



Westview Middle School
December 2024



From the Principal's Desk...

This time of the year means many different things to different people. The traditional holiday break is eagerly anticipated by the students and staff. December is a time of celebration in many cultures and faiths. We all look forward to the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends during the special events that occur in December.

Last year at this time, the HWDSB Board of Trustees approved a Multi-Year Strategic Plan for 2023 to 2028. The new mission is: "To ensure that every student experiences a sense of belonging and engages in dynamic learning to reach their potential and build their own future." To see more details of the board plan, go to: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/hwdsb-trustees-approve-2023-2028-strategic-directions/>. Here at Westview, students, staff, families and volunteers work to help every student feel like they belong and learn every day.

Please welcome Mrs. S. Smith who will be covering for Mrs. Josefix while she is off on Maternity leave.

The holiday season is a time for giving thanks and being grateful to those around us. As a principal, I am exceptionally lucky to be blessed with such an amazing staff—teachers, educational assistants, board consultants, caretakers, and a wonderful office administrator. Aside from their fantastic classroom instruction and school duties, staff volunteer their time to provide a variety of exciting opportunities for the students at Westview.

Thank you to all of the staff, parents/guardians, and community members who spend a great deal of time and effort to create the best learning environment possible for our students. It is people like all of you that make Westview a special place to be :).

On behalf of the Westview Team may I extend our best wishes to all of you over this festive season. May you have a safe and healthy holiday break!

Sue Neville
Principal

A Message from Westview Parent Council Chair Mrs. K. Collier

Hello Westview Families,

When shopping for new boots and shoes this winter season, please be aware of our ongoing fundraiser with **Factory Shoe - Upper James location**. For every \$35 spent before taxes, our school gets a donation of \$5. Spend \$70 before tax, and we receive \$10 towards commencement and other school needs.

On behalf of parent council, we wish you a happy holiday break to spend time with your friends and family, and a Happy New Year!

Take care,

Westview Parent Council

Food Drive—we will be holding a food drive for our community partners Neighbour to Neighbour. Starting next week we will be collecting cans and dried goods to help sustain our overtaxed food banks. The goal is to **FILL THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE!** Please help—even one can or box of pasta can help.

Student Council—we have a wonderful student council that has been active in planning some fundraising activities and spirit days. They worked well together to sell hot chocolate with treats last Friday and made some money to subsidize our grade 8 commencement. Thank you to Mrs. Kuchma for organizing this group.

Some Dates to remember

December 12th—Westview Band at Westmount to enjoy their band

December 6th—National Day for Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

December 10th—International Human Rights Day

December 20th—last day of classes before break

January 6th—first day back

