



School Newsletter



Principal's Message

We would like to thank the staff, students and the community for a great start up in September. It's hard to believe that the first month of school is behind us. Students have settled into their classrooms and have adapted to school and classroom routines.

Every September there is a possibility of changes in our school as a result of changes in student enrolment. Due to higher than projected class sizes in our primary division, we reorganized internally moving approximately 15 students across our other classrooms in order to meet ministry primary class size requirements.

I would also like to welcome Ms. Wignall to Westwood who will be replacing Ms. Batista as our new 0.3 prep coverage teacher. Congratulations to Ms. Batista as she accepted a full time grade 2 teaching position at another school!

SafeArrival - A New Way to Report Student Absences

SafeArrival, a student absence reporting system, makes it very easy for families to report student absences. It also allows school staff to respond quickly and thoroughly to all unexplained absences. Our goal is to continue to have all absences explained and all student accounted for each day, knowing that they are all safe.

With SafeArrival, families report a child's absence in one of three ways:

1. Use the SafeArrival website, go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (or from links at go.schoolmessenger.ca). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-844-506-4350 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Moving Edgeucation Workshops

- October 4th, 2019

Meet the Educator Night (SPECIAL EVENT DAY)

- October 10th, 2019
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Whole School Assembly

- October 11th, 2019

Thanksgiving Monday (NO SCHOOL)

- October 14th, 2019

Photo Day

- October 28th, 2019

Progress Reports Sent Home

- October 29th, 2019

Halloween (SPECIAL EVENT DAY)

- October 31th, 2019

PA Day (Parent Interview Day)

- November 8, 2019

Westwood School Council did THAT!!

During the 2017-2018 & 2018-2019 school year, Westwood's school council.....

BROUGHT YOU FUN FAMILY EVENTS:

Movie Nights with pizza, popcorn and treats!

BINGO Night with a pizza dinner & prizes!

WELLNESS Night including fun activities like Taekwondo, mindful stretching, Zumba, Art, Cooking Class!

TACO Night including a free dinner of tacos and all the fixins'!

SUPPORTED OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

Subsidized "Scientists in the School" program for all grades

Farewell Ceremony for our grade 5 graduates

Drama Club support

Advocated & approved for the program "An Instrument for Every Child"

Applied and received grants available to our school

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS & REWARDS:

Raised over \$5,000 from our annual Holiday fundraising booklets!

Bake Sales – with your donations we have raised over \$1000!

The funds bought new outdoor equipment for our students, new audio equipment for our gym, music equipment & fans for each classroom during those hotter weeks!

Rewards for our students who took part in our annual fundraisers inc. movie, popcorn and prizes!

SUPPORTING POSITIVE NUTRITION:

Our Nutrition Program volunteers budget, shop, prepare and deliver a bin of 3 food groups to each classroom daily to support positive nutrition. We are in the staff room every morning after the bell. Some favourite snack items include: Pancakes, Yogurt Parfaits, Muffins, Homemade Pizza & Fruit Salad. Ask your child what their favourite snacks are from our Nutrition bins or stop by and see us in action!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please contact the office at 905-383-2143 or email council
westwoodsc@hwdsb.on.ca to find out how YOU can lend a hand!

