



What's Up at Westi?



Westminster Public School

Welcome back to school!

Check out our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WestiWildcats>

Hot Lunch/ Milk Program

Looking forward to not having to pack a lunch every day??

We will be having a Hot Lunch and Milk program at Westminster this school year. We will be finalizing details and sending out information soon.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Wildcat staff:

Mrs. Nowlan (EA), Mrs. Scollan (Gr.5) and Mrs. Gallacher (gr. 6)

If your child has a life threatening condition, please ensure that you have communicated with Mrs. Morrison in the Office. We will complete a Plan of Care for your child. Medication can only be administered with signed paperwork from the Office and doctor.

We understand that this time of year brings A LOT of paperwork for you to read, complete and sign. Items coming home are essential to the well-being of all students and we request that these forms be returned in a timely manner.



Back to School Open House and Book Fair Night!
Thursday, September 19
from 5-7 pm
-5:00PM- surnames A-M
-6:00PM- surnames N-Z

School Improvement Planning

We are anxious to continue our work in school improvement! As a team, we will be examining classroom assessment, EQAO data and student voice to determine next steps for our professional and student learning.

School Routines

8:25-8:40am- Yard Supervision (please do not send your child to school before this time)

8:40-11:10am- Instructional Time

11:10-12:10pm- Recess/ Lunch

12:10-2:40pm-Instructional Time

2:40pm- Dismissal



September, 2019

Parent Council Meeting

Our first Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 from 6-7pm at the school.

All are welcome!

Westminster is Nut Free and Scent Aware!



We would like to remind you that our school has students and/or staff with nut allergies. We kindly ask that you do not send products that contain nuts. There are food suppliers who are marketing peanut-free products that look, taste, and smell like peanut butter. These peanut butter substitute products can cause confusion and create an unsafe environment for our students and staff that are peanut anaphylactic. Therefore, due to the difficulty in differentiating between peanut butter and a peanut butter substitute, we do not allow these products in our school.

We have staff and students who are very sensitive to perfumes and scents. Please be scent aware to help us keep our school community healthy!

Message from Administration- A. Nieman / J. Purvis

The school looks amazing and we are all ready to begin the 2019- 2020 learning journey!

All staff would like to extend a warm Back to School welcome to all of our students and families. We are looking forward to an amazing school year ahead.

Just a reminder that this time of the year can often bring changes to the organization of the school, depending on what our final numbers are. Although we will try our best to keep things as consistent as possible, please be advised that there may be changes in classroom configuration into the second week of school.

We look forward to hearing from you at any time. Happy Back to School!

Go, Wildcats!





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School Council Elections

We are always looking for new voices— the more ideas and input, the better. At our first School Council meeting in September, we will be discussing executive positions for the 2019-2020 school year (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer). If you have an interest in holding an executive position on School Council, we would love to see you at the meeting. If you would like to be a voting member of School Council, we would love to see you as well. Come and join a dynamic team of parents who are interested in collaborating to improve and celebrate the student experience here at Westminster PS! This year we will be hoping for a parent representative from each classroom.

Save the Date:
School photos will be taken on October 1 and 2.
More details coming soon!



Classroom Communication

Stay tuned for information from your child's teachers about how they will be communicating with you over the course of the school year. All classrooms will be sending home a September newsletter that will outline that plan.

Questions?
Concerns?
Celebrations?
Come and see us
or give us a call!

Dismissal Procedures

Effective immediately, all students being picked up at the end of the day must be picked up from staff on the school yard. Kindergarten classrooms sometimes change this format, so please stay tuned for Kindergarten procedures directly from classroom staff. We need to keep our front foyer clear for our many students who are leaving the building to board buses. If you are changing your child's dismissal routine you need to let us know by 1:15PM.

Volunteers

Volunteers are essential in the effective and successful running of our school. If you are interested in volunteering in any activity in the school, including field trips, you do need to have an updated Criminal Background Check. If you need assistance or have questions about this process, please contact Mrs. Morrison in the Office. In each month's newsletter and calendar we will highlight the dates that we would love to have volunteers in the school.

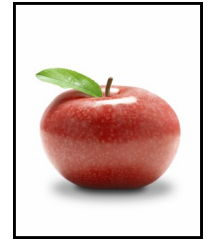
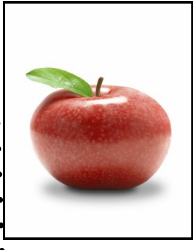
Making Student Learning and Thinking Visible

As a start to our school year, our focus will be on student voice and student learning made visible. We are looking forward to you seeing the school and the evidence of the student learning and thinking.



If you have questions about your child's transportation, please contact "Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario" at:
1-855-925-0022.

September 2019



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Sat

1	2 -Labour Day	3 -PA Day -Staff are at school but students are not	4 -Happy First Day of School!	5	6 -Welcome Back to School Assembly	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 -First Time Riders (JK/SK students learn about bus safety)	18 -Bus Evacuation Practice for Grades 1-6 (all students)	19 -Westminster Open House from 5-7PM (see news- letter for details) -Book Fair!	20	21
22	23	24 -Parent Council Meeting from 6- 7PM at the school	25	26 -Terry Fox Run	27 -PA Day	28
29	30 "Every Child Mat- ters" Orange Shirt Day- wear your orange shirts to- day!	School photos will be taken on October 1 and 2!				