

Westview Elementary Newsletter



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Principal's Message *February 2024*

It is hard to believe that we are already pushing into March! We are now well into the second term which is an extremely important time for children to have a positive mindset towards all school activities. As we move forward, teachers will be working hard to make sure each child's needs are being met. It is an excellent help to us if parents spend some time each day discussing their child's work, reading with them, and having them share their work with you.

It is of utmost importance that our students **attend school regularly, be punctual, behave well and stay focused on their studies**. These are all life skills that are imperative for future success. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, a partnership amongst students, parents and teachers will have positive results on school achievement and better prepare our students for the future. We greatly look forward to developing and continuing this partnership.

Thank you to all who supported our Pizza Kit fundraiser which raised \$1200+. This money will help us to subsidize trips, buy sports equipment, etc. THANK YOU to Mrs. Dobrowsky and her students for spearheading this initiative.

Thank you to Mrs. Kuchma for coaching the girl's basketball team and additional thanks to all the other teachers who supported. The girls did a great job and we are very proud of them.

Swim Team tryouts will be coming up – thank you to Mr. Martindale and Mrs. Read for their time coaching the team.

Wednesday's **Pizza** sales are going great. Every Wednesday children can bring \$2 and buy a slice of Domino's Pizza (must order through classroom teacher first thing in the morning). Thank you to Mrs. Gesse, Mrs. Tapuska and Mrs. Paterson for facilitating and distributing every Wednesday.

March Break

March 11 to March 15 – The school will be closed this week

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Some Reminders

Breakfast Program

If students want to have something for breakfast the program is open from **8:15 am to 8:40 pm**. At **8:45 am** all students will go out on the playground to line up with their classes. Snacks are available daily in all classrooms. Thank you to Mrs. Mousseau, Mrs. Tapuska, Ms. Tripp, Mrs. Sorensen, Ms. Roelfson, and Ms. Huet for facilitating and supervising this great opportunity for our students.

Second Nutrition Break

Students who have **permission to leave for lunch** should not return to the property until the end of the 40-minute lunch break. Students should return promptly at 1:30 pm. Parent permission to leave means parents are accepting responsibility for the time the student is off school property.

Cell Phones

Phones are not allowed in the classroom unless students have direct teacher's permission to use them for educational purposes. Phones and social media are a **significant distraction** to children and impede their ability to stay focused and keep themselves on task. Phones are to be in lockers at all times throughout the day or kept in the principal's office or a teacher's locked cupboard. If you need to get in contact with your child throughout the day please call the school at 905-388-1502 and we will be happy to get them or pass along a message.

Busing

Please remember that buses are an extension of the school and thus all Code Of Conduct and behaviour expectations apply. If students are approved for busing they must go to the LC at the end of the day, check-in, **then remain** in the LC until the bus arrives. Any safety issues related to the buses can lead to the removal from the bus indefinitely and/or suspension. If you are interested in reading any of the HWDSB policies and procedures relating to discipline, Code of Conduct, safe schools, etc. they are on the HWDSB website at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/policies/>.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

S. Neville
Principal – Westview P.S.

Upcoming Dates of Importance

Parent Council Meeting Wednesday, February 28th from 6-7 pm

Pink Shirt Day – wear pink! Wednesday, February 28th

March 8th – last day of school before March Break

April 8th – PA Day – no school (changed from March 1st)