



School Newsletter



With the warmer temperatures and spring like weather finally here, we are into our last two months of the school year. On April 23rd, our staff and students recognized Earth Day by picking up litter and sticks around the school property. It was fantastic to see our students giving back to our school community and taking responsibility for our environment. The week of May 7th is Education Week and our school will be hosting our Open House on Thursday, May 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. During our open house, we will be hosting our Multicultural Food Night. In the past, families have brought in dishes from their home country and shared them with our community. This year, we will be setting up tables around the gym and are hoping you would like to bake/cook a dish to bring with you. Plates, napkins and forks, and tablecloths will be provided. If you are bringing in a dish to share, please fill out the form that was sent home and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible so that we can label each table accordingly. Just a friendly reminder that dishes cannot contain nuts/nut products due to allergies. We look forward to seeing and mingling with our families on May 10th!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House

- Thursday, May 10th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Countdown To Kindergarten Orientation Night

- Tuesday, May 15th, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

School Council Meeting

- Wednesday, May 16th, 7:00 p.m.

Twin Day

- Friday, May 18th

EQAO Grade 3 Assessment

- Tuesday, May 22nd - Monday, June 4th

Jump Rope For Heart

- Thursday, May 24th

MAY SPIRIT DAY - TWIN DAY

Friday May 18th, will be Twin Day at Westwood which means you find a partner and dress the same. If you want to include more people, you can be triplets or quadruplets! If students can't find someone to "twin" with, Not to worry. Just wear school colours (blue and white) and you'll be sure to match with someone!

PREPARING FOR THE WARMER WEATHER

Applying sunscreen to your child before they come to school will help protect their skin from the sun when students go outside for phys. ed or daily physical activity. If possible, sending 2 pairs of shoes (one for inside and one for outside) sunglasses and hats are a good idea too!

SCHOOL VISITOR STICKERS

We appreciate the partnerships we have with our families, parents, and caregivers. In order to maintain a safe and secure environment, we ask that parents and caregivers entering the building sign in at the office refrain from dropping off and picking up their children at their classrooms as mornings and after school are very busy times of the day. We have started our sticker system for visitors to our school. We will have a different coloured sticker for each school day. After signing in at the office, you will receive a coloured visitor sticker to wear on your shirt. This will allow students and staff to easily identify school visitors.

Jump Rope For Heart

Imagine kids skipping and playing with their classmates as they celebrate raising funds for critical research. That's Jump Rope for Heart. At least part of it.

Designed for students in elementary school, Jump Rope for Heart offers much more than a great day of fun. It also helps to:

- Motivate kids to get active.
- Reinforce healthy habits like healthy eating and physical activity.
- Teach the importance of social responsibility and helping others in the community and across Canada.
- Empower kids to make a difference by supporting a good cause.
- Boost school spirit.

Thanks to the support of parents, teachers and principals, Jump's popularity continues to grow.



Close to 4,000 schools across Canada will embrace Jump Rope for Heart. And the program is building to 1 million kids Jumping this year alone.

Westwood is participating in the Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser during the month of May with the goal of raising \$2700. By fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart, you're collecting donations that fund critical research that's saving lives, preventing heart disease and stroke, and supporting survivors and their families. Our Jump Event Date will be May 24th. Online fundraising is also available. Online fundraisers can also win up to 4 prizes.

OPEN HOUSE BASKET RAFFLE

Our first annual Westwood basket raffle will take place on Thursday, May 10 during our open house. Our classrooms have been working hard to create custom prize baskets that families will have a chance to win. A big thank you to those that have contributed to the baskets. We are still collecting basket items until Monday, May 7. Your participation is a great way to help our school fund raise to purchase an air conditioner for the library. All of the gift baskets will be displayed on the gym stage. Raffle tickets will be sold the evening of the open house for one dollar each. Thank you again for your generosity and support!