

Westview Update – October 28th, 2024

November is a month of transitions and change. The clocks move back this weekend and the leaves are starting to fall. Halloween is this week and Christmas stuff is starting to creep into the stores. We would like to welcome Mrs. Taylor who will be with us on day 4 and day 5 covering for Mrs. Mousseau and working with students on the transition from Middle to High School. Students have pretty much settled into the routines of school. Progress reports are almost done and will be sent home later in November. Parent teacher interviews are a time for staff and parents to find ways of supporting students' learning at school and at home. We are looking forward to meeting with parents and to find ways of working together to create change and maximize student potential in all areas.

STUDENT COUNCIL

We have started a student council here at Westview and have some really excited and motivated students to represent each class. Thanks to Mrs. Kuchma for helping facilitate. Some initiatives are spirit days, Halloween costume contest, talent show, theme days, etc.

EXTRA CURRICULARS and FUNDRAISING

We have three different **volleyball teams** running with the Senior boys and Senior girls at tournaments on November 8th and November 15th. Thanks so much to our coaches – Mr. Feeney, Ms. Cipolla, Mr. Ferrelli, and Mr. Flewelling.

Mrs.. Ritson is hard at work with our **band** and she has also started a **choir**. Thank you Mrs. Ritson.

Terry Fox – thank you for your support of this important initiative which helped raise \$700 plus for the Terry Fox foundation. Thank you to Mrs. Dobrowsky for spearheading this!

Indigo Love of Reading – thank you to all who contributed this year, we raised \$650 which will be used to buy more books for our Learning Commons. Big thanks to Mr. Feeney for all of his work on the application process.

Factory Shoe Outlet fundraiser is still ongoing, please mention Westview if you visit the store.

SECOND NUTRITION BREAK

If students have written parent permission they may leave school property at second nutrition break. Parents are taking responsibility for student behaviour during this time. Students who leave must be gone for the full 40 minutes and return promptly at 1:30 pm. If students are chronically late, or if issues occur, students will lose the right to go out at second break. **Please be advised** that more than one school heads to the pizza/Big Bear plaza and issues do occur. All students must sign out at the office before leaving.

PROGRESS REPORTS

The Progress Report, going home on November 19th, is just as the title suggests. It is a report on the progress of your child since the start of the school year. It will not have grades but it will comment on how well your child has progressed in the Curriculum areas as well as how well he/she has progressed in the Learning Skills (responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self-regulation). **PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS JK - 8** Parent - Teacher interviews will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 21st and the morning of November 22nd which **is a PA day**. Please keep in mind that interviews will only be scheduled in 15-minute intervals and the teachers will not be able to accommodate late arrivals.

HALLOWEEN – Students are welcome to wear an appropriate costume and bring a change of clothes, or wear black and orange, or just wear whatever makes them comfortable for the day. Please remember that masks and weapons are not allowed. We will also be selling pop and chips during second NB for \$1.00 each (Thank you Mrs. Dobrowsky for shopping).

PA DAY

A reminder that **Friday November 1st is a P.A. Day for all students**. During this time, educators and school support staff will be engaging in learning about Challenging Islamophobia and Anti-Palestinian Racism as well as planning for school improvement in reading, mathematics and student well being. We are excited to have the time to learn together.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be online on November 6th starting at 5:30 pm. If you have not signed up but are interested in being a part of our student council please let the office know. If you would like more information on what we do at parent council please feel free to contact our wonderful chairperson, Kristina Collier at KKCollier87@gmail.com.

FOCUS PROGRAMS

If your child is currently in grade 6 or 7, you may be interested in learning more about the HWDSB sports academy programs. For details regarding the upcoming information night, please see the attached flyer.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We offer a breakfast program that is open to anyone – it runs from 8:15 am to 8:40 am in the Learning Centre. Thank you to Mrs. Sorenson and Mrs. Paterson for organizing this program.



Parking Safety — The parking here at Westview is **for staff only** and is not to be used for drop-offs and pick-ups. I have had reports of students and adults being almost hit by cars that are reversing during the very busy dismissal time and the safety of all staff and students is of paramount importance at all times. We have students walking through the lot to get to the buses and also have one special bus that picks up our special needs students in the parking lot. **Please, please have safety in the forefront of your minds** if you are dropping off/picking up your children. Please do not park OR STOP in the parking lot OR either of the driveways – please make arrangements with your child to meet you in another location and please do not block buses. **Please help us keep all of our Westview students safe! Thank you for your support and cooperation.**

Ms. Neville



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1st – Last day to pay for the Grade 8 TreeTop trekking trip using school cash online – open till end of day. Cash will be accepted but School Cash online is preferable.

November 1st – PA Day, NO SCHOOL for students

November 5th – Westview Band at Westview

November 6th – Online Parent Council Meeting at 5:30 pm

November 6th and 7th – Public Health vaccines

November 7th – Grade 8 classes at TreeTop trekking (**cash online ends Friday at end of school day**).

November 8th – Senior Girls volleyball tournament at McNab

November 15th – Senior Boys at volleyball tournament at McNab

November 19th – Progress Reports sent home

November 21st – Interviews 4 – 6:30 pm.

November 21st – Sir Allan MacNab information Night

November 22nd – PA DAY – no school for students. Interview 8:30 am to 12pm

November 28th – Westmount information night