

THE WESTWIND WAVES NEWSLETTER

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RENOVATION UPDATE

**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**

As some of you know, we are fortunate to be having flooring renovations completed in five of our classrooms this year. As we continue removing carpets, installing new flooring and refreshing classrooms with new paint, we want to extend our sincere appreciation to our staff, students and families for their patience and flexibility as each class shifts into temporary learning spaces while the upgrades are completed.

This process has given us a meaningful opportunity to model for our learners what it looks like to adapt, stay positive, and work together through temporary challenges. Thank you to our dedicated staff and the tradespeople working hard behind the scenes to make these renovations as seamless as possible.

We're excited for the fresh, updated spaces that await our students and staff, and we appreciate everyone's support along the way.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE FLOORING "BEFORE"...



AN EXAMPLE OF THE FLOORING "AFTER"!



GO WAVES!!

**Keep your
eye out for
our new
school
mascot,
Ripley!**



BASKETBALL SEASON HAS BEGUN!



With a new year comes Basketball season! This year, Westwind has several teams to accommodate our many interested students.

Grade 7 Girls' Coaches: Ms. Brulhart, Ms. Power & Mr. Sharda

Grade 6 Girls' Coaches: Ms. Power, Mrs. Savage & Ms. Cahen

Grade 6&7 Boys' Coaches: Mr. Wedgewood & Mr. D'Avignon

Grade 5 Bball Coach (Open Gym): Mr. Rollins

THANK YOU to all of our coaches for dedicating so much time and effort during the basketball season.

Practices and games have started and our teams are doing a great job of learning new skills and showing team spirit!



GRADE 7 TRANSITION TO GRADE 8

It's hard to believe that it's already time for our Grade 7s to think about high school! The counsellors from McMath and Steveston-London Secondary Schools have visited us to talk about program planning and answer questions about high school life. Please speak to your child about the course selection process so you can get this started.

WHICH HIGH SCHOOL WILL MY GRADE 7 CHILD BE ATTENDING?

Grade 7 students are automatically registered to attend their neighbourhood catchment secondary school based on the current residential address we have on file.

If you wish to submit a transfer request, please go to the Richmond School District website for information about [Transfer Application Forms](#) for the 2026/27 school year. Please pay close attention to the deadlines on the transfer application forms.



OPTING INTO SCHOOL MESSENGER

On February 6th, you will receive a text to opt in to SchoolMessenger. This is an important way for the school or district to quickly and efficiently send information to the entire community. In the event of an unscheduled school closure, weather-related information, or any other pressing issue that needs to be communicated quickly, this will be our main mode of communication.

- All new families will automatically be registered with School Messenger
- Existing families will receive a school Messenger text asking them to opt in to the service. This number may look unusual to you - this is your notification that it is not spam.
- **To opt in to the service: please text the letter 'Y' to accept.**
- Additionally, at any point, families can send a text to 978339 and comment Y to be signed up.

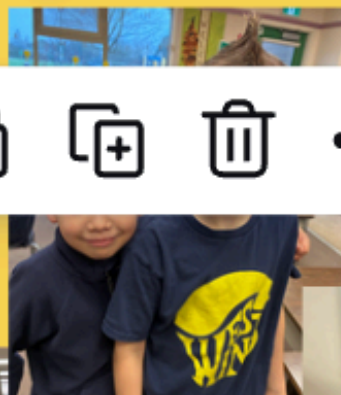


NOTICE OF INTENT TO ATTEND 2026-2027



Planning for the 2026-2027 School Year has begun! A few weeks ago, your children brought home a notice, the "Intent to Attend" Form. This form is now **overdue**; please complete and send back to school as soon as possible. The information gathered will help with our staffing and classroom planning for next year. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

CREATIVE HAIR DAY



Ask Canva



Thanks for showing
your School Spirit!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences are approaching; this is a wonderful gift of time to discuss your child's learning and progress. It's an opportunity to share successes, ask questions, and gain a clear understanding of where your child is at in their learning, specifically in math and literacy. This learning check-in is intended to help you gain a greater understanding of your child and who they are as a learner. We look forward to seeing you at the school over the coming weeks!

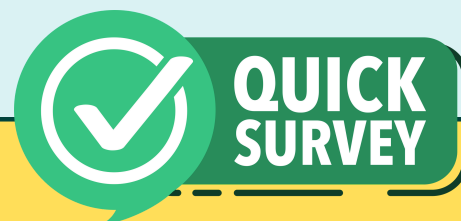


OUTDOOR EDUCATION 2026

At Westwind, we are fortunate to be able to offer an Outdoor Education Experience every 2 years for our Grade 6 & 7 students. We have already started planning for our trip to Camp Jubilee in October 2026. Our current Grade 5 & 6 students (next year's Grade 6 & 7 students) learned about this amazing opportunity today, and parents attended an Information Session last night at the school. Information is posted on our website and forms were sent home with your child today. Please refer to the Information package that was emailed to families today for details and deadlines. Please return all registration forms and complete the first deposit by February 27th. Looking forward to a great trip together!



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2026 PARENT INPUT NEEDED!



The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in BC public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016/17 it was known as the Satisfaction Survey. It is the only source of province-wide information of children's learning experiences. The results of this survey will be shared back to the school district and school leaders to promote the best pedagogical practices around the province, as well as being used to inform the Ministry of the implementation of the curriculum and of overall student growth and well-being. Your perspective as a parent is valued, and your participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

Parent Access:

1. Go to the following website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
2. Click on the "Parents" icon.
3. Select your child's district, school name and language of preference.
4. Complete the survey and click "Submit".

online now until
MAY 1ST

DID YOU KNOW?

What if my child needs to leave school 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. We appreciate your understanding that classrooms are busy places and to 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 (e.g. recess at 10:10am or lunchtime at 11:50am) to limit disruptions to our learning environment. Thank you for your kind consideration!

THANK YOU!

All students from Grades 4 - 7 attended a session by the Children of the Street Foundation on January 9th called "Safer Space". Please click on this link for information and resources that may be helpful in talking to your children about how to stay safe online: [Resources for Parents](#)

Be S.A.F.E.R. Online

Before you do anything online, ask yourself...is it S.A.F.E.R.?

S

Smart: Am I using what I know to stay safe online - like checking my privacy settings and keeping my information private?



A

Age Appropriate: Am I spending time in online spaces that are made for kids my age?



F

Fair: Am I treating others the way I would want to be treated?



E

Encouraging: Am I using kind and uplifting words?



R

Risky: Am I making choices that put me or others at risk? How will my choices affect me in real life?



If you're not sure, **talk to a trusted adult**. Everyone deserves to be safe online and in real life.

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CONTACT INFO



If you have any new contact information (phone numbers, email, residential address or emergency contact information, etc.) please email the school office westwind@sd38.bc.ca so we can update your child's file.

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).

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

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



Important Dates 2025-2026

JANUARY

31: PAC Parent Pub Night

FEBRUARY

3: Band Concert for Div. 1-6 Parents @ 1:15pm

5: WW Family Hangout (weather permitting)

6: Look out for Opt-In Text from SchoolMessenger

11 & 12: Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm for Conferences

13: Pro-D Day – School not in Session

16: Family Day Holiday

17: Lunar New Year

17: Ramadan begins (Muslim)

17: Kind Mind Program begins

20: Spirit Day: Dress Like a Teacher Day

23: PAC Meeting on Teams @ 6:30pm

25: Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)

26: 1st Parent Education Event: Numeracy Edition

27: Outdoor Ed forms & 1st deposit are due to office

MARCH

4: Holi – “Festival of Colours” (Hindu)

8: Daylight Savings – Move clocks forward an hour!

13: Spirit Day: Tropical Day

13: Last Day before Spring Break

16-27: Spring Break

30: Back to School



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