

Weekly Westwood Parent Email for Friday, Feb 16th, 2024

Dear Westwood Families,

Remember – there is no school on Tomorrow! It is a district wide Pro D Day.

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

Feb 27th – First Day of Book Fair 2:30pm – 7:30pm in Multi Purpose Room

Feb 28th – **Pink Shirt Day** (Assembly at Westwood)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PAC UPDATES:

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 7pm

HOT LUNCHES (still available to order):

- March 7 - Booster Juice (orders due Feb 27)
- March 14 - Subway (orders due Mar 5)

BOOKFAIR: Feb 27 - Mar 4: The Bookfair begins February 27. It will be Weekdays only, 2:30pm - 7:30pm until March 4

Free information sessions: how to co-exist safely with coyotes

Sign up to attend a free information session to learn how to co-exist safely with urban coyotes.

Coquitlam and Port Moody are collaborating with the Stanley Park Ecology Society for the second year to provide information on common misconceptions about urban coyotes, as well as tips to help keep your family and pets safe.

Register to attend one of two free information sessions

Coyote breeding season is underway now through April, which means they will be more active as they secure and protect territory. Residents may hear coyotes howling and yipping more often as they communicate with each other and

establish their territories and may even come across coyotes while the animals are active and seeking mates.

Minimizing conflicts between coyotes, humans, and pets is important in protecting the safety of our community, and our urban wildlife. Coyotes have a vital role to play in the urban ecosystem as they help control the population of rodents and other wildlife.

Presented by Dezirae Barreto from the Stanley Park Ecology Society, each one-hour session will provide information about coyote breeding season, common misconceptions about urban coyotes, what to do if you encounter a coyote, and ways to manage attractants. All ages are welcome to attend.

Port Moody

Register at portmoody.ca/SignMeUp or call 604-469-4556.

- **Date:** Friday, February 23, 2024
- **Time:** 7-8pm
- **Location:** Glenayre Community Centre, 492 Glencoe Drive
- **Course ID#:** 00039004

Coquitlam

Details at coquitlam.ca/UrbanWildlife and register by email at:

UrbanWildlife@coquitlam.ca.

- **Date:** Saturday, March 16
- **Time:** 1-2pm
- **Location:** Room 2/3 at Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex, 633 Poirier Street

About the Stanley Park Ecology Society

[**Stanley Park Ecology Society**](#) – a registered charity since 1988 – began as the Stanley Park Zoological Society. Following the closure of the Park's petting zoo in 1995, the society revised its name but continued with its aims of education, conservation, and outreach programs.

LOST AND FOUND

We do not have a photo this week. There are many jackets, hats, gloves – if you are missing any, please come by the office asap!

REPEAT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EMAILS

Kindness – Westwood Teachers are actively planning classroom and school wide activities to promote kindness. Our intention is to increase understanding and demonstration of kindness – at school, at home and in the community! Ask your children what they are learning and doing about kindness! Yesterday we did some Family Group Activities!

COMING UP SOON AT WESTWOOD

March 12th – PAC Meeting 7:00pm

March 15th – Last Day of School before Spring Break

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We acknowledge we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem 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.