



## First Day of School Schedule

### Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Grade 1-5 Students – 10:00 – 10:20 am

All last year's students will meet at their old classroom door line ups.

Students that are NEW to Westwood Elementary this year, please meet in the library (through the front doors and to the left).

All KINDERGARTEN students:

Last names A-L - meet in the Kindergarten Courtyard (10:45 – 11:15)

Last names M-Z meet in the Kindergarten Courtyard (11:15-11:45)

## Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>

Regular school day – 9:00 am to 2:50 pm for our Grade 1-5 students. We will have students assigned to family groups and participating in a variety of activities.

Our Kindergarten families will be participating in Welcoming Conversations and our Gradual Entry program

## Calendar Dates for September

- Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> - PAC Meeting, Library, 7:00pm
- Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day – No School for Students
- Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> – Open House - 5:30-6:30 pm
- Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> – Truth & Reconciliation Day – No school for students

## School Supplies

No school supplies from home are required as they are provided when students go to classes this year. A reasonable student supply fee will be payable on CashOnline (KEV) later this month. If this presents any financial hardship, please contact Ms. Askew.



## Absences

If your child will be late or absent from school, please use the Absence Report found on the Westwood website under "Quick Links" at: [Westwood Elementary](#)

## École Westwood Elementary PAC

### PAC Meeting

Please join The Westwood Parent Advisory Council (PAC).  
The first of this year's general meeting is Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library.

PAC e-mail: [westwoodpachub@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodpachub@gmail.com)

## Label Everything!!

Our Lost & Found collection is often bursting with beautiful jackets, cozy hats, warm boots and much more! Every item with a name tag gets returned to the owner – but so much is left. We can't stress how important it is to label

belongings. **Label everything!**



## Our Drive Through/Staff Parking & Student Safety

Please follow these guidelines to help keep our community safe:

- Take your time and be patient.
- If you need to pick up your child in person, please park on the street. Be prepared to walk some distance.
- **Do not park or wait in your vehicle** (or leave your vehicle) in our drive through/staff parking area. In order to keep our students safe, we ask that you move through this area safely and quickly to avoid congestion.
- Please be mindful of the signs that indicate No Parking or No Stopping.



## Bell Schedule

Warning Bell 8:55am  
First Bell 9:00 am  
Recess 10:20 – 10:35am  
Lunch 12:00 – 12:42  
Dismissal 2:50

## Entering the School Building

- Late Arrival – Please come to the office to check in with Ms. Suttis.
- Please do not go directly to classrooms.
- All visitors coming into École Westwood Elementary must check in with the office first.

## Snacks and Lunches

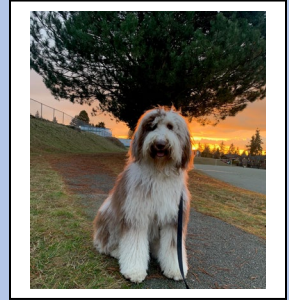


- Please provide a nutritious snack and lunch that is easy for your child to consume, no glass containers.
- Please do NOT plan to drop off lunches later in the day – this is an unnecessary complexity when we have over 330 students. Of course, there may be a rare occasion when you must do this due to illness or mix up, but please teach your child to check for their own lunch/water bottle/snack etc. before you leave home!
- All eating will be done inside. There is no sharing of lunches with others.

## Our École Westwood Furry Friends

As a dog owner, I appreciate how important this family member is and that the walk to school is a great opportunity for exercise and connection. Please follow these guidelines and the SIGNAGE to keep our community safe and comfortable.

- All dogs must be leashed.
- Please do not bring dogs on to the sidewalk, playground, near the building entrances or black top areas.
- Please do not bring your leashed dog onto the sidewalks at the front of our school during pickup and drop off.
- Please do not bring your dog to areas where children are playing.



Ms. Askew's dog "Ellie"

## Afterschool Programs (Fall 2025)



Go to [www.DWUL.io](http://www.DWUL.io) or click below,  
search "SD43 Westwood" or "Westwood."

- Monday - CHESS CLUB (steps 1 & 2)
  - MARTIAL ARTS (Self-Defense)
- Tuesday - Love2Dance
- Wednesdays- Forest Rangers - Fall 2025
- Thursdays - K-Gr5 Coquitlam Soccer

How to register: See the [Support Document](#), [60-second Video](#),  
or [Online Guide](#).



## Westwood Elementary

### Creation Station

ACTIVITY #	DAY	DATES	TIME	PRICE
118787	T	Sept 23 — Dec 9	2:50 - 4:15 PM	\$150.00

No program September 30 and November 11

### Science Zone

ACTIVITY #	DAY	DATES	TIME	PRICE
115238	F	Sept 26 — Dec 12	2:50 - 4:15 PM	\$165.00

No program October 24

Registration opens at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, September 2nd online at

[www.portcoquitlam.ca/register](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/register) or by phone at 604-927-7529.



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PORT COQUITLAM  
RECREATION

### **Principal's Corner**

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope your summer was filled with rest, joy, and memorable moments with loved ones. As we step into this new chapter together, I'm excited for the opportunities ahead—new learning, new friendships, and continued growth for every member of our school community. Our team has been working hard to prepare a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment where every student can thrive. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, know that you are a valued part of our school family. Let's make this year one of connection, curiosity, and celebration. I look forward to seeing you all and sharing in the journey ahead. See you all on Tuesday!

Sincerely,

Misti Askew

Principal, École Westwood Elementary

([maskew@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:maskew@sd43.bc.ca))

# KidSport

**Saturday  
September 6  
10am–1pm**

So **ALL** Kids Can Play!

## **USED EQUIPMENT SALE**

sponsored by:

**Saputo**

**POIRIER FORUM  
618 POIRIER STREET  
COQUITLAM**

Admission by **donation**  
or non-perishable item  
to the **SHARE Food Bank**

### **SAVE on your family's sports equipment!**

The KidSport Used Equipment Sale has everything from bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment, wetsuits, and more!

### **Open to EVERYONE!**

equipment for **ALL** kids and adults!

Outfit a child for lacrosse or hockey, including helmet, stick, and/or skates for approximately \$100!

### **GIVE back! Donate your gently used\* equipment**

From August 22 – September 5, donate your used equipment at the following locations:

- Port Moody Recreation Complex (main lobby)
- Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex (main lobby)
- Port Coquitlam Community Centre (lower arena lobby) [www.kidsporttricity.ca](http://www.kidsporttricity.ca)

**\*gently used  
equipment is:**

- less than 6 years old
- in good condition
- wearable for league sports