

Westview Elementary Newsletter



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Principal's Message May 2024

From the Principal's Desk...

It amazes me to see how fast the weather turns from cold to hot (and back again) these days. April was a busy month at Westview and May and June look to be even busier! We have/had children participating in some great extracurricular being facilitated by our fabulous Westview staff.

Thank you to Mrs. Ritson for all of her hard work with our band – they did amazingly well at Band Fest this year. The band will also be playing during our open house tomorrow between 5:30 and 6:30 pm.

Thank you to Mr. Martindale and Mrs. Read for coaching our swim team – they had an excellent meet last week and we are so proud of all of them.

The kids are excited about the orienteering trip tomorrow at Christie – thank you to Mrs. Tapuska and Mrs. Gesse for putting this together.

Mr. Feeney is having tryouts for flag football and Ms. Mousseau is having soccer at NB's when she is in the building. These are just a few of the great things happening here at Westview and I want to say thank you so much to all of the staff who take time out of their busy days to run extracurriculars, plan field trips, keep all of our IPADs and tech in good shape, take care of our sports equipment, run clubs at NBs, run the breakfast and snack program, etc. We have a great staff here at Westview who make a difference every day.

Trips, Safety and Behaviour Expectations

As fun as these events are, safety is always at the forefront of planning and if we feel that a child's inappropriate behaviour will cause a safety concern they may not be allowed to participate or may be asked to bring a parent/guardian with them on the trip. All board policies, board and school Code of Conduct, Inappropriate use of Electronic Devices policy, Safe Schools Pillar Policy, Equity and Human rights, etc. are in effect both in school and during any authorized school excursions. The Principal is responsible for the safety of ALL members of the school community and appropriate consequences will be forthcoming for any violations of the above policies (all policies are available on the HWDSB website). We do use a progressive discipline approach when dealing with any issues but inappropriate behaviour that is a significant safety concern can and will lead to loss of privileges and possible suspension. Also, violation of the Inappropriate use of Electronic Devices policy can and will lead to loss of access to devices for any purpose.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy month of May!!

Some Reminders

Open House

Please join us for Open House on Wednesday May 8th. Tour the school and meet some of our amazing staff. Please note students must be accompanied by their parent/guardian to attend. The school will be open from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Second Nutrition Break

There is a form in the Parent Portal to fill out to give your child permission to leave during 2nd break, or if you need assistance you can call the school office at 905-388-1502. Students who have **permission to leave for lunch** should not return to the property until the end of the 40-minute lunch break. They should return promptly at 1:30 pm, line up with their class and enter through the appropriate door. Parent permission to leave means parents are accepting responsibility for the time the student is off school property.

School Parking Lot

We continue to remind parents and guardians, please do not use the staff parking lot. There is no extra parking available in our lot and school buses need to be able to enter and turn around. In addition, students who ride on our two large buses must cross the lot to enter the school creating a safety concern for our students. The only available parent parking is on Rolston Drive (paying close attention to the parking signs), one of the adjacent side streets, or the Westmount Recreation Centre parking lot. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our students safe.

School Trips

End of year trips will be announced as they are organized. Information may be sent home via School Messenger, School Cash Online, or via information letter sent by the organizing teacher. Stay tuned for more information!

Commencement

The Grade 8 Commencement Ceremony will take place on Thursday June 20th at 4:00 at Westmount Secondary School. This is all of the available information at this time. Information about tickets will be sent home by the Grade 8 teachers closer to that date.

April Dates of Importance

May 8 – Orienteering Trip to Christie Conservation Area

May 8 – Open House

May 15 – Gauss Math Contest for students participating

May 15 – Parent Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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Principal – Westview P.S.