

École Westwood Elementary

Kindergarten Parent Orientation

2024/25





Our Website

[Westwood Website](#)

Westwood Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

*PAC is an integral part of making École Westwood
Elementary a great school*

- Purpose is to Enhance Learning Opportunities for Students - through volunteering and/or fundraising
- Executive Position Vacancies – we need volunteers!!
- **Next meeting is coming up on May 14**(please join us!) **Library 7:00pm** - All parents are automatically on the PAC – please join meetings/sign up for positions to be an active member!!

Contact: PAC Executive at westwoodpachub@gmail.com

First Days Schedule

- Tuesday, Sept 3 Gr 1 – 5 is 10:00 – 10:20 only: attendance important!
K (A -L) 10:30 – 11:00 and K (M - Z) is 11:15 – 11:45
- Parents - Library or Court Yard?
- Grade 1 – 5: Wednesday Sept 4– Friday Sept 6
 - Full days starting at 9:00 am and ending at 2:50pm
 - Social Responsibility/Indigenous Education Themed Lessons and Activities
Attachment based activities (Strong Start), Set up for the year ahead. Family Groupings (not classes)

Kindergarten Gradual Entry



Kindergarten – First Week – Weds 45 mins – small group <6; Thurs 75 mins – small group <12; Friday and Monday – Welcome Conversation with Teacher only

2nd Week Tuesday 90- 100 mins; Weds 90 – 100 mins; Thurs 3 hours 9:00 – 12:00; Friday 4 ½ Hours 9:00 – 1:30

First Full Day on Monday, Sept 16th 9:00 – 2:50pm

(You will receive your personalized schedule by July 5th, 2024)

Parking/ Driving

- Very little parking – walk from home or nearby streets
- Stop signs and 6m from neighbours driveways
- No U-Turns, drive under 30 Km/hour around school
- **Drop off/Pick up limited in front of school Can't wait there – want to keep uncongested for pedestrian safety**

Crossed out lines – no vehicles ☺

- Do not park or stop on crossed out yellow lines (many pedestrians in this area, need to keep visibility clear)



Supervision



- Limited before school, never before 8:45 am
- Recess – Education Assistants, Principal, Teachers
- Lunch – Education Assistants, Noon Hour Supervisors, Principal
- Limited supervision after school – pick up (come early, 2:50pm at the latest)
- Wildlife, areas typically out of bounds during school hours, so important your child is supervised by your caregiver

Staying Informed...

Weekly emails
from the Principal

Website

Periodic Special
Emails from
Secretary or
Principal

Paper notices –
sometimes!

Classroom
Teacher
Communication

PAC
Communication
via email and
paper

PLEASE READ 😊

Attendance

- If absent, email westwood@sd43.bc.ca or phone (604) 464-2421
(not just classroom teacher, office needs to know)
- Lates? (Please don't be late! Very disruptive for morning classroom routines. Please be in class line up by 8:55am). If Late, report to office (may need to wait outside , depending on line up of late students)
- Signing out early – give teacher advance notice, sign child out at office

Parent To – Do List in September

Supply fee and we will
bulk purchase

District School Policies
and Permission Forms
(once assigned a
division)

Cash On-Line
registration required
(do first in Sept)

Emergency Contact
Form – yellow paper

PAC related requests?
(Munch A Lunch, hot
lunches, donation
request, volunteer
request, etc)

Evidence Based ways to support your child

- Sleep is number one – needed for learning, self regulation, positive mental health
- Boundaries on screen time
- Healthy Eating
- Reading Routine?

Helpful Information

- Ministry of Education
 - <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca>
- Connecting with your child's teacher
 - In person, by phone, by email
- Connecting with your school
 - Communicating
 - Volunteering
 - When problems and/or concerns arise, contact staff member directly and talk!

Kindergarten –Which Teacher and Classroom ?

- Balanced Classrooms best for learning for all students!
- Will be determined in September

Connecting To K!



May 15th 3:15 - 4:00



K for 20 mins – May 29th



Read the book we gifted
(and more!)



Welcome Conversation
with Teacher Sept

Getting ready for Kindergarten...

- Can I
 - Zip up my own jacket?
 - Change my shoes?
 - Open my lunch box/bag, unpack and pack it up after eating? Use my water bottle?
 - Use a public toilet and sink properly? (Urinal option for boys)
 - Read to your child, every day! (any language)

What to send to school

1. Inside Shoes –easy, velcro?, no crocs/slides
2. Jackets – with easy to use zipper (practice in August!)
3. Big Enough Back Pack
4. Change of Clothes
5. Recess Snack – (start Sept 13)
6. Lunch – start Friday Sept 16 (practice using lunch kit this summer)

Advice: Limit extra curricular in Fall

Thank you for Attending this Orientation !



- Stay tuned for Emails week before school starts if there are any updates regarding the return of school in September.
- Thank you for attending!
- (I'll stay until all Q's answered)