



Westcot Elementary School

PAC MEETING

16 OCTOBER 2024 / 9:30 AM / ONLINE MS TEAMS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you

- RAZ Kids
- World Teachers Day Lunch
- Created by Kids
- Emergency Preparedness Bin Clean Up and Inventory - Food does not need an overhaul replacement, but we do need 8 headlamps
- Classroom Funds - new base drum in music. We will see it at Kay Meek
- Karen Parhar - Diwali displays and classroom connections
- Rocks and Rings (Curling with Ms. Marshall) on March 11 - 14
- Have 10 virtual boards from the District waiting to install

Enrolment and Staffing

- Registrations on Oct 15th for all Kindies and In-Catchment kids. So far 48 registered
- No need to re-register once in Westcot
- Grade 7s have choice in January to go to either WVSS or Sentinel and do not need to register. If you want to go to Rockridge, then you **DO** need to register. Open Houses for high schools will be in January
- January 15, 2025 for out-of-district registrations
- We have 8 UBC Teacher candidates working alongside our staff. Two week practicum begins Oct 21. They are in the Kindie, Grade 1, Grade 3, Grade 6 and 7 classrooms.
- Ms. Lowe - Gr 2 & Ms. Lazarus - Gr 5 EA, have both returned from Mat Leave

- Ms. Kainer - ELL will be returning at a later date

Special Events/Sports

- Volleyball Season - 1st game next week in new jerseys (the legacy gift from last year grade 7s)
- Emergency Drills - Fire and Earthquake, Toonies for Tremors, Shake Out BC
- Grade 4 - 7 Choir with Ms. Fulton - first performance will be the Nov 8th Remembrance Day assembly
- New Four Squares painted - Thank you to West Van Schools
- Plant a Tree Program - on Oct 23, a partnership with Westcot and City 4 Trees will be planting 3 Maple and 1 Dogwood tree). Organized by Mrs. Foster
- Grade 4 will do a similar program with City at Hugo Ray Environmental Stewardship
- Family Teams - at next Family Teams, Gr 7s to build leadership skills teaching board games
- Book Fair Nov 4 - 8 Reach out to Ms. Hunt if you would like to help
- Remembrance Day Assembly Nov 8 at 11:00am
- Choir and Band Christmas Performance at St David's on Dec 12th - Congratulations to Reverend Leslie who is the new church Reverend.
- Sing-a-Long on Dec 20th at 11:00am

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2024-2026

- UFLI - Ridgeview staff have come to learn from us, continue to be leaders in this work
- Grade 4 - 7 Focus on Making Words - Content area vocabulary/spelling
- Grade 4 - 7 Word Journals
- Thank you to WPAC for supporting our school FESL with the purchase of RAZ Kids for home reading - this truly is a Community of Learners
- Year 1 Writing - School Wide Write - Special People and Places

Considerations

- **Upgrade to Kindie/Primary Playground** - District Grant Pursuit (Multi-year plan. Begin the process and get in the queue with the District, and begin to save)
- **Egress** - walkway outside primary doors. Get some money from the Tremors budget? Approaching some local concrete businesses for donation. There is also a TD Bank donation coming in.
- **Class set of iPads** - Classes use them to do movie creation, iMovie program, You Fly, Mr. Mee uses them too for music. Would want one cart with 30 iPads. Roughly \$17,000-\$24,000 depending on warranty options.
- **Emergency Preparedness** - need 8 headlamps

WPAC EXEC NEW MEMBERS

- 2nd Volunteer Coordinator - Mo with Leila
- 2nd DPAC Rep - Jessie with Lirica

HOT LUNCH

- No update. Everything is going smoothly

FINANCIAL REPORT

- \$24K in Fun Lunch sales to date
- \$8120 received for Gaming Grant
- \$14,100 cheque written to Westcot - discretionary funds (including classrooms, PE, Library, Music, ELL, Counseling)

DPAC

- DPAC is there to strengthen the engagement of the PAC's and share resources, etc.
- Schools were asked to check their websites are accurate

- A reminder to apply for the School Travel Mini Grant of \$300, for signage, hi-vis vests, cones, etc.
- There will be a District Parent Education session on AI on October 24, 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

- Hoodie + Beanie - order is done and will be delivered today. After all pre-purchased items are handed out, the surplus will be made available on Munchalunch
- Pink Shirt Day - will students create the design? Cathie to confirm
- Holiday event/activity for teachers - Cathie to confirm

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am