



What's Up at Westi?

Westminster Public School



February, 2020

Check out our Facebook page at:

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

Parking at Westminster

For the safety of our students and staff, families are reminded to park in the parking spaces provided and not block parked cars or park in the driving lane.

Farewell and Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Pos our Financial Advisor best of luck in her new position as Office Assistant at Gananoque Secondary School. Gananoque is very lucky! We would like to give a Wildcat welcome to Mrs. Oliver-King who will be with us as an ECE in our Kindergarten French Immersion until the end of June.

After School Reading Club

The After School Reading Club will begin February 11th and will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:40—3:10.

Parent Council Corner

- Our Parent Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. New members are always welcome.
- Once approved, minutes may be found on our school website.
- Spring Carnival planning is already underway. If you can donate some time, please let us know.

Term One Report Cards

Elementary Term 1 report cards **WILL NOT** be issued.

Elementary teachers are to provide letter grades to principals.

Kindergarten Communication of Learning reports **WILL NOT** be issued. Kindergarten teachers will submit a brief comment for each section of the Kindergarten Communication of Learning report to their principal.



School Improvement Plan

Visit our Westminster school website to view our School Improvement Plans in Literacy, Numeracy and Wellness.

http://westminster.ucdsb.on.ca/our_school/School_Improvement_Plan_for_Student_Achievement

School Updates/Reminders:

- **Safe arrival:** 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 the My Family Room account or call the Office (613) 345-5552. A 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. Thank you in advance for supporting us in our attendance procedures.
- Always practice your **WITS**: **W** – Walk away, **I** – Ignore, **T** – Talk it out, **S** – Seek help.
- Westminster is a **Scent Free** school—please refrain from wearing scents
- **Bus lane:** To ensure student safety, the bus lane is closed as the busses load and unload daily from 8:15-9:15 am and 1:45-3:00 pm.
- **Inclement Weather:** If buses are cancelled, information will be posted to school web sites and will also be announced on local radio stations starting at 6:15 am.
- Student cellphone/personal device use is at the discretion of the supervising teacher.

Message from Administration – D. Ouellet/J. Purvis

It is hard to believe that it is already February! There is a chill in the air and students are enjoying the snow. Please remember to make sure your child is bundled up warm and dressed for the winter weather. It is a good idea to include an extra change of clothes; labelled in a baggie in their backpack.

Westminster continues to be one of the busiest schools I have had the pleasure to work in with many exciting opportunities for our Wildcat family. Currently, we are running Basketball intramurals, Yoga, recess clubs (coloring, cards and a new Book club), a new Literacy Club coming in two weeks, The Choices and Resiliency programs are running in our grade 5 and 6 classes, and we will be advertising some new leadership roles for our Junior students. The Art Gallery outside the main office has the most lovely Loon paintings. Students had the opportunity to participate in a workshop with Patrick Cheechoo.

Kindergarten Registration will be February 7th from 1:45 to 5:00. If you have or know of a potential new Wildcat, please give them this information.

Information regarding grade 6 to 7 transitions will be coming home shortly.

Have a fabulous February Wildcats!



Go, Wildcats!



February 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Black History
2 Happy Groundhog Day! Will we have an early spring? 	3	4	5 Hot Lunch: Hot dogs Winter Walk Day!	6 Grade 6 students at Wedgewood for Intergenerational Learning Club Day: Cards and Colouring	7 Hot Lunch: Pizza Westi Spirit Day! Kindergarten Information and Registration	8
9	10	11 After School Literacy Club Parent Council 6-7	12 Hot Lunch: Hot dogs	13 Club Day: Cards and Colouring After School Literacy Club	14 Hot Lunch: Pizza  Wear Hearts, Red or Pink Day	15
16	17 Family Day!	18 After School Literacy Club	19 Hot Lunch: Hot dogs	20 Club Day: Cards and Colouring Basketball Tournament After School Literacy Club Vision Screening for SK students	21 Hot Lunch: Pizza	22
23	24	25 After School Literacy Club	26 Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs Pink Shirt Day Camp Kawartha	27 Club Day: Cards and Colouring After School Literacy Club Camp Kawartha	28 Hot Lunch: Pizza	



"Everywhere you go, leave a glitter trail of kindness behind you."

Unknown

