

# What's Up at Westi?



### Westminster Public School



December 2021



#### Check out our Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/WestiWildcats

#### **Parent Council Corner**

Next Parent Council Meeting: Jan. 18th via TEAMS

#### Message from Administration

J. Moore/J. Purvis

November was a month full of lots of great learning here at Westminster. We had so much fun that we were shocked when we realized December had arrived! This month we are focused on the character trait of Kindness. We have an initiative going on where we are focused on "catching people in the act of kindness". The hope is that with the students deliberately engaged in doing kind deeds and making kind comments, then we will begin to see these habits transfer into consistent daily occurrences over the year. Ask your child about all the kind acts they have been doing at school?

The staff at Westminster would like to wish you and your family a very happy holiday! May it be filled with love, laughter, family and friends.



#### STEO

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

1-855-925-0022.

Update your MyFamilyRoom for inclement weather notifications





## 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!

#### Tropical Winter Jolly Fireplace Merry ieudi Friday Tuesday Wednesday Monday Dec 13th Dec 14th Dec 15th Dec 16th Dec 17th Wear your holiday Dress as your favourite Do your learning Let's get away from Dress like a snowflake, colours to get in the the snow and the cold dress like a snowman, holiday character - an by the fireplace and pretend we're on dress like you're going elf, a reindeer, Frosty, wearing your spirit! the Grinch, Santa, a favourite PJs. a beach! skiina! Welcome to Westi's Winter Wonderland! gift, etc... slippers, or comfy clothes! The class would like all teachers to put on a fireplace video on their smartboard or TV as students enter.



Some of our students made Holiday cards for the residents at the Royal Brock. They did this kind gesture as a way of bringing some holiday cheer to the residents.

We return back to school on January 3, 2022

See you in the New Year!

#### For Families:

Thinking about a family vacation? Even if your child is exempt from federal quarantine after travel with a vaccinated companion, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students may <u>not</u> attend school or child care for 14 days after they return from their trip. Keep in mind, travel guidelines can change over time. Access up to date travel advice, as well as testing and isolation requirement that could apply to your family at <a href="https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid">https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid</a>

**Tips on wearing masks and face coverings:** By wearing a cloth mask at school, your child is helping to protect those around them. To work well, masks should:

- Fit securely with ear loops or ties
- Keep their shape after washing and drying
- Be made of at least 2 layers of tightly woven material (e.g. cotton or linen); 3+ layers offer better protection
- Be big enough to comfortably cover your child's nose and mouth
- Be replaced with a clean mask if your child's mask gets damp, dirty or damaged

For the best protection from COVID-19, use masks in combination with physical distancing, cleaning your hands, and staying home when sick. Get more tips on mask use at: <a href="https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/face-coverings-masks/">https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/face-coverings-masks/</a>

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