

Weekly Westwood Parent Email for Friday, January 19th, 2024

Dear Westwood Families,

This was likely a challenging week for you with the school closure days. However, I hope that you and your family found some joy too with the "Snow Day" activities! Thank you for your understanding.

For those of you who came to school today, we apologize for the conditions at the back of the school. Along the perimeter of the school building there is a small pathway to each of the entrance doors. As well, the areas outside each of the outside doors were cleared of snow. If these areas are challenging for you, please do not hesitate to come through the front entrance (near the office) of the school and head to your child's classroom at dismissal (2:50) or arrival (after the welcome bell at 8:55am).

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

Tuesday, Jan 23rd – Last day to order PAC Hot Lunch Booster Juice (for Feb 1st)

Wednesday, Jan 24th - Rescheduled Hot Lunch Day – Freshii

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When your child will be away..

It is very important that you let the office know. We are required to call you to make sure your child is safe if you do not let us know in advance that your child will be absent. When there is a high volume of calls to make (like today), it is a very time consuming process that takes us away from other needs in the school. Please email westwood@sd43.bc.ca everytime your child will be away or late. Thank you.

New Afterschool Program - Chess – still time to register! Starts Jan 26th now (today's session cancelled).

[Westwood Elem \(Fri\): Chess Naughty Knights \(G1-5\)](#)

PAC UPDATES:

Munch A Lunch Update:

- the Freshii Lunch that was supposed to happen January 18 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 24
- February 1 - Booster Juice (payment/order due by January 23)

PAC EXEC POSITION OPENING - TREASURER

- Our current treasurer will need to step down from his duties starting in February. If you are interested in becoming the PAC's treasurer, please email us at westwoodpachub@gmail.com. While having a Bookkeeping/Accounting background is an asset, it is not mandatory.
- To find out what being treasurer means, please take a look at page 13 [our bylaws](#) for a position description.

PAC VALENTINE'S DAY CARD FUNDRAISER

- Please see the attached promotional poster
- Paper and Electronic order forms will go home next week
- Any questions? Please email westwoodpachub@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND

Please see the attached photo. Please come to the office to claim if you recognize your child's lost item.

REPEAT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EMAILS

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

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS- Jan to March

Westwood: Afterschool Programs (Winter 2024)

Go to www.DWUL.io and search "SD43 Westwood" or click the links below

[Westwood \(Mon\): Piano Music Adventure! - An Introductory Program For Beginners - FULL](#)
[Westwood \(Tues\): MPower Your Inner Warrior \(Jujitsu/Self-Defense & SEL\) Winter 2024 - FULL](#)
[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](#)
[Westwood Elem \(Fri\): Chess Naughty Knights \(G1-5\)](#)

Programs are brought to you by different community organizations.
DWUL (Do What U Luv) provides registration support.

**Note: If the links are not opening due to browser/firewall issues, go to www.DWUL.io first
Then, search "SD43 Westwood" for direct access.**

PAC UPDATES:

MUNCH A LUNCH Lunch Days: Reminder to log into your account and order lunches for this term. You can order all the lunches at once, or separately.

- Feb 1: Booster Juice (payment due Jan 23)
- Feb 15: Red Robin (payment due Feb 6)
- Feb 22: Pasta Polo (payment due Feb 13)
- Mar 7: Booster Juice (payment due Feb 27)
- Mar 14: Subway (payment due Mar 5)

COMING UP SOON AT WESTWOOD

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

Tuesday, Feb 6th – Kindergarten Registration Begins

Enjoy the weekend!

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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.