your family and friends.

## Coffee shopping link

## Tea shopping link

Order pick up will be on June 6th (Sports Day).

At checkout please use the promo code - westwind

Add your student's name & division # in the notes section

Under the shipping method please select "pick up in-store, Oughtred Delta" this will ensure your order gets processed properly for a pick up at Westwind school on June 6th.



## 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Standard School Calendar and Non-instructional days are below. Please check our website for calendar updates and ongoing school events and activities, and follow us on Instagram.

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Friday, June 26	Summer Vacation Begins!
Thursday, June 25	Last Day of School for Students
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day
Friday, May 15	Professional Development Day
Tuesday, April 7	Return to School
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday
Friday, April 3	Good Friday
MON, MAR 16 TO FRI, MAR 27	Spring Vacation
Monday, February 16	Family Day
Friday, February 13	Professional Development Day
Monday, January 26	Professional Development Day
Monday, January 5	Return to School
Mon, Dec 22 to Fri, Jan 2	Winter Vacation
Monday, December 1	Professional Development Day
Tuesday, November 11	Remembrance Day Stat holiday
Friday, October 24	Professional Development Day
Monday, October 13	Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Stat holiday
Monday, September 22	Professional Development Day
Tuesday, September 2	First day of school

## Significant Dates in our Community

**Filipino, Portuguese & Italian Heritage Month** A time to showcase the rich culture and heritage of Filipino, Portuguese & Italian Canadians.

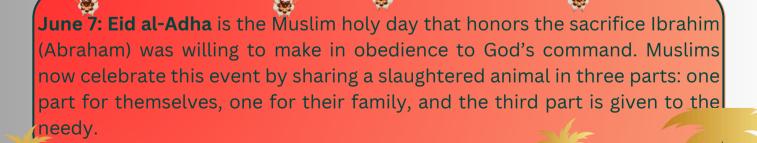
**National Indigenous Heritage Month** A month to recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada.

**Pride Season Begins** Pride Season is a unifying term that refers to the period between June and September when 2SLGBTQ+ communities and allies come together at different times throughout the summer to spotlight the resilience, talent, and contributions of 2SLGBTQ+ communities in many Canadian cities.



June 1-3: Shavuot is a two-day Jewish holiday that celebrates the completion of the seven-week Omer counting period between Passover and Shavuot.

June 4-9: The Hajj Is an annual pilgrimage to Mecca that all Muslims must take at least once in their lives.



### **IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025**

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 - Westwind Waves at the Beach!

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





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