

# Westview Elementary Newsletter



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## November 2023 Message from the Principal

November already? Wow! It is unbelievable how quickly this month has passed us by. Until further notice, Mrs. Finstad and Mrs. Costa-Popovich will be sharing the Principal role. We are happy to be supporting the staff and students at Westview School.

The Terry Fox Run/Walk was a wonderful way to come together as a school community to raise funds and awareness for a great cause.

During the year, different opportunities may become available to students. Staff members in charge will normally make an announcement with information about tryouts and practices and in some cases (for teams) forms will be sent home for parents/guardians to sign. Sometimes there is not a lot of lead time prior to these teams, clubs, events, etc. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements and check in with the staff members in charge if they wish to be involved or try out in an offered activity.

We want to thank the staff who volunteer their time and energy to provide extra-curricular opportunities for our students, and for the work they do each day with their classes. We also want to thank our students for doing their best each day and to our parent and family community who are wonderful partners in education. "It takes a village to raise a child."

Mrs. Finstad and Mrs. CP

*"Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Kind"*

## Upcoming Events

- November 1 – Lockdown Drill at 9:30
- November 6-7 – Grade 7 Immunizations
- November 8 – Fire Drill at 9:30
- November 13 – Progress Reports sent home
- November 17 – P.A. Day Interviews

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## Staff Updates

As you may be aware, in HWDSB, reorganization, can impact our teaching staff. We thank Ms. Kircos who was an LTO in our 8A for all her hard work at our school. We wish her well at her new school. A warm welcome to Miss Horton our permanent .5 French teacher and Ms. Daley our new LTO for class 8A.

## Progress Reports

The Elementary Progress Report Card is designed to show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subjects. This report will come home November 13. The report card is one component of the communication between teachers and parents regarding student progress.

## Interviews

November 16 and 17 have been set aside for interviews. All parents, caregivers, and guardians will be contacted in advance of the interview block to be invited to participate in an in-person meeting. For parents, caregivers, and guardians who express difficulty in attending the school an option of a phone call or MS Teams will be given. Timeframes:

- Block 1: Nov 16.: 4:40 - 7:10
- Block 2: Nov. 17: 8:50 - 12:10
- Block 3: Nov. 17: 12:10 - 3:10

## School Council

Thank you to all parents who attended our first School Council meeting. We are pleased to welcome a number of new members and look forward to their new ideas and commitment to our school community. Members of our School Council Executive and meeting dates are listed below. Please keep in mind that all parents are welcome to attend meetings if they choose. However, only members can vote.

## Volleyball

In sports news, Volleyball teams are about half way through their seasons. They are working hard on developing skills and having fun at the same time. Our Senior Girls and Boys teams will be participating in a tournament at Sir Allan MacNab in early November, so good luck to them. A big thank you to the coaching staff of all three teams, as well as, our student score keepers and refs.

## Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day Every year on November 11 Canadians pause for remembrance of the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Students will engage in class learning on this day.

## Pizza

A reminder that Pizza is sold every Wednesday during 2nd. Nutrition Break. We do not pre-sell pizza. The cost for pizza is \$2.00 and students will purchase this on that day. Please bring your loonies and toonies on Wednesdays!

## Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Update

We wish to extend a huge thanks to the Westview community for making this fundraiser a *sweet* success! With your support, we were able to raise \$1350 to support student activities and learning experiences. We *donut* know how we could have done it without you!

## Cross Country

Our Cross Country members from all grades tested their endurance as they ran through the Christie Lake Conservation Area trails at our annual Cross Country race! Our students had a fun day of competition running 2.5km and we'd like to congratulate each of our participants on their wonderful representation of Westview and their excellent finishes!