

Westview Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER #2 – October 2011

We're on our way!

October is here and students are well into the routines of school. While we've had some challenges at start up, it has been a great start to this school year. Thanks to everyone who attended our first PAC meeting. I've attached the minutes to the end of the newsletter and we look forward to meeting more families and children at our other events planned this month.

Mark these Free PAC events on your calendar:

Movie Night – Thursday October 13 Doors open at 6:00 pm Movie starts at 6:30 pm.

Halloween Howl – Thursday October 27 The fun starts at 7:00 pm

The PAC is looking for reps to assist with the PAC duties. If you'd like to volunteer as a contact, please drop your contact information in the PAC box located in the entrance foyer.

We have now received Board approval for the School Plan. You can review our plan on the school website at www.westviewelementary.ca. The goals and strategies continue to be addressed by teachers and students. We look at literacy and numeracy progress at regular intervals and adjust our teaching strategies as we see fit. We were fortunate to have a visiting professor of Mathematics spend some time in two of our classes on Thursday October 6. Check out the NVSD Learning Services link: <http://learningservicesnvsd44.edublogs.org/>

Some of our Westview classes have been equipped this year with technological tools. Mrs. Clark /Mrs. Fletcher's classroom as well as Mrs. Smallridge's classroom have smartboards they are using to instruct components of the curriculum. Mrs. Seward/Mrs. Chapman's classroom is exploring learning through the use of two ipads. We are excited to have this opportunity and look forward to hear more about these and how they are supporting student achievement in the months to come.

Thanksgiving day takes place on Monday, October 11th and the school will be closed. I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and returns to school well rested on Tuesday.

Happy Autumn,
Barbara Leigh and Tracey Todd

Parent Advisory Council - PAC

The PAC meets on the last Tuesday, of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 25th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Photo Retake Day

The photographer will be here November 16th at 9:00 am for retake photos. Please send or bring a note to the office if you want a retake for you child.

Student of the Week

Students of the Week for the week
September 19, 2011:

Justin Wheatley
Kai Furukawa
Matei Ududec

Braydon Huynh
Angie Janis
April Leslie

Vitor Akiyama
Kianna Smith-JenningTheron Montecillo

Sashlee Konjini

Students of the Week for the week
October 3, 2011:

Adam Shea
Dean Gotto
Kaitlyn Cragg

Zohrah Khalili
Zya Tale
Liam Desjarlais

Nikkolas Montecillo
Anna Mullin

Mason Foster
Romina Zarei

Terry Fox Run

Thank you for donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. We collected almost \$199.00 this year. Way to go Westview!



Artists for Kids

REGISTER NOW!

The next session of very popular AFK after school art classes will began the week of September 21, 2011 AFK information sheets may be picked up at Westview. Artists For Kids is again offering an amazing variety of classes: Art For Small Hands, Primary Painting, Artful Adventures, Clay Creations, Cartooning, Digital Photography, Adventures in Drawing, Jewellery Making, and Figure Drawing .

Visit their website at www.artists4kids.com to view all the exciting programming details.

TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL THE ARTISTS FOR KIDS OFFICE AT 604-903-3798



Hot Lunch

We are happy to provide a hot lunch program for the students at Westview. For November the students who requested a lunch in October 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 November are due on October 19th.

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.

Student Planners

Westview Student Planners (Agendas) are available at the office at a cost of \$9.00.

Newsletter by E-mail

The newsletter will now be delivered via our "Schools Connect" System.



Canadian Red Cross First Aid Courses

Sign up for an Emergency First Aid course today!
Canadian Red Cross First Aid Courses

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. Courses: **Saturday, November 5 & Saturday, December 3**, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm @ *St. Stephen's United Church*, 7025 Granville Street and 54th Avenue in Vancouver. Cost: \$95 (includes manual and certification). Info/registration: 604-669-2546, Ext. 2 or email susancowan@telus.net

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

A reminder about filming, photography and student privacy

With all the exciting school activities that occur throughout the year, we provide this consideration regarding the filming and sharing of student photographs and videotapes of student events.

Parents are welcome to photograph and videotape school events. However, the potential promotion, exchange or sharing of student images raises privacy issues that are important to be aware of.

A parent wishing to film or photograph students and then post these images to a website (i.e. YouTube) **needs to have signed permission for the students (provided by parents or guardians in the case of minors) in the video before posting their photos.** To do so without signed permission is a violation of student privacy.

While any liability would lie with the photographer/videographer in a situation like this, we feel it's important to remind all parents to respect the privacy of other students and their families. While it's understandable that many families would appreciate being able to exchange photographs or videotapes of school events, privacy concerns must take precedence.

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 (604) 998—0172

Calendar At A Glance 2011-2012



October 4	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
October 7	9:30-10:15 a.m. Fire Safety Assembly Gr. 1, 2, 3,
October 10	Thanksgiving Day – Students not in attendance
October 12	African Dance Troupe 9:00 a.m.
October 13	PAC Movie Night 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (movie will start promptly at 6:30)
October 14	Fire Drill 10:00 am
October 19	Hot Lunch Envelopes Due
October 19	Kindergarten information meeting 7:00 p.m. Lucas Centre
October 20	Beaver Tales (Parks Canada Show) 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
October 20	Great BC Shakeout Drill 10:40 a.m.
October 21	Province Wide Professional Day – Students not in attendance
October 25	PAC Meeting 7:00
October 27	PAC Halloween Howl
November 2	1:30 pm Kindergarten Tour
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:40 am
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 16	Photo Retakes 9:00 a.m. start
November 17	Child ID Program at 3:00 p.m.
November 22	Hep B Clinic Grade 6 Students
November 23	Hot Lunch Envelopes Due
November 28, 29, 30 ...	Scholastic Book Fair

NOTES FROM THE PAC PRESIDENT:

Welcome back everyone. I hope everybody is ready for another great year at Westview.

On behalf of the Parent Advisory Committee I would like to welcome all new and returning families to Westview. I encourage everyone to become involved with the PAC. We meet once a month at 7:00 p.m. and babysitting is available. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

The PAC works together with teachers and staff to raise money to buy things such as art supplies, books, computers and we help to finance field trips. We also coordinate parent volunteers for school activities.

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful school and look forward to working with you to make our school a great place for your child to learn.

Chena Binns
Westview PAC President

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PARENT E-MAIL NETWORK CONSENT
2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Division: _____

Student Last Name: _____ Student First Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parents/Guardians First Names (Usual Names): _____

Signature: _____

PARENT E-MAIL NETWORK

To keep parents well informed, **Westview Elementary PAC** is establishing an e-mail list to be used for PAC purposes only. E-mail messaging is an important way to keep up-to-date on school events and PAC. Your e-mail address will NOT be published but will be used to dispatch information through a PAC e-mail fan-out structure within our school.

- YES _____ I would like to receive PAC e-mail communication at the following e-mail address:

_____ @ _____ . _____

- NO _____ I do not want to receive PAC e-mail communications.

Thank you.
Westview PAC

WPAC

27 Sept 2011 – Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Chena Binns – President	Lisa Michelacci-Davis – Treasurer
Candace Travis – Vice President	Chera Aboukinane – Secretary (as of this meeting)
Trish Muirhead	Susan Sandrin
Hamid Soltani	Mandy Taylor
Felix Suganob	N. Huaman
Miyuki Konjini	Pen Hsuan Hsing
Tracey Vollendorf	Barbara Leigh – Principal
Tracey Todd – Vice Principal	Mauricio Akiyama
Holly Gauthier	

*Approval of Agenda: Lisa, Seconded: Mandy, All in Favour: Yes

*Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Lisa, Seconded: Susan, All in Favour: Yes

Elections:

Chena Binns – President	Candace Travis – Vice President
Lisa Michelacci-Davis – Treasurer	Chera Aboukinane - Secretary

DPAC – Cindy Gerlach is our representative
School Planning Committee – Chena and Tracey V.
PAC Lunch Coordinator – Tracey V.
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Tracey V.
Fundraising Coordinator – TBD at next meeting

Principal and Vice Principal Report

Welcome Back!

Mrs. Leigh mentioned that this year had a smooth start and that much work was done over the summer. There are 10 divisions this year and many new Westview staff/teachers.

Mrs. Leigh also thanked the PAC for the 2 iPads and passed them around for all to check out. She mentioned some great Apps and the projects that Mrs Chapman and Mrs Seward were working on. Mrs. Todd informed the group about her new position as Vice Principal, as well as Librarian and LAC. She also is working on a project with grades 5/6/7 student to increase their general computer skills.

Welcome!

Teachers Update – Mrs Muirhead

Mrs. Muirhead gave an update about Job Action (some reasoning behind the current status and some information about Phase 1 – there will be no report cards, no collecting of fees/money, no handing out of notices and the like until an agreement)

She wanted to ensure the group that students are the #1 priority and that they are doing their very best to keep things going as best as can be under the current circumstances.

She also raised the request from the primary teachers for the PAC to pay for hosting a play ‘Justine’s Beavers’ (about environment and environment issues/awareness, \$150).

*Motion for PAC to pay this expense: Chena, Seconded: Susan, All in favour: Yes

Also of note: the multi-purpose room is now used as a classroom for grades 6 and 7.

Report of Committees

School Planning Committee – No update

Emergency Preparedness – Tracey and Holly will discuss and recommend some items to purchase for classroom comfort kits. To be discussed and agreed upon at next meeting.

Also agreed that the water in the Emergency Kits most likely needs to be replaced.

Fundraising – All present agreed to the following so far:

*Welcome: Movie Night (planned for Oct 13th, Thursday from 6-8:30 – ‘Halloween Buddies’

*Halloween Howl – Oct 27th, school dance in costume, \$2 ea or \$5 per family (we’ll sell pizza and juice again and plan some activities such as a costume contest and dance contest, etc)

*QSP – magazine sales

*Bulbs

*Innesbrook

*PAC Lunches – once per month. Lisa and Candace to learn process in order to support and stand in if necessary.

Candace to research The Card Project and discuss with Mrs. Todd is possible to use library time to complete art

More fundraising to be discussed at next meeting.

Additional Items

*Motion was put forth for the purchase of flowers for Leslie (previous school secretary)

Motioned: Chena, Seconded: Candace, All in Favour: Yes

*Chena suggested researching some workshops surrounding Internet Awareness for Parents. All present agreed it was a great topic and would entertain expensing the workshops. Chena to get details.

PAC to work on fulfilling Class Rep roles for each division. PAC to send out request to parents.

Treasurer’s Report

Current Budget handed out.

Gaming Acct Balance: \$0.16

General Acct Balance: \$6,901.35

#001 Flex Term Acct Balance: \$5,000.00 (due February 2012)

All present accepted the current budget as presented.

Next PAC Meeting 25 Oct 2011 Tuesday at 7pm All are welcome to attend!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Minutes Prepared by Candace Travis

Thank you to everyone for attending! Here’s to a great 2011-2012 School Year!