



What's Up at Westi?



Westminster Public School

Check out our Facebook page at:

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

Progress Reports go home Nov 6, 2019

Change in Administration

We would like to extend a huge Westi welcome to Danielle Ouellet, who will be Acting Principal at Westminster for 6 months while Mrs. Nieman supports the work of the UCDSB as Principal of Teaching for Learning. Mr. Purvis will continue in his role as Vice-Principal at Westminster.

West is the best, Ms. Ouellet! You will LOVE it!



November, 2019

EQAO

We are pleased to report that our EQAO scores have gone up in all areas again this year. As usual, we will share EQAO scores with our School Council in our November meeting. This is just one way of monitoring our students' learning. We have many others here at the school!

Personal Device Code of Conduct Changes:
As a result of PPM 162, the rules around personal device (i.e. cell phones) use in Ontario schools have changed. Please stay tuned for updates to our Code of Conduct. A separate communication will be coming soon.

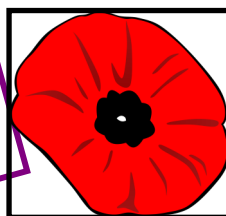
Remembrance Day will be observed on Monday November 11, 2019. Many of our classes are participating in the Legion Art and Writing contests. Please stay tuned for further information about some Grades 4-6 classes going to the Cenotaph and Primary classes and remaining Grades 4-6 classes observing Remembrance Day at school. -Lest we forget-

Parent Council Meeting

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 from 6:00PM-7:00PM at the school.

School Updates:

- This year's bullying prevention plan has been updated and will be posted on our school website this week.
 - We have had our first Safe and Accepting Schools Team meeting and those Minutes will be posted on our school website this week.
 - The UCDSB's Safe Arrival policy requires that we know the whereabouts of all students who are not at school. If your child is going to be away, please ensure that you contact us via your My Family Room account or the Office (613) 345-5552. Part of the board's policy is to involve Family and Children's Services and / or Police Services if we do not confirm the whereabouts of a child. It is essential that you report absences. We thank you in advance for supporting us in our attendance procedures.
 - Please take some time to remind your children about our school's "hands off" policy and to reinforce our "Use your WITS" problems solving strategy:
- W- Walk away, I- Ignore, T- Talk it out, S- Seek help**
- When there are buses in the bus lane, please do not drive into this lane. It is closed to vehicles other than buses from 8:15- 9:15AM and from 1:45PM-3:00PM. Student safety first, as they load and unload their buses.



School Improvement Planning

Our School Improvement Plan bulletin board has been posted in our front foyer. This board clearly states our goals for student learning and documents, through photos, quotes, articles and student work, the progress that we are making. We will add to the board all year.

Parent Council Corner

- Thank you to our wonderful parents who have formed a vibrant group this year! Parent voice is such an important part of school planning.
- Our Executive members are: Holly Perrin (Chair), Cody Barr (Co-Chair), Jodi Fawcett (Treasurer) and Sarah Geggie (Secretary).
- Our first fundraiser (Krispy Kreme donuts) will be coming soon! We are raising funds for a second play structure.

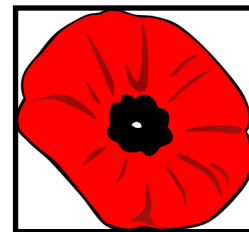
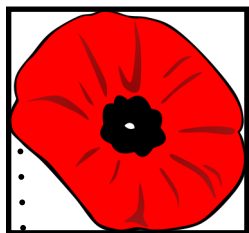
Message from Administration- A. Nieman / J. Purvis

They say that time flies when you are having fun! Time sure is flying by this school year and it is hard to believe that we are moving into November already! Westminster has been filled with learning, teaching, thinking and creativity in the month of October. In addition, we had a lot of spirit building with Cross Country and Soccer, Student Council, pie in the face, Orange Shirt Day, Halloween and much more. Progress Reports will be coming home in November. We encourage communication between home and school and believe firmly in the home-school connection. Should you have questions, concerns and / or celebrations about your child's learning, please communicate with classroom teachers. Agendas, phone calls and meetings are just a few of the ways to do this. Last year's Grade 3 and 6 students should have received their individual student EQAO reports. Please let us know if you have not received this information. We love to feature our Wildcats doing great things in the community on our Facebook page and we are always looking for these stories. Feel free to share your stories of how our Wildcats are making the world a better place!

Go, Wildcats!



November 2019



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3	4 -Parent Council fundraiser (Krispy Kreme donut orders) come home!	5	6 -Hot Lunch: Hotdogs -Progress Reports go home today	7 -Ms. Burr's Grade 6 Class goes to Wedgewood for Intergenerational Connections Learning	8 -Hot Lunch: Pizza -Ladies' Night Student Council fundraiser	9
10	11 -Remembrance Day: Westminster will be participating in Remembrance Day learning.	12 -Parent Council Meeting @ 6:00PM -Students in portables visit Parliament Hill	13 -Hot Lunch: Hotdogs -Brockville Concert Band Performance for all students	14 -Rooms 130 and 133 to Sherwood and Wedgewood for Intergenerational Connections	15 -Hot Lunch: Pizza -Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser forms due	16
17	18 -Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week begins	19	20 -Hot Lunch: Hotdogs	21	22 -Hot Lunch: Pizza -"We are Wildcats!" Assembly: Wear blue/yellow/gold to show your West spirit! -December Hot Lunch Orders due today	23
24	25	26	27 -Hot Lunch: Hotdogs	28	29 -PA DAY -No school for students today. -Staff Agenda will be posted.	30

Join us for "Ladies' Night" at Westminster on Friday, November 8 from 7-9pm.

We are looking forward to an evening of snacking, shopping and socializing! You can purchase tickets at the door or from Mrs. Jeffrey- \$5.00 each. This is an annual fundraiser for our **Student Council**.