



What's Up at Westi?



Westminster Public School



October, 2021



Check out our Facebook page at:

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

Parent Council Corner

Our first Westminster Parent Council meeting will take place Tuesday, October 12th at 7pm on Teams. Teams invites were emailed today. If you would like to participate, we are always looking for new people and ideas to help make us great. Please email justin.purvis@ucdsb.on.ca for an invite. Thanks!



Information on how to sign up for "My Family Room" so that you can receive emails and calendar updates from us can be found at the following link: http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/my_family_room

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!



Feeding the Community

We are collecting food for our local food bank. Bring in non-perishable items to help us fill the boxes in our front foyer. October 4th—8th.

Help us support our community

We will be celebrating Halloween the week of October 25th to 29th by hosting a spirit week. Check out the school calendar for the special theme days.

HALLOWEEN

Daily Self Assessment for students:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Return to School Forms: Please complete and email back to the school if your child has been away due to illness.

<http://westminster.ucdsb.on.ca/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=33058537>



Update

STEO

If you have questions about your child's transportation, please contact "Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario" at:

1-855-925-0022.



Health Unit E-Bits

Language Express is open and ready to help your child make progress on speech and language. Services are currently being provided via telepractice (telephone and secure video-conferencing). Please call the Language Express office for more information at 1-888-503-8885 or check out our [Information for Newly Referred Parents](#).

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit's role is to provide information on **Head Lice** to educators and parents. Parents should check their child's head regularly for head lice and nits in order to start treatment as soon as possible.

Anyone 24 years and under who has OHIP coverage and is not covered by a private plan is covered by OHIP+. Many head lice treatments are included in this coverage with a prescription.

Message from Administration J. Moore/J. Purvis

We have had a very successful transition back to school. Students are back into routine and there is great learning happening within our classrooms.

Our focus is on students mental and emotional well-being. These are as essential as meeting their academic needs. I feel we are meeting this goal as we see happy students and engaged learners.

Health and Safety

Fire Prevention Week coming up in October.

We have had our 3 Fire Drill practices for first term. Students will be focused on learning about fire safety during the fire prevention week.

Lockdown drill will be happening in October as well, as per Ministry requirements under safe schools.

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.



Terry Fox Update

We had a very successful Terry Fox Run/Walk event at the school. Thank you for your online donations. We raised \$296

Masks/Hand Hygiene

Masks are required for all students from grades 1-6. Students in kindergarten are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Students will be taught how to store their masks as well as proper hand hygiene.

Please ensure you are washing your child/rens masks daily.



School Clothing Orders

If you are looking to order school clothing please check out tisportswear.com

There is a variety of choices in clothing. We have also added clothing for Pink Shirt Day...check it out! Order cut off for guaranteed Christmas delivery is Nov. 12th



SCHOOLS
Bullying Awareness T-Shirt
\$12.00

Weather is changing and the days are growing colder. Please remember to encourage your children to dress appropriately for the weather to ensure they stay dry and warm during our fun outdoor play time each day.

