



## February 2022 Westminster Public School

### Principal Message

We are excited to be back learning in person after returning from the winter break and a few weeks of online school. To ensure our students and staff keep safe, we are working diligently to ensure all safety measures put in place by Public Health and the Ministry are being followed. We ask that you continue to screen your child before coming to school each day and reach out to us if you have any questions as we know the information can sometimes be overwhelming. Our focus at school since the return of our students is mental health and well-being, along with ensuring our students are gaining the necessary academic skills to continue to grow and develop.

### Report Card – Feb 16th

Report cards go home on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and will reflect the learning from September until the end of 1<sup>st</sup> term. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please reach out to the teachers. The most important thing you can do to support your child's success and academic growth is to keep continuous communication with your child's classroom teachers.

### JK/K Registration ~

For new junior kindergarten students, we are now accumulating names for next year. If you have a child or know of someone who expects to start school in September, please let the office know. You can register two ways: **Online: [myfamilyroom.ca](https://myfamilyroom.ca)** **By phone: 613 345 5552**

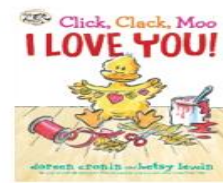
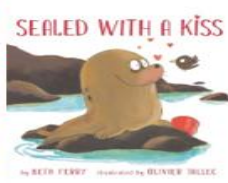
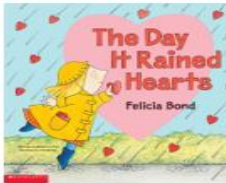
We look forward to welcoming new students and being part of their educational journey.



## Valentines ~ Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

If your child(ren) would like to bring in Valentines for their classmates, reach out to your teachers for specific details. If you want to bring in treats to share with the class please ensure they are store bought, pre-packaged and peanut free. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 613-345-5552.

Looking for a good Valentines Day book to read? How about one of these?



## Pink Shirt Day ~ Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Pink Shirt** Day is when many people worldwide wear **pink shirts** to focus on the prevention and intervention of bullying. It's a day to recognize those who are bullied and to stand up for them. On this day, we all stand united to stop bullying by wearing a **pink shirt**!



## Protocol and Procedure Updates

-Continue to screen each day. If even one symptom is present that does not fall on the list of symptoms you are to keep your child home as indicated on the screener. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

-Schools are being asked to report on their school websites if any students with Covid-19 symptoms were sent home from your children's classes. Only the Teacher Name/Class will be shared – no personal information. The information is updated daily and can be found at this link:

[https://westminster.ucdsb.on.ca/school\\_news/westminster\\_covid-19\\_info\\_centre](https://westminster.ucdsb.on.ca/school_news/westminster_covid-19_info_centre)

## Inclement Weather ~

For the 2021-2022 school year when school transportation is cancelled...

Announcements regarding the cancellation of school bus and special vehicle transportation will be made no later than 6:15 a.m.

Parents/guardians and students can verify if buses are cancelled by accessing:

1. STEO's website at [www.steo.ca](http://www.steo.ca) and clicking on the link "Bus Delays or Cancellations."
2. STEO's free Bus Planner App for your Apple or Android device. Use the access code STEO.
3. STEO's Parent Portal for email updates on delays and cancellations (alerts) specific to your child's transportation. Visit [www.steo.ca](http://www.steo.ca) and scroll down to PARENT PORTAL LOGIN to create an account.
4. STEO [Facebook page](#) or on Twitter @STEO\_news and @steocancels
5. STEO's inclement weather hotline at 866-629-0629 (updated no later than 6:15 a.m.)
6. UCDSB Social media platforms, including the school district Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/UCDSB>), Twitter (@UCDSB), and Instagram (@uppercanadaDSB), as well as the Facebook page of your child's school.
7. Parents registered with My Family Room will receive bus cancellations through their preferred communication, email, text message or telephone. If you are not signed up for My Family Room, you can do so here: <https://myfamilyroom.ca/>

Please do not call the bus companies directly for inclement weather cancellation updates, as the STEO website will reflect the most accurate information.

Winter weather conditions can change suddenly. If roads become impassable during the school day, or if they are judged to be too risky, students will be kept at school until either their parents/guardians can pick them up or it becomes safe to resume school vehicle transportation.

