

Westview Elementary Newsletter



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Message from the Principal

December is a time for gratitude and reflection. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the amazing students, families and staff of the Westview community and look forward to the growth and learning that lie ahead for our Westview students in the year ahead.

There are many things to celebrate, including a new School Council to work with administration. We encourage our families to join as we would love to hear your ideas and feedback.

We appreciate the leadership we are seeing with our students, including our announcement team who start our day each and every morning on the PA system, and our snack program volunteers.

We have received an Indigo donation for our library and we are in the process of purchasing new books to engage our students in the love of reading.

We have really enjoyed watching our volleyball teams work hard to play well each game with the support of the staff. It has been a great season!

As we move into the winter holiday season, we want to thank you for your support of our students, staff and our Westview school community!

Upcoming Events

Winter Holiday - Dec. 25th to Jan 5th

Mrs. Finstad and Mrs. CP

"Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Kind"

Upcoming Events

- December 4 – School Bus Safety Presentations
- December 22 – Last Day of School before Holidays

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EQAO

Each year in May our Gr. 6 students write the EQAO assessment with other students across the province. The results of this assessment along with other data, are used to determine the learning goals of students in the school as outlined in the School Annual Plan.

The results for our Gr. 6 students in 2022/2023 that are performing at benchmark or above are as follows: Reading 69.6%, Writing 80.4% and Mathematics 20.1%. A focus of our School Annual Plan will be on Reading and Mathematics to develop the skills needed in our students in these areas.

Parking

As winter approaches, a reminder that the school parking lot is not for drop off and pick up of our students. It must be clear for staff parking as well as unloading of 2 buses. Our drop off and pick up area is on Rolston Drive in the designated area (please refer to municipal signs).

Winter Wear

The temperatures are dropping and it is getting colder outside! This is a reminder to pack warmer clothes when you are outside for recess including gloves and a hat! We have two outdoor recesses each day and we want you to be comfortable!

Volleyball

The junior girls' volleyball team showed incredible determination and improvement in their skills. Our team players were: Cilene, Julia, Jessica, Em, Misha, Lily, Jahlayah, Cloe, Isabela, Bailey, and Maddie. A special thanks to Tee-Lyne for your assistance with coaching!

Westview Spirit Days

The following events are planned for the week of December 18th -22nd. We encourage all students to participate!

December 18 - Festive Wear: wear your favourite colours of the holiday season

December 19 – Backwards Day: exactly how it sounds! Get silly and wear it backwards!

December 20 – Anything but a Backpack Day: Leave the backpack home and find a silly or creative way to carry your things!

December 21 – Dress for Winter: It's cold outside so bundle up and wear your boots, scarves, hats, and mittens!

December 22 – Pyjama Day: Wear your PJs and door decorating winners announced

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!

Food Drive

The holiday season is just around the corner. It has become a tradition at Westview School to hold a food drive for those in need in our very own Westview Community. We are asking families that are able, to donate non-perishable food items to the school from December 1st until December 14th. All items collected will be given to our local Neighbor to Neighbor organization for distribution.

Thank you for your support in making this initiative a success!