

# Westview Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER #3 – November 2011

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are already into November. Colder weather is upon us and along with it many rainy days. I look through our growing lost and found pile and am amazed at the things students abandon. Please remind your children to retrieve their personal belongings from the lost and found.

Child ID program will be coming to our school on Thursday November 17. Their goal is to get all children in BC fingerprinted. There are no fees and the program is conducted by Child Find BC volunteers. All the information is given to the legal parent / guardian in case your child should ever go missing. Please read the consent form and if you want your child to participate, please complete and return the form to school no later than Thursday morning.

Remembrance Day is next Thursday, however we will be presenting our Remembrance Day assembly at 10:40 a.m. on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We would be honoured to have you join us in remembering those who have fought for our freedom and those who promote peace throughout the world. We hope to instill in our youth the kind of thoughtful reflection on past mistakes that will help them to always work to resolve their differences in a peaceful way. Please remember that school will not be in session on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara Leigh and Tracey Todd

### Westview Notice

Messages from both Westview and the School District Office are sent to families via School Connects. If you are not receiving these messages by e-mail and wish to, you may provide the school with an e-mail address. We will be sending a phone message as it pertains to reports and interviews so that those who do not receive e-mail will have an opportunity to come to the school and pick up a copy. They will be in the rack across from the office.

We will also be posting a list of teacher contact information on the Westview School website.

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/Westview.aspx>

Mrs. Barbara Leigh

Principal

### REMINDER



If you come to school late, please sign-in at the office before you go to class.

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If your child will not be coming to school, or will be late, please call the Westview Call-Back line at:

**604-903-3844**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

The Scholastic Book Fair is a great opportunity to buy reasonably priced children's books (there are always a few things for adults too) and support the Westview Library at the same time! It is our only fundraiser for the year and if we get enough sales we take a share of the profit in new books for our library.

The Book Fair will be open during **noon hour and after school (3:00 – 4:00) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday November 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>**. It will also be open before school on Wednesday: **8:00 to 9:00** and there will be an evening opening on Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

#### Students of the Week for the week of October 17, 2011:

Maya B  
Ben S  
Kaitlyn C

Bardia A T  
Kaylena W  
Nikole B



Michael S  
Gavin B  
Jacob C

#### Students of the Week for the week of October 24, 2011:

Lyric A  
Derrick S-J  
Rory W

Leanne P  
Nabeeha L  
Lyndsey G

Jad A  
Ale B

Liam D  
Wyatt S

#### Students of the Week for the week of October 31, 2011:

"Kool Katz"  
Yoshi H  
Jenna Z

Tyler P  
Takeru S

Marco O-H  
Nathan T

Kenta S  
Lara M

### Cross Country Team

The following students were members of the Westview Cross Country team this season:

Dean G.  
Arman H.  
Billy P.  
Ben S.  
Kate T.  
Abtin S.



They participated in regular practices as well as four after school races. They showed great enthusiasm and improvement. A special mention goes to Kate T. who placed 1st out of all grade 3 girls in the district in all four races! We hope to see you all again next year.

### Hot Lunch

We are happy to provide a hot lunch program for the students at Westview. For December the students who requested a lunch in November will automatically receive a letter and envelope outlining the program. If you are interested in participating in the lunch program please pick up an envelope at the school office.

Lunch Envelopes for December are due on November 17.



### Mountain West Photo Retakes

November 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am. Please send or bring a note to the office if you want a retake for your child.

### Parking Reminder

Please obey the City of North Vancouver signs on the streets surrounding Westview to ensure student safety, and remember that the parking lot is for **Westview employees staff use only**. Thank you.



### PAC Class Reps

PAC is working on filling Class Rep positions for each Division. If you are interested in facilitating communication between parents and the classroom, so that parents are up to date on what is happening in the classroom, the PAC is looking for two volunteers per classroom.

We look forward to hearing from interested parents.

### 2012 – 2013 Kindergarten Registration begins November 7, 2011

Kindergarten registration for the 2011-2012 school year begins November 7th, 2011.

Please note that local schools do not administer Kindergarten registration. All registrations are served through the Central Registration Office. They may be reached at 2132 Hamilton Ave 604-903-3368 or [registration@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:registration@nvsd44.bc.ca)

### Emergency Forms

Emergency Forms should be returned to the school as soon as possible. They give us the important information that we need to release your child in case of an emergency.

## *Sign up for a First Aid course today!* Canadian Red Cross First Aid

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**Emergency Child Care First Aid & CPR/AED** is a one-day course for parents and caregivers of children covering skills needed to recognize, prevent and respond to airway, breathing and circulation emergencies. The course covers first aid for respiratory and cardiac arrest, sudden medical emergencies, childhood illnesses, head and spine injuries, wound care and poisons. Course: **Saturday, November 26**, 9 am – 5 pm @ *St. Stephen's United Church*, 7025 Granville Street & 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Vancouver. Cost: \$90 (includes manual & certification). Information/registration: 604-669-2546, Ext. 2 or email [susancowan@telus.net](mailto:susancowan@telus.net)

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**Emergency First Aid** offers instruction on how to think, react and improvise when dealing with life threatening emergencies. The course covers initial assessment, preventing disease transmission, rescue breathing, choking, CPR, bleeding, unconsciousness, shock and secondary assessment. Course dates: **Saturday, November 5** and **Saturday, December 3**, 9 am – 5 pm @ *St. Stephen's United Church* (Granville and 54<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver). Cost: \$95 (includes manual and certification). Info/registration: 604-669-2546, Ext. 2 or email [susancowan@telus.net](mailto:susancowan@telus.net)

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**Red Cross goes On the Road!** If you have 10 or more people who want to learn either Emergency Child Care or Emergency First Aid, we'll teach the course at your facility. And if you have 15 or more youth who want to become a Babysitter, we'll teach the Babysitting course on-site. For more information or to book your group, please contact Susan Cowan at 604-669-2546, Ext. 2 or by email at [susancowan@telus.net](mailto:susancowan@telus.net)

**The message below was sent by School Connects email on behalf of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council**

North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC) invites all North Vancouver City and District parents to attend a School Trustee all-candidates meeting on November 9th.

North Vancouver City and District School Trustee All-Candidates Meeting  
Wednesday, November 9, 2011  
7pm to 9pm  
Sutherland Secondary School Theatre  
1860 Sutherland Avenue  
North Vancouver BC

**North Vancouver PAC Events Calendar**

School Trustees have an active and important role in setting direction for our schools. Over this last term, your School Board Trustees have dealt with a \$10 million district budget challenge, closed schools, established new programs, opened schools, renovated schools, re-organized special programs, set in place a new strategic plan for the School District, and represented you on numerous issues, large and small. In this coming term, the Trustees may be called upon to implement Province-wide changes to public education coming from the Ministry of Education. School Trustees provide important local elected oversight, helping the district set direction that meets local needs for the delivery of public education.

This is your chance to meet and ask questions of the candidates that will be deciding the direction of the North Vancouver School District over the next three years.

Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [rsvp@northvanpac.org](mailto:rsvp@northvanpac.org)

More info on School~District issues from NVPAC [blog.northvanpac.org](http://blog.northvanpac.org)

RSVP to NVPAC: [rsvp@northvanpac.org](mailto:rsvp@northvanpac.org)

**Newsletter by E-mail**

The newsletter will now be delivered through our "Schools Connect" System, and will also be posted to the Westview website <http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/Westview.aspx>



**StrongStart**

Welcome new and returning families to **Westview StrongStart**. StrongStart is a free early learning program for pre-school children accompanied by their parent/caregiver.

We are looking forward to another great year of learning together.

**Sessions:** Monday to Friday 9:00 to 12:00 pm. Also Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 – 3:00 pm

**Facilitator:** Carol Lundrigan

**Halloween Guessing Jar Contest**



The Grade 7s are happy to report that their Halloween Guessing Jar fundraiser brought in \$13.50! This is a good start for our Grade 7 bank account!. Congratulations to Zack M. who won the draw. Zack successfully guessed that there were 103 chocolate pumpkins in the jar! Thank you to all who paid their quarter and entered the contest.

## Remembrance Day

The students of Westview will be receiving poppies on November 11, 2011 for the Canadian Veterans. Students will be collecting monies on that day.



## **PAC HALLOWEEN HOWL**

Many thanks to the Parent Advisory Council and Nicholas who helped us last week put on another memorable Halloween Howl Dance.

## Calendar At A Glance 2011-2012



- November 2** .....Kindergarten Tour (2011-12) 1:30 pm  
**November 10** .....Remembrance Day Assembly 10:40 am  
**November 14** .....PAC Lunch order notice will go home today (approximate date)  
**November 11** .....Remembrance Day – SCHOOL CLOSED  
**November 16** .....Photo Retakes 9:00 am (Mountain West)  
**November 17** .....Child Id Program 12:45 to 3:00 pm  
**November 18** .....PAC Lunch Orders are due in your child’s classroom – NO LATE ORDERS  
**November 22** .....Hep B Clinic –Forms will be sent home with grade 6 students  
**November 23** .....Hot Lunch Envelopes Due  
**November 25** .....PAC Lunch for those who sent in orders and payment  
**November 28** .....Dance Week  
**November 28, 29, 30** .....Scholastic Book Fair  
**November 29** .....PAC Social 7:00 to 7:30 - PAC Meeting 7:30 pm
- December 2** .....Reports go home  
**December 2** .....Dance Show 2:00 to 3:00  
**December 6** .....12:30 pm Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher interviews  
**December 7** .....2:00 pm Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher interviews  
**December 5-7** .....Scholastic Book Fair  
**December 6-7** .....Interviews  
**December 8** .....Family Skate 5:00 to 7:00 pm Harry Jerome Centre  
**December 14** .....Hot Lunch Envelopes are due today  
**December 15** .....Caroling Night 6:30 pm  
**December 16** .....Last day of school before Winter Break
- January 3** .....School Reopens after Winter Break

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**“All About Me, I.D.”– Child Find BC**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Westview School is offering a valuable community service through **Child Find BC**. This initiative is designed to provide accurate documentation about your child in the event that they go missing.

**Child Find BC**, in cooperation with the RCMP auxiliary, will be at Westview School on **November 17th from 12:45 – 3 pm**. If you are interested in having an “All About Me, I.D.” booklet that includes your child’s finger prints and photograph, please complete the consent section below and return it to the teacher by **November 7th, 2011**. The only copy of your child’s fingerprints is given to the parent/guardian. Child Find does not retain any information or documentation regarding your child.

The Child Find booklet is strictly for you and your child to have for emergency purposes. Much of the information in the booklet is completed by the parents after the fingerprints are completed. It is recommended that parents update the information within the book on a regular basis so that it remains accurate. If you would like further information on the content of the Child Find Booklet, it is available at [www.childfindbc.com](http://www.childfindbc.com)

As we have never offered this service, and are not certain what the level of interest will be, should there be too many requests for the times we have allocated, then the Child Safe Team will return later in the spring to complete this service to our community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. B. Leigh, Principal

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**Westview School: “All About Me, I.D.” – Child Find BC**  
**November 17th, 2011**

I give my consent and would like my child’s fingerprints and photo recorded in our own personal copy of the “All About Me, I.D.” booklet during sessions taking place at Westview School on November 17th 12:45 to 3:00 pm.

I understand that the information provided in the “All About Me, I.D.” booklet is for my personal use and that no information is retained by Child Find B.C.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Childs Name

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Child’s grade

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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*Dear Parents,*

*Thank you for your ongoing patience and attention to school related matters during Phase 1 of BCTF strike action. I have had a number of questions from parents about when, where and how you can communicate with teachers about the progress of your children.*

*The NVTA has indicated that teachers will continue to focus on instruction and will continue to assess student progress. While the Labour Relations Board essential services order provides that teachers need not:*

- Participate in meetings or interviews with parents/guardians outside of instructional time, or*
- Participate in meet the teacher activities outside of instructional time, or*
- Prepare or distribute report cards*

*The NVTA has confirmed that teachers may continue to communicate with parents in informal meetings, phone calls and emails to discuss student progress. This includes teacher participation in the upcoming early dismissal day scheduled for Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:10 pm and Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. As such, if you wish to arrange a meeting or have questions regarding your son's/daughter's progress, please contact the appropriate teacher directly. You will find the teacher contact information on the Westview School Website at*

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/Westview.aspx>

*Further, although teachers need not prepare or distribute report cards during Phase 1, they are assessing and evaluating your son/daughter on a regular basis and can provide you with up to date progress status in the curricular areas of instruction.*

*If a concern arises regarding communications between teachers and parents, parents may wish to contact the NVTA office for clarification, or contact the school principal or vice-principal.*

*As the strike continues, I will provide regular updates to you and encourage you to go to websites listed on the school page for up to date information. Again, I thank you for your ongoing support to the school and for your patience at this time.*

*Barbara Leigh  
Principal*