



What's Up at Westi?

Westminster Public School



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Check out our Facebook page at:

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



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. We 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

Welcome

A special Wildcat welcome back to Quinn who is a positive addition to our Office and school. Welcome as well to our many Co-op students assisting in our classes.

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



Parent Council Corner

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

For Families—Leeds Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit

Your child is having a meltdown and you can feel yourself starting to simmer. How can you keep from making the situation worse? Try these things:

1. Listen to your child. Take a deep breath, calm down, and don't take things personally.
2. Focus on their feelings and talk about what you see and hear. "It seems like you are really worried about your test tomorrow," or "you seem really frustrated with your brother right now".
3. Try to put yourself in their shoes and see things from their point of view. Offer a calm response.

Now you are both in a better place to deal with the situation!

For more parenting tips, call 1-800-660-5853, email triplep@healthunit.org or visit www.triplep-parenting.ca

Parenting matters!
Attention Parents of children entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2020: Does your child have the speech and language skills he or she needs to be successful in JK? Children need a variety of skills, including communication and play skills, to be able to participate, learn, and have fun at school. **The Language Express Preschool Speech and Language Program** provides FREE assessment and therapy services for children from birth to the end of JK in Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville.

We can help you to be sure your child is on track and ready for school. Don't wait and see! Go to our website www.language-express.ca for milestone checklists, and call us if your child is missing any of the skills expected for his or her age. Children born in 2016 must be referred by November 30th, 2020. Children referred before November 30th may continue to receive service until the end of JK. Parents can refer or get more information by calling 1-888-503-8885.



From the Desk of Administration

Westminster continues to be a busy school with wonderful learning opportunities happening inside of the classrooms. Big Brothers and Big Sisters have been working with our grade 5 classes on being *Resilient* members of a community. RNJ has been in our grade 6 classes working on making good choices and goal setting. We have celebrated 100 days at school by finding numerous ways of counting or representing 100. We continued to work together as a Westi Family as we celebrated Valentine's Day, Pink Day as we remember to help others and be kind. The Kinsmen provided every student with Milk to celebrate 100 years of service.

Cameras have been installed in our school for the safety and protection of our Westminster community.



Everyday, students are participating in rich learning opportunities. Westminster is a wonderful school in which I feel fortunate to be able to come and learn with students and staff.

Go, Wildcats!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4 Hot Lunch: Hot dogs	5	6 Hot Lunch: Pizza	7
8	9	10 Parent Council 6 - 7	11 Hot Lunch: Hot dogs	12	13 Hot Lunch: Pizza	14
15	16 M B	17 A R 	18 R E	19 C A	20 H K	21
22	23 Hot Lunch Orders due	24 Bus Safety Training Presentation	25 Dairy Educator Visit Hot Lunch: Hot dogs	26	27 Hot Lunch: Pizza	28
29	30	31 After School Literacy Club				



*Sometimes you will never know
the value of a moment until
it becomes a memory*

Dr. Seuss

