



Westview P.S. June 2025



From the Principal's Desk...

It was great to see so many parents out for our Open House on May 8th. Thank you to our wonderful staff for organizing such a great event. Our band and choir were amazing, and I hope you all got a chance to see them. Thank you to Mrs. Ritson and Mrs. Read for all of your hard work with these groups. Our grade 8 students had a great time at Onondaga Camp— big thanks to Mrs. Kuchma, Ms. Cipolla, Mr. Elston, and Ms. Mousseau for their time, effort and enthusiasm! The grade 7's had a fantastic trip to see a Jays game and visit the Aquarium – big thank you to Mrs. Dobrowsky, Mr. Ferrelli, Mrs. Read, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Flewelling, Mrs. Smith and Miss Sam for supporting such a wonderful experiential learning experience for students. The swim team had a fun and successful meet on May 21st (finally) – thank you to Mr. Martindale and Mrs. Read for coaching! Mrs. Cipolla and Mr. Feeney will be taking a team to an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament on the 29th and Track and Field is up and running and the meet is on June 9th. Westview staff are amazing and work hard to provide as many opportunities as possible for our students. Thank you so much to all of the staff who take time out of their busy days to run these great programs for students. A big thank you as well to our parent volunteers for all of their work with fundraising, volunteering, etc. A big thank you to all of our families and community members who donated money to support our trips this year – it is greatly appreciated.

Lates – I have noticed an increasing number of students being late for school, some on a daily basis. Our school day begins at 8:50 am and all students need to be on time to enter the school with their class. It is extremely disruptive to the learning of all and to the running of the school when students are late. Please plan appropriately to have children here on time and ready to learn.

Early Pick-up – if you must pick up your child early for any reason please enter this intent into the safe arrival program. All children who are to be dismissed early will need to be picked up at the office. Please limit early pick ups to emergencies only as the office is a very busy place and it is again disruptive to the classroom, and the school, to continually buzz in and locate students for pick up.

Trips, Safety and Behaviour Expectations

We have some great trips and school activities planned for June and they are all great experiences for students. However, safety is always at the forefront of planning and if we feel that a child's inappropriate behaviour will cause a significant safety concern they may not be allowed to participate unless a parent also attends. All board policies, board and school Code of Conduct, Equity policy, Safe Schools, etc. are in effect both in school and during any authorized school excursions. The principal is responsible for the safety of ALL members of the school community and appropriate consequences will be forthcoming for any violations of the above policies (all policies are available on the HWDSB website). We do use a progressive discipline approach when dealing with any issues but inappropriate behaviour that is a significant safety concern can and will lead to loss of privileges and suspension. Also, violation of the Inappropriate use of Electronic Devices policy can and will lead to loss of access to devices for any purposes.

Farewell and welcome - We will be saying goodbye to Mr. Lees who has retired after 31 years of teaching. Mr. Lees made an impact in many ways during his time here at Westview and he will be missed. Thank you to Ms. Moore for filling into for Mr. Lees until the end of the year. I am also pleased to announce that Ms. Mousseau will be on our staff full time next year as the Grade 6 Math/Science/PEH teacher.

Parent Council - A sincere thank you to our parent council members led by Mrs. Kristina Collier as chair. We greatly appreciate the participation of all and your ongoing support for our Westview staff and students.

Next Year - please find below the school organization for next year. We will be having 14 classes next year. As indicated in last months newsletter we appreciate your trust in our professional judgment in balancing all the considerations that come into play when creating classes. The final decision for class placements is the responsibility of the principal. If you have further information regarding your child's learning needs that we should consider, please make sure you have discussed the specifics with your child's teacher. We will not entertain requests for specific teachers, split grades vs. straight, or groupings of students. A reminder that the board has directed that class placements will not be shared with parent/guardians until the end of August via the Parent Portal.

I hope you all have a safe, happy and stress-free summer with your families and friends!

S. Neville – Principal

2024/2025 School Organization **subject to change*

6A: C. Gesse and EA A. Parchimowicz
6B: P. Mousseau
7A: E. Dobrowsky and EA N. Sorensen
7B: A. Ferrelli
7C: E. Read
7D: M. Feeney
8A: J. Elston
8B: C. Cipolla
8C: A. Kuchma
8D: P. Martindale
Core French: B. Flewelling
Core French: 6 K. Josefik
Learning Resource: S. Tapuska
ASD: E. Toohey-Phillipson and EAs J. Roelfson and K. Merritt
Music: N. Ritson
ESL: To be determined
SST: To be determined

Dates to Remember

May 29th – Ultimate Frisbee tournament

June 2nd to June 5th – EQAO testing for Grade 6

June 6th – PA Day NO SCHOOL for students

June 9th – Track and Field meet

June 13th – school trip to Splitsville

June 17th – AIM trip to the Escape Room

June 20th - Commencement Rehearsal at 2:00

June 23rd – Grade 8 Commencement starts at 4:30 pm

June 24th—Grade 7 Park Trip 10:00 to 2:00

June 25th – feeder school visits to Westview (new grade 6's and 7s)

June 26th – Last day of school for students

