

Westview Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER #1 – September 2011

Welcome to a New School Year!

It is my pleasure to welcome all our families to the beginning of a new school year at Westview. I speak on behalf of all the staff when I say how excited and pleased I am to see all the familiar faces and some new ones walking through our halls and classrooms.

Since June, things have again changed, as they often do. It is with pleasure that I welcome new members to our staff. Mrs. Tracey Todd will be the new Vice Principal, Librarian and Learning Assistance Teacher. Mrs. Christine Borden is our new Administrative Assistant. Mr. Graham Bowering is our new Learning Support Teacher. I also welcome new support staff: Jeanette Baker and Cara Elrod. Another change is that StrongStart (with Carol Lundrigan as facilitator) has moved inside the building.

We have a great staff this year.
Mrs. Donaldson – Kindergarten
Mrs. Holliday - Kindergarten
Mrs. Tarves – Grade 1
Mrs. Smallridge – Grade 1/2
Mrs. Muirhead – Grade 2/3
Mrs. Seward/ Mrs.Chapman – Grade 3
Mrs. Vennels – Grade 4
Mrs. O'Neill – Grade 5/6
Mrs. Fletcher – Grade 6/7
Mrs. Clark – Grade 6/7
Mr. George Madi – ESL/LAC

This newsletter and the calendar are filled with important information about the school, its routines and special events to put in your own calendar. Our Newsletter is our main channel of communication with our families. Please take a few minutes each month to read through it with your children and feel free to stop in at the office if you have questions about anything.

Our school website is under construction at this time. We hope to get it up to date by the end of the September. Thanks for understanding. Remember to visit the school district website as well at www.nvsd44.bc.ca.

We are looking forward to another fabulous year with the Westview community and I know that as we work together, we are raising a great future generation. Welcome back!

Barbara Leigh
Principal

Student of the Week

Students of the Week for the week ending June 6, 2011:

Wiktoría L.	Zoe C.
Mya B.	Isiah G.
Tyler P.	Calvin L.
Vincent E.	Arman H.
Emma T.	Tyler G.
Artin S.	Eva S.
Rafael Q.	

Students of the Week for the week ending June 13, 2011:

Johnny M.	Michael S.
Chris B.	Bardia A.
Dylan	Dylan A.
Dawna E.	Kyle A.
Kenta S.	Araman H.
Korbin G.	Hannah M.
Ellise C.	

Students of the Week for the week ending June 20, 2011

Rowyn D.	Andrew C.
Ivan F.A.	Tyler C.
Shervin E.	Arshia M.
Arshia M.	Cyrus E.
Jack T.	Chris B.
Ben S.	Kara B.

School Fees

As a service to parents, our Kindergarten teachers have offered to collect \$35.00 per student to pre-purchase Kindergarten consumable supplies to enhance their program. Parents who prefer to provide or purchase their own supplies for their children may contact the school for a complete Kindergarten supply list.

Band Grade 5 - 7

To register your child for the Elementary Band Program please complete the registration form (available at the office) and return it to your school office along with your payment of \$460.00.



Photo Day *Picture Day!* is Wednesday, September 14th for individual student photos.

Hot Lunch

We are happy to provide a hot lunch program for the students at Westview. If you are interested in participating, please fill in the envelopes carefully and return them on time (3rd Wednesday of every month with some exceptions) as we are only sent adequate food for the number of students actually registered. If you are able to pay the full amount please do so, but do not let your financial situation stop you from participating. Our aim is to ensure that all students are able to enjoy a healthy lunch no matter what their circumstances are.

Lunch envelopes for October are due on September 21st.

School Calendar

You will find attached a calendar of school Holidays and Professional Development days. There are many things you can expect to hear more about as they come nearer. As always our grade six students can look forward to receiving their Hepatitis B Immunization sometime this year. The Grade 6 and Grade 3 students will be attending Outdoor School in May.

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.

Lates and Absences

It is important if your child is going to be absent or late please call the call-back line at 604-903-3844 and leave a message.

The **phone at the office** is not available for personal use. Play dates must be arranged at home **prior** to the day of the play date.



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

Terry Fox Run

Friday, September 23rd is the Terry Fox Run. Please bring a Toonie for Terry.



Newsletter by E-mail

For environmental reasons our monthly newsletters will soon be delivered through our "Schools Connect" System. Please make sure we have a current e-mail for your family. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. We will continue to have a few hard copies available at the office each month.



Parking and Drop Off

The parking at the front of the school is for staff only. Please use the drop area on 16th Avenue.

Personal Items

Please encourage your child to leave all valuables at home. Students do not require electronic items at school and will not be permitted to use ipods or MP3 players at school. While we will allow students to have their cell phones, they must be **turned off** from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. and used only off the school grounds. The school cannot be held responsible for the safety of these items.

Anything with wheels is not to be used on the school ground between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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.

Start date: Monday September 12, 2011

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

Facilitator: Carol Lundrigan

Call Westview School for more information at (604) 903-3840

Calendar at a Glance 2011 – 2012

- **September 6** – School Opens
- **September 14** – Individual Photos
- **September 21** – Hot Lunch Envelopes Due
- **September 23** – Terry Fox Run
- **September 26** – **School-based Professional Day – Students not in attendance**
- **September 27** – PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- **October 4** – Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
- **October 10** – Thanksgiving Holiday
- **October 19** – Hot Lunch Envelopes Due
- **October 21** – Provincial Wide Professional Day



B C School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program

We are pleased to announce our school has been accepted into the B C School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program sponsored by B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and ActNowBC. Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh B.C. Fruits and Vegetables to the students during classroom time. The students will receive picked, washed and ready to enjoy produce for 13 weeks at no charge. If you **do not wish** your child to participate or you need to alert us to certain food allergies, please visit the school office.

Parent Advisory Council

The PAC Executive looks forward to welcoming all the returning and new families of the Westview School Community. We hope that you will attend our first PAC meeting on Tuesday September 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm. It's a great way to meet parents of other children in the school and it's a great way to get involved and make your child's school experience at Westview the best that it can be.

Chena Binns
Westview PAC President

Volunteer Driver Requirements

The School District works closely with the Schools Protection Program in ensuring the safety of our students within the school as well as when the students are away on field trips. Our requirements are updated from time to time and we have recently revised the requirements for volunteer drivers. We now require volunteer drivers to provide a transcript of their driving record annually. You can get a free copy of your B.C. driving record once per year from a driver licensing office. It can be obtained immediately if you go in person or ask that it be faxed to you. Here's the process:

1. Go to any driver licensing office. Bring:
 - your B.C. driver's license, or
 - one piece of primary identification and a second piece of either primary or secondary ID.
2. Receive a copy of your driving record from licensing staff.
3. You can also call 604-661-2255 and it will be mailed or faxed to you.

The transcript will be reviewed by a school administrator to determine the driver's suitability.

No Child Without.

Our school is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's **No Child Without** program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

Morning Procedures:

Starting on Monday September 19, 2011, our morning school procedures will be as follows: The main doors will be locked until the bell rings at 8:55 am. Only the students in the upper hall should enter through the front door. Mrs. Seward/Mrs. Chapman's class, Mrs. Muirhead's class, Mrs. Donaldson's class and Mrs. Holliday's classes will enter through their classroom doors. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Fletcher's classes need to line up at the side door. We ask that the students line up outside their classroom doors and to wait for their teachers to let them in.

Thank you for your cooperation.

North Vancouver School District School Calendar 2011/2012

Days in session 193

Minimum number of days of instruction 186

Maximum number of non-instructional days 6

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 6, 2011
School-based Professional Day	Monday, September 26, 2011
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2011
Province-wide non-instructional day	Friday, October 21, 2011
Remembrance Day	Friday, Nov. 11, 2011
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 16, 2011
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2012
District non-instructional day (Curriculum Implementation)	Monday, January 16, 2012
District non-instructional day	Friday, February 24, 2012
Schools close for Spring vacation (includes 5 local calendar days)	Friday, March 9, 2012
Spring vacation period	March 12-23, 2012
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 26, 2012
Good Friday Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 6, 2012
Easter Monday Statutory Holiday	Monday, April 9, 2012
District non-instructional day	Friday, May 4, 2012
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 21, 2012
School-based Professional Day	Wednesday, June 28, 2012
Administrative Day	Thursday, June 29, 2012
Schools Close for Summer Vacation	Thursday, June 29, 2012

Westview Instructional/Bell Schedule for 2011/2012

Entrance Bell	8:55 AM	to	9:00 AM
First Instructional Period	9:00 AM	to	10:20 AM
Recess	10:20 AM	to	10:35 AM
Second Instructional Period	10:35 AM	to	12:10 PM
Lunch	12:10 PM	to	12:55 PM
Entrance Bell (end of lunch)	12:55 PM	to	1:00 PM
Third Instructional Period	1:00 PM	to	3:00 PM

Promoting a Safe and Healthy School Environment for Children with Medically Diagnosed Life Threatening Conditions

Ensuring a safe and healthy school environment is a responsibility shared by students, parents and staff. It is important that all members of the school community are aware of their role in promoting that child's safety. Please notify the school if your child has any or all of the following:

A **MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED** health condition/s, which may require emergency care at school. Such as: anaphylaxis, diabetes, severe asthma, seizure disorder, blood clotting disorders or serious heart conditions. (Please contact the school office to complete a Medical Alert Information Sheet.)

Westview Staff List 2011-2012

Principal	Mrs. Barbara Leigh
Vice Principal	Mrs. Tracey Todd
Teachers	Mrs. Tracey Chapman
	Mrs. Kammi Clark
	Mrs. Cindy Donaldson
	Ms. Alexis Fletcher
	Mrs. Deborah Holliday
	Mrs. Trish Muirhead
	Ms. Leanne O'Neill
	Mrs. Suzanne Seward
	Mrs. Barb Smallridge
	Mrs. Leslie Tarves
	Ms. Tracey Vennels
	Mr. George Madi
	Ms. Tracey Todd
	Mr. Graham Bowering
	Ms. Kelly-Erin Ketchen
	Mr. Kostos Roumalis
	Ms. Kathy Larock
	Ms. Chantel Newman
	Mrs. Fatima Jaffer
	Mrs. Leslie Pasternak
	Ms. Christine Borden
	Ms. Mary Fletcher
	Mrs. Courtney Kessel, Ms. Jeanette Baker
	Mrs. Julie Gushue
	Ms. Cara Elrod
	Mrs. Bobbie Goodsell
	Mrs. Sandra Huynh
	Ms. Amanda Mielty
	Ms. Kim Pedley
	Mr. Jeremy Phipps
	T.B.A.
	Ms. Judi Isreal
	Mrs. Fran Blake
	Ms. Gayle Weyell
	Ms. Mary Morrison
	Mr. Gary Davies
	Ms. Carol Lundrigan
Hot Lunch	
Speech Pathologist	
School Psychologist	
District Resource Teacher	
Crossing Guard	
Custodian	
StrongStart	

WESTVIEW BEHAVIOUR GOALS FOR THE YEAR

<u>SEPTEMBER -</u>	BEING RESPECTFUL IN THE CLASSROOM
<u>OCTOBER -</u>	BEING OPEN-MINDED AND COOPERATIVE IN THE CLASSROOM
<u>NOVEMBER -</u>	BEING KIND AND SAFE IN THE CLASSROOM
<u>DECEMBER -</u>	BEING RESPECTFUL IN THE HALLWAYS AND WASHROOMS
<u>JANUARY -</u>	BEING OPEN-MINDED AND COOPERATIVE IN THE HALLWAYS
<u>FEBRUARY -</u>	BEING KIND IN THE HALLWAYS AND COOPERATIVE IN THE WASHROOMS
<u>MARCH -</u>	BEING SAFE IN THE HALLWAYS AND WASHROOMS
<u>APRIL -</u>	BEING RESPECTFUL ON THE PLAYGROUND
<u>MAY -</u>	BEING OPEN MINDED AND COOPERATIVE ON THE PLAYGROUND
<u>JUNE -</u>	BEING KIND AND SAFE ON THE PLAYGROUND

September Behaviour Goal

Being Respectful in the Classroom

- ✓ Arrive to school on time
- ✓ Work quietly with inside voices
- ✓ Use appreciative statements, not put-downs
- ✓ Use active listening - eyes on speaker
- ✓ Cooperate and include others
- ✓ Allow one person to speak at a time (put your hand up)
- ✓ Use eye contact to communicate
- ✓ Do your work in class (use your time wisely)
- ✓ Complete homework on time
- ✓ Respect other people's property
- ✓ Keep classroom neat and tidy