

Weekly Westwood Parent Email for Friday, December 22nd, 2023

Dear Westwood Families,

Thank you for your generous donations to the SHARE Food and New Toy Drive! I've included a photo of the PoCo Firefighters picking up all of the donations yesterday for delivery to SHARE!

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Important Information for Programs of Choice, Kindergarten Registration & Cross Catchment 2024-2025

● PROGRAMS OF CHOICE for 2024 (Even if your older child is already in **French Immersion**, you must apply for the K sibling!)

Registration begins on **January 11th at 9 am and closes on January 17th at 4 pm**. Applications are to be completed online. The application link will be available on the main SD43 website during this time. Learn more [here](#).

● KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for 2024

Kindergarten registration will begin **February 6th to 8th** and there will be a registration link on the school's website. All families within catchment who have children born in 2019 should apply within this time. Learn more [here](#).

● CROSS CATCHMENT PROCESS for 2024

The cross-catchment process will begin on **February 9th at 9 am and ends on February 14th at 4 pm**. The cross-catchment process involves an online application that can be found on the district webpage during this window of time. Learn more [here](#).

Additional information can be found on our website at www.sd43.bc.ca

Learning Updates (Report Cards)

If you have not already read your child's Report Card, please do so. If you require assistance, please email after Jan 8th and we will help you!

Your student's Learning Update (Report Card) is now available on the MyEd BC Family and Student Portals at <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>. Please contact your student's teacher directly should you have any questions regarding their progress.

A few reminders when logging in to the Family Portal:

- Your Login ID is 43- then your full email address.
- If you can't remember your password, please use the "I forgot my password" function. It will ask you for your email. (NOT your Login ID, don't include the 43-)
- This report is a PDF document which can be found under Published Reports on the home page.
- Remember to save and/or print this PDF if you wish to keep a copy. This report will be available on the Family Portal until July 31.

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 last 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.

TWO IMPORTANT PAC UPDATES:

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ 7pm

Next Munch a Lunch session is OPEN. Log in or sign up through Munch a Lunch to place your order (<https://munchalunch.com/schools/westwood>). First Lunch Payment is due by January 9, 2024!!!

LOST AND FOUND

Please see the attached photo. Please come to the office to claim if you recognize your child's lost item. *These items are bagged up for donation. We will hold them in the office for the first week back to school in case you recognize something.*

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

COMING UP SOON AT WESTWOOD

Tuesday, January 16th 7:00pm PAC Meeting in Library

Thursday, January 18th – PAC Hot Lunch (Freshii)

Monday, January 29th – School Based Pro D (No School for Students)

Happy Holidays ! Wishing you all a safe and joyful holiday! See you in the New Year!

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