

# Westwood Weekly

École Westwood Elementary  
Home of the Wolves  
September 18, 2025– Issue 4



A friendly reminder about our  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-6:30 pm

The school will be open for students to tour around  
their families and introduce them to their teachers.

Parent supervision required 😊

A yummy treat will be available for families in their  
child's classroom. Our staff is excited to see everyone  
on Thursday Sept 25<sup>th</sup>!

## TERRY FOX RUN

WEDNESDAY, September 24th, 2025

ECOLE WESTWOOD SCHOOL

1:15-2:30 pm

This year we will be holding our annual Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, September 24th at 1:15 pm. Students will have an assembly in the gym starting after afternoon attendance. The actual run time for all students will start at approximately 1:30 pm and end at approximately 2:30pm. This year students will run/walk/jog at Maple Creek. On the day of the run each student will receive a Terry Fox dedication sticker and temporary tattoo. Our goal this year is to raise \$1000. That's roughly \$3.00 per student. This is the 45th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope. Teachers will be talking to students about what Terry Fox did and encouraging this year's theme: "Finish It". Terry was an incredible inspiration to many and continues to inspire people even today. Please take a moment to go online and make a donation (no amount is too small). Please help us reach our goal by donating at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/100327> - Thank you for joining our school in the fight against cancer.

As in the past, we will need parent volunteers to support classes getting to and from our run at Maple Creek. Parents will stand and encourage the students and make sure they are staying on the route. If you would like to participate in the run, or volunteer to help during the run, please email Ms. Askew at [maskew@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:maskew@sd43.bc.ca)

## Calendar Dates for September

- Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day – No School for Students
- Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox Run – 1:15 pm
- 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

## 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 next general meeting is Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library.

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

## School Cash Online (KEV)

School Cash Online is where parents can complete required school forms and pay for school fees and field trips. At the bottom of this newsletter is the "How to Get Started" instruction sheet which outlines the steps to sign up. Once you have signed up, you will receive emailed notifications of items that require your attention. If you have any problems, please contact the Parent Helpdesk at: 1-866-961-1803 or <http://schoolcashonline.com/home/support>

**REQUIRED FORMS ARE ONLINE NOW, PLEASE COMPLETE!**

## School Supplies

No school supplies from home are required as they are provided when students go to classes this year.  
A \$40 student supply fee can be paid on CashOnline (KEV).  
If this presents any financial hardship, please contact Ms. Askew.

### Principal's Message

At Westwood, we believe that **our school is more than just a place of learning—it's a family**. Every child, every staff member, and every parent plays a vital role in creating a community where everyone feels seen, supported, and valued. This week and next, I will be visiting classes to discuss this with students, and would appreciate your support at home. Just like in a family, we celebrate each other's successes, lift each other during challenges, and work together to build a safe, inclusive, and joyful environment. This sense of belonging is essential not only for academic growth but also for the emotional and social development of our students.

#### **How You Can Support This at Home:**

- **Talk about belonging:** Ask your child how they helped someone feel included today or how someone made them feel welcome.
- **Celebrate diversity:** Share stories, traditions, and experiences from your family's background to help your child appreciate the richness of our school community.
- **Model kindness and empathy:** Children learn so much from watching how we treat others. Small acts of kindness go a long way.
- **Stay connected:** Attend school events, volunteer when possible, and reach out to teachers or staff with questions or ideas. Your involvement strengthens our family bond.

Together, we can continue to nurture a school culture where every child feels at home and every voice matters.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school family.

Sincerely,

Ms. Askew

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