

Westview Elementary Newsletter

October 2023

Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that five weeks have already passed since the beginning of school and Thanksgiving is now upon us all. At this time of year, it's always important to remember to give THANKS for what we have in our lives, especially the people who surround us with love and respect on a regular basis. One of the many things I have am thankful for is the respectful behavior of our students. During my short duration here, as the School's Temporary Principal, I am pleased to announce that, as I have done in my other Schools, I have made 'Good News' phone calls home for several students. These students demonstrated RESPECT to myself, and others, on a consistent basis. For example, they initiate a "Hello" or a "Good Morning, Mr. C", without being prompted. These are examples of positive behaviors that have been instilled in them by their parents and for that reason, THANK YOU!



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Upcoming Events

- October 6 – Parent Council nomination forms due
- October 9 – Thanksgiving, no school today
- October 10 – Krispy Kreme pick up at 3:10
- October 25 – First Parent Council Meeting

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Message from the Principal - Continued

Every year, each school in the HWDSB has the possibility of reorganizing their classrooms due to an increase, or a decrease, in student population. Unfortunately, this year, Westview has had a reduction in the number of students attending our great School, and as a result we will be reorganizing our classrooms. We have had to collapse two classrooms and create one, combined class. Therefore, effective Friday, October 6, 2023, our classes will be: Gr. 6A, Gr. 6/7A, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7/8A, 8A, 8B, 8C and one Intermediate ASD classroom. With the elimination of two classrooms and the creation of a combined classroom, some students have been transferred to other classrooms. Please be assured Teachers took a great deal of time determining the make-up of the classes and we understand this can be a difficult adjustment for some, and we are here to support your child.

I would also like to say goodbye and thank you, to Miss Kircos, and Miss. Wiersma as they move on to other endeavors, and extend a warm welcome to Mr. Federico, who will take over the 8A homeroom position and Ms. Mousseau, our new Elementary Student Success Teacher...Welcome to Westview!

Due to the reduction in staff at the School, the School has had to do a change in the Break Schedules. Now, **all** students will be eating inside during the first 20 minutes of the Break and will go outside for the second half (20 minutes) of the Break.

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, I was supposed to be at Westview until Thanksgiving. Mrs. Crapsi is still off on a leave and therefore, a fresh set of Administrators will be sharing the duties of Principal at Westview starting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. The new Administrators will be Mrs. S. Costa-Popovich and Mrs. M. Finstad. They will share the duties as Principal at the school with one Administrator at the School, each day. I know the students and staff will welcome them to Westview as they have welcomed me to their school. I am certain, too, that the Parent Community will continue to demonstrate the same kind of support to the Administration as it has shown to me over the past five weeks.

Many activities have already been planned for Westview students, e.g. Cross Country, Baseball, Terry Fox Walk, Volleyball, etc. Also, the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser was a great success!

Finally, it was a PRIVILEGE being the Administrator at your School and I hope the year continues to be a success with HIGH EXPECTATIONS and the continuation of making GOOD CHOICES that demonstrate RESPECT for oneself, others and the Learning Environment.

Brian Seamans, Temporary Principal

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Parent Council

Nomination and self-nomination forms were sent home via School Messenger email in September. Please return that form by October 6th to be included in the first meeting which will take place on October 25th.

Happy Thanksgiving

Monday, October 9th is a statutory holiday and there is no school that day. The school will be closed and reopened on Tuesday, October 10th.

Drop Off and Pick Up

A very important reminder, if you drive your child to school, or pick them up at dismissal, please make arrangements with them for a safe location to do so. **The school parking lot and driveway should not be used for this purpose.** Students riding the school buses must cross the parking lot leaving no room for additional vehicles. This creates an unsafe situation. You may stop on Rolston Drive (avoiding the no parking areas designated for the buses), an adjacent side street, or Westmount Recreation Centre.

Picture Day

A retake day will be announced in the coming weeks. If you're child missed having their picture taken; stay tuned.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

This fundraiser concluded on October 2nd and orders must be picked up in the Learning Commons on Tuesday, October 10th at 3:10. Thank you for supporting our students and activities!

Lost and Found

Items in our lost and found will be available for students to search throughout the month. Please ask your student to check with us for lost items. Items not claimed by June 23rd will be donated