

Weekly Westwood Parent Email for Friday, December 15th, 2023

Dear Westwood Families,

I've attached the email below in PDF for easier reading on some Smart phones.

Thank you for reading this weekly email and keeping informed about your child's school.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT WESTWOOD

Monday, December 18th 1:15pm Dress Rehearsal for Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 19th 1:15pm Westwood Winter Concert

Wednesday, December 20th - Report Cards Published on MyEd – ready for Parent Viewing

Thursday, December 21st – Holiday Wear (Sweaters, Hats, ?) Day

Friday, December 22nd – PJ Day

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Winter Concert Details

On **Tuesday, Dec 19th, Doors will open at 1:00pm** for parents to join us in the gym for the Winter Concert that will begin at 1:15pm. Please do not come to the school before 12:45, as the children will be playing outside until then. The concert will likely be over around 2pm (we will know for sure after our dress rehearsal on Monday!). After the concert, there will be an option for an early dismissal for any family that does not want to wait until the normal dismissal time. This will be explained at the concert 😊

We have 300 students and a limited capacity in the gym. We kindly ask that you limit family members attending to 2.

If you are not able to make it to the Dec 19th concert, we can make arrangements for you to attend the dress rehearsal on Monday Dec 18th at 1:15pm. Please contact your child's teacher if you are planning to attend the dress rehearsal instead of the Tuesday performance.

Getting Ready to View your child's Update on Learning (aka report card)

Please get ready to view your child's report card. You will need a MyEducation Login Id. That is your email address preceded by 43- (for example: 43-charliebrown@rogers.xc). You will also need your password. There is a link if you forgot your password.

Please try this weekend to get onto MyEd by clicking here:

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

If you have any problems with getting on, please email westwood@sd43.bc.ca and Mrs. Suttis in the office will assist you with getting onto MyEd next week. On Wednesday, your child's report card will be ready for viewing. We will send you an email when it is ready.

Spirit Days this week

To add to the excitement of the upcoming holidays, students and staff are invited to wear:

On Thursday – any **Holiday Wear** such as Holiday Sweaters, Holiday Hats, Holiday Tshirts!

On Friday – wear your **PJ's**!

Childcare Survey

If you have not filled out the childcare survey sent to you last week and the week before, please see the letter from the Ministry of Education and Childcare at the end of this email. Due to low completion rates, they have extended the survey until Dec 20th. The survey is available in many languages. Just click on the link provided by the Ministry. Thank you!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS- Jan to March

Mondays – Music Adventure Piano (K – Gr 3) **Sold Out**

Tuesdays – SEL Ninja Warriors **Sold Out**

Wednesdays – City of Port Coquitlam Multisports (brochure sent out earlier this week)

Wednesdays – Cloverdale Robotics (2 programs)

Thursdays – RIZE Basketball

Fridays – Cloverdale Robotics (2 programs)

Westwood: Afterschool Programs (Winter 2024)

Click the links below to register on [DWUL](#) - Or search "SD43 Westwood."

Westwood (Wed): Coding & Digital Arts - Gr 1-5 (Term 2 - Winter Term)

Westwood (Wed): Junior Robotics, Gr 1-5 (Term 2 - Winter Term)

Westwood (Thu): Junior Robotics, Gr 1-5 (Term 2 - Winter Term)

Westwood (Thu): Coding & Digital Arts - Gr 1-5 (Term 2 - Winter Term)

Westwood Elementary K-5 (Thurs) - R1ZE Basketball

Programs are brought to you by different community organizations.

DWUL (Do What U Luv) provides registration support.

LOST AND FOUND

Please see the attached photo. Please come to the office to claim if you recognize your child's lost item. *Items not claimed by Dec 22nd will be donated to charity.*

REPEAT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EMAILS

Programs of Choice (On Line Applications Begin Jan 11th)

Programs of Choice On-Line Applications for Kindergarten entering September 2024:

Opens January 11, 2024 at 9am

Closes January 17, 2024 at 4pm

The link to apply will be posted on the school district website. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>

Parents must apply in this time period for their child to be considered for placement. Selection will be done by a random lottery draw with priority given to younger siblings of students who will be attending the Program of Choice at the same school in September 2024. Children who are not successfully placed will be on a waitlist and must register for Kindergarten at their catchment school.

Parents who currently have a child attending a Program of Choice (eg French Immersion at Westwood) and wish their upcoming kindergarten child to enter must still apply and indicate "Confirmation of Sibling Status applies".

Please ensure the school has your most current address.

For more information on Programs of Choice, please visit:

[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/)

Programs of Choice – Grade 5 Parents

Late Programs of Choice On-Line Applications for Middle School:

Opens January 11 2024 at 9am

Closes January 17, 2024 at 4pm

The link to apply will be posted on the school district website. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>

Parents must apply in this time period for their child to be considered for placement. Selection will be done by a random lottery draw with priority given to younger siblings of students who will be attending the Program of Choice at the same school in September 2024. Children who are not successfully placed will be on a waitlist.

Parents who currently have a child attending a Program of Choice and wish their upcoming child to enter must still apply and indicate "Confirmation of Sibling Status applies".

Students currently enrolled in Grade 5 Montessori **must apply** if they wish to continue in Grade 6 Montessori.

For more information on Programs of Choice, please visit:
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

NEXT PAC MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, January 18, 2024 @ 7pm

SPIRIT WEAR: All Spirit Wear Orders have been delivered and handed out to your child by their teacher.

NEXT HOT LUNCH SESSION: Our next Hot Lunch session will be open for orders towards the end of next week. We will update our Facebook Group and email from Mrs. Parmar when we have the next session open and ready for ordering (for lunches in January, February and March 2024).

SHARE FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

We are collecting Food and New Unwrapped Toys to donate to SHARE from Dec 11th to Dec 20th. We are calling our drive “8 Days of Giving” to teach our students the importance of giving at this time of year. Please check any expiry dates on food items that you are considering donating. Items with an expiry before Jan 2024 will be thrown away. Thank you!

COMING UP SOON AT WESTWOOD

Monday, January 8th, 2024 – School ReOpens after Winter Break

Have a wonderful weekend!

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We acknowledge we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation). We thank the kʷikʷəłəm who continue to live on these lands and care for them, along with the waters, and all that is above and below.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 20 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1098>

Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Education and Child Care