

École Westwood Elementary – Principal Weekly Parent Email Message for May 20th, 2022

Dear Westwood Families,

Your weekly email is one day early since there is **no school tomorrow for students**. (Pro D Day)

Thank you for reading this weekly email and keeping informed about your child's school! Past copies of our weekly emails can be found on our school website.

Have a wonderful 4 day long weekend with your family!

THE WEEK AHEAD AT WESTWOOD

Monday, May 23rd – No School (Stat Holiday – Victoria Day)

Wednesday, May 25th (morning) –Walking Fieldtrip/VSO Activity – Div 4 and Div 13

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CALL FOR PAC NOMINATIONS – WE NEED YOU!

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual General Meeting / Elections, will be taking place on Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30pm in the school library and there will be an option to join virtually via Microsoft Teams. You are all invited! Our Agenda and Teams invite will follow.

It is time to elect some new members to our PAC Executive team. Several active PAC members will be leaving and we need new members to get involved with filling executive positions, attend meetings, volunteer and just bring new ideas.

The positions of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and District Parent Advisory Council Representative are essential to the operation of the PAC and must be filled before any nominations will be accepted for other Executive positions.

A list of the essential positions are shown below with a brief description of duties. Full details of each position is attached.

- Chairperson – You chair the meetings, work with the school administration and speak on behalf of the PAC. You prepare and distribute the meeting agenda.
- Treasurer – You are responsible for the financial books, applying for gaming grants and any other applicable grants available and create the annual budget. You work closely with other members to ensure records are kept of purchases and money raised.
- Secretary – Main duties include taking meeting minutes and distributing them. You are responsible for handling any correspondence that comes in for the PAC.
- District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Representative – Attend monthly District PAC meetings, which have returned to in person and report back to the Executive.

Any Executive position may be co-chaired or shared.

What happens if the essential positions are not filled:

If no one comes forward and the essential Executive positions are not filled our PAC will be dissolved. We will not receive government funding or be able to raise money for items such as classroom and startup expenses, library materials, field trip transportation, special events, presentations, sports equipment, music equipment, creative play items such as keva planks/lego and technology such as Ozobots (STEAM), ipads and tablets. Also, in the event of the dissolution of the PAC, any remaining funds and assets are distributed to another Parent Advisory Council(s) or DPAC within School District 43, Coquitlam, or a charitable organization(s) within BC.

The following positions are not essential to maintain our PAC, however are equally important to fill:

- Vice-Chair – The main job of the Vice-Chair is to assist the Chairperson in his/her absence and accept additional duties as required.
- Member(s) at Large – Accept duties from PAC when needed.

PAC monthly meetings are returning to in person, with the option to attend virtually via Microsoft Teams. In a regular school year, monthly time commitments for executive positions range from 2-4 hours with potentially more based on any special events planned.

You can nominate yourself or someone else (with their consent). Nominations for PAC Executive positions can be sent as follows:

- By sending an email indicating the first and last name of the Nominee along with position to 070-pac@sd43.bc.ca
- By stating your nomination at the AGM being held on June 7th at 6:30pm (library and Microsoft teams)

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and future PAC Meetings. Meetings are a great way to connect with the school community and to hear what is happening around the school. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend!

For updates and information regarding PAC please join / visit our Facebook Group: "Westwood Elementary School PAC – Official Page". Prior to being accepted as a member of our Facebook page, please provide the answers to the questions asked.

If you have any questions, please contact a PAC representative at 070-pac@sd43.bc.ca

Thank you for your support!

École Westwood PAC

Repeat Item from last week: Classroom Placement for 2022/23

We are starting to plan for classes next year, however, student class lists will not be finalized until September, 2022. We need to have an accurate count and that cannot be done in advance due to families potentially moving in or out of our catchment area. The Principal and teachers spend a considerable amount of time placing children into a class based on the educational, social and emotional needs of each child. We also consider the class size and composition limits. Parents may not request specific teachers for class placement. If you have comments regarding the educational, social and/or emotional needs of your child, that would be helpful for us when we build our classes, please put them in writing addressed to the Principal. As we begin our discussions in June, please send this info to sparmar@sd43.bc (if applicable) by May 30th, 2022.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Summer Camp Info

Please see the attachment for information on activities for your children this summer.

Girls interested in trying ice hockey? See link and photo below:

<https://sites.google.com/tricitiesfemaleicehockey.ca/social>



COMING UP AT WESTWOOD

May 30th – First Day of “Bike to School Week” (more details coming)

May 31st – Afternoon VSO Activity – Division 5 and 14

June 7th – PAC AGM at 6:30pm

Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly parent email.

Stacey Parmar

Principal/ Directrice

École Westwood Elementary

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I respectfully acknowledge that I teach and learn on the unceded core traditional territory of the kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation, which lies within the shared territories of the səłilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), Q'e'yc'ey (Katzie), xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwu7mesh (Squamish) and Stó:lō Nations.