



# What's Up at Westi?



Westminster Public School



November, 2021



Check out our Facebook page at:

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

## Parent Council Corner

Next Parent Council Meeting will be held virtually on November 30th at 7pm

Please contact Mr Purvis for the link to the meeting. We would love to have you join us.

## MY Family Room

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](http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/my_family_room)

Contact the office if you would like help setting up your account.

My family room will be our future access to paying for student activities and hot lunch program.

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>



## Health Unit E-Bits

**COVID-19 isn't the only virus we all want to**

**avoid.** A COVID-19 test may not be needed when you only have a runny nose or a sore throat but these symptoms can still spread illness to others. Don't go to school, work or visit others if you are feeling sick. Talk to your health care provider or call the School Health Line at 1-866-236-0123. Complete the school screening tool before each school day at:

<https://bit.ly/3v8r8RG>

**My child had a high risk exposure to COVID-19 at school, what do we do?** Check your

email for a high risk letter from the Health Unit sent by your school or school board. The letter gives instructions on self-isolation, monitoring your child for symptoms, testing, and guidance for household members. Public Health will also be calling you within a 24 hour period to review the information in the letter. Call the School Health line at 1-866-236-0123 if your child had a high risk exposure and has symptoms or if you have urgent questions.

**Urgent Dental Needs? Call Us!** Do you have a child 17 and under who is in pain or you think has a cavity? If it would be a financial hardship to pay for dental care, call us today to learn more about the free government-funded Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) dental program. Please call the LGLDHU today for more information at 1-800-660-5853 or visit our website at <http://bit.ly/HealthySmilesON>

## 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

Thank you for all the food donations. The Brockville Food Bank was grateful for the donation. It was wonderful to work with the Brockville Rotary Club on this great initiative that had us working to do something helpful for the community we live in.

**Be A Mindful Motorist** **STEO**  
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF EASTERN ONTARIO

In our busy lives, seems there's so much to do.  
Our minds often race, and our vehicles too.  
Consumed with 'whatever' is coming up next;  
the meeting, the deadline or incoming text.  
But sharing our roads, on their very own journeys,  
are students embarking on a voyage of learning.  
Each of them precious, with dreams yet untold.  
And each one deserving, of care on the road.  
So as we travel life's roads, though our minds may deride us,  
let us be mindful of those, who journey beside us.


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



**Masks/Hand Hygiene**

Masks are required for all students from grades JK-6. Students will be taught how to store their masks as well as proper hand hygiene.

**Gaiter mask, scarves etc. cannot be used because they do not meet the protection standard outlined by the Ontario Ministry of Health for non-medical mask fit.**



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](https://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**

**We will be taking part in a virtual Remembrance Day Service**

**November 11th, 2021.**



**Lest We Forget.**

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.

