

THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

May 2, 2025

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SAVE THE DATE: DISTRICT TRACK MEET ON MAY 26

All Grade 4 - 7 students will participate in a District Track and Field Meet on Monday, May 26th at Minoru Track. More information will be sent home soon! **Please mark this date on your calendar!** We will need many parent drivers to transport students to and from the meet. Please note that there is very limited parking at Minoru track and all schools attending will have designated drop off and parking areas. Westwind School's parking area will be at Brighthouse Park. Stay tuned for more info!

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR...

Soon our staff will start the class placement process for our upcoming school year. Our goal is to make balanced classrooms and optimal learning environments. Because we need to prioritize balanced and equitable learning environments over peer preferences, teachers will take the lead in this process and we will not be asking for parent requests. Of course, if there is new information about your child's learning that your child's teacher needs to know, and you have not yet had an opportunity to discuss this during the course of the year, then please make sure that your child's teacher is aware.

Please take a few minutes to read the following page for further details on the class placement process. If you have any questions, please reach out.





CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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.

At Westwind, we are committed to creating balanced classes with learning environments that focus on students' areas of strength and growth. Class placements is a thoughtful, complex, and collaborative process which takes into account individual student needs in regards to academic, social and emotional progress, while aiming to create equitable learning communities for all students within the school. Having balanced classes throughout the school benefits all learners and contributes to having optimal learning environments throughout the school.

There are a number of student and school organizational considerations prior to making a placement decision. As a team of experienced, professional educators, we are sensitive to the needs of each student and we review these factors in an educationally sound manner to ensure the best placement possible for our students within existing school operational resources and constraints.

Student considerations in determining placement include (but are not limited to):

- student learning styles, strengths and needs
- social-emotional strengths and needs
- peers who are a positive influence for student learning
- students who are English language learners
- students who have exceptional needs
- students who are new to the school
- leadership potential
- friendships and potential new friendships

School organizational considerations include:

- creating heterogeneous (mixed ability) class groupings
- creating balanced academic and social/emotional educational classroom settings
- equitable class size and composition assignments as defined by teacher contract

The class placement process is designed to create balanced classrooms and optimal learning environments as much as possible. At the beginning of the year, remember that *all students need the gift of time* to feel settled in their new classes, to bond with their teacher, and to connect with peers in their classes. With support from both home and school, we wish for a great year of learning and growing for every student at Westwind.

Please contact Mrs. Tse or Ms. Reid if you have any questions regarding this process.

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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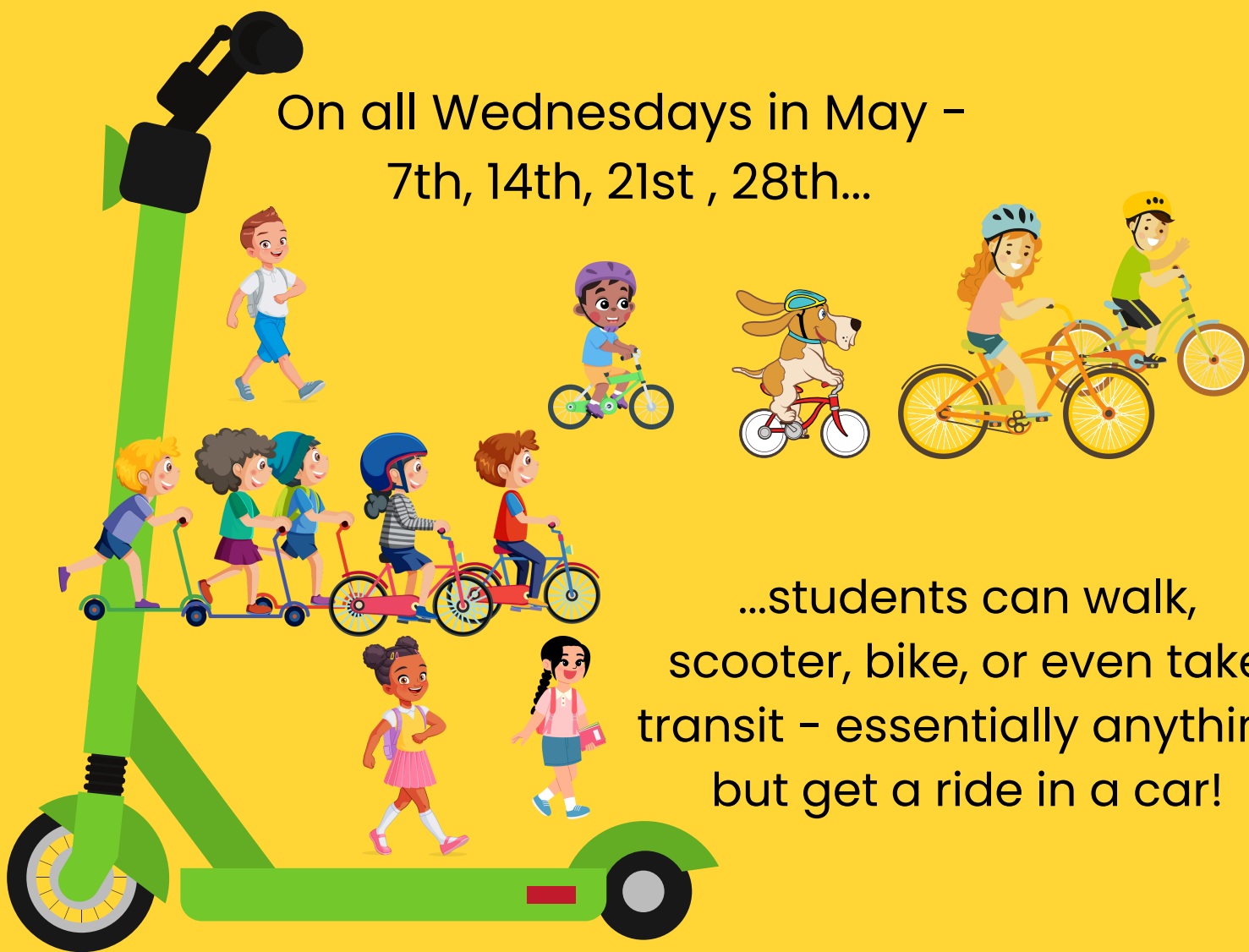


Tuesday, September 2	First day of school
Monday, September 22	Professional Development Day
Tuesday, September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Stat holiday
Monday, October 13	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, October 24	Professional Development Day
Tuesday, November 11	Remembrance Day Stat holiday
Monday, December 1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

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!

On all Wednesdays in May –
7th, 14th, 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.

FAMILYhang out

Play – especially outdoor free play – is one of the most important things for a child's development. In recognition of that, we're excited to invite you to our WW Family Hangout sessions, co-hosted by the school and the Westwind PAC.

When: May 7, May 21 & June 4 at 2:50pm, after school

Where: Westwind School playground

Meet your children on the playground, and feel free to invite grandparents, aunties, uncles, and caregivers! This is a great opportunity to connect with other members of the Westwind community.

See you there!

ACTION REQUIRED: SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

As we approach the end of the school year, please take a moment to log in to your School Cash Online account. There are several outstanding balances and upcoming field trip payments that need to be taken care of.

Don't forget to check that your account is set to receive email notifications so you stay in the loop on payment items. If you require Financial assistance with school related costs, please reach out to Mrs. Tse or Ms. Reid in the school office.

Thank you for helping us wrap up the year smoothly.

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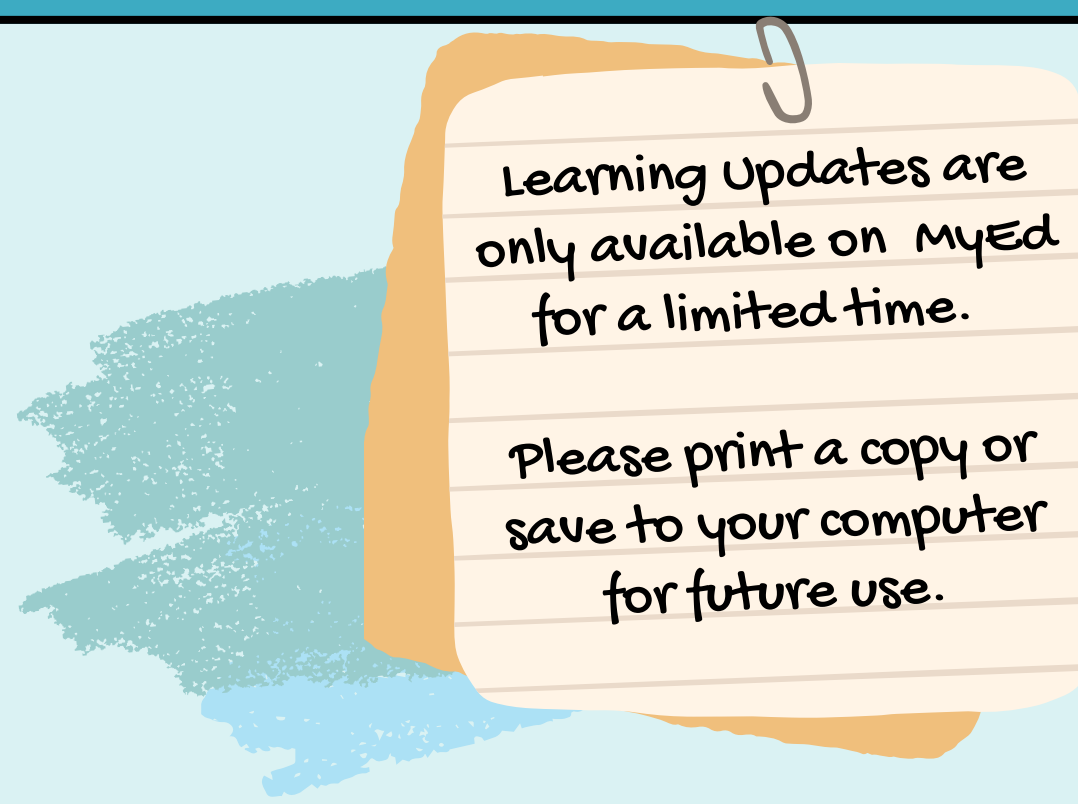
MyEducation Parent Portal Term 2 Learning Updates were published on Tuesday, April 29th

Learning Updates were published in your MyEducation Parent Portal this week. The MyEd Parent Portal is used to view and access these updates. Your MyEd Parent Portal account also gives you access to attendance records and student/pupil numbers (numbers used for summer learning registration). A quick link is available on our school website, as well as instructions on how to register for and access the MyEd Parent Portal.



PARENT TECH SUPPORT

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



Learning Updates are
only available on MyEd
for a limited time.

Please print a copy or
save to your computer
for future use.

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 5: Dutch Heritage Day was created in recognition of the sacrifices made by Canadians in the liberation of the Netherlands, as well as the contributions made to Canada by those of Dutch heritage.

May 5: Red Dress Day is a day to raise awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

May 10: Bear Witness Day is the Anniversary of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal first non-compliance order called for Canada to fully implement Jordan's Principle by May 10, 2016. Jordan's Principle ensures First Nations children receive the services and supports they need when they need them.


May 12: Wesak and Buddha Day is a significant Buddhist holiday that commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha.



IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025

May 7:	WW Family Hangout, 2:50 pm @ Westwind Playground
May 9:	PAC Snack Day @ 2:50 p.m.
May 10:	Westwind PAC Parent Dance @ Steveston Hub
May 16:	Non-Instructional Day - School Not in Session
May 19:	Victoria Day - School Not in Session
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
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.