

June 2022

# Westminster Public School

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If you have any questions or concerns, please email your child's teacher or the office .

Yard Safety—Supervision begins at 9:25a.m.

Please do not leave your child unattended on school property in the mornings before school begins.

## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that it is time to write the final newsletter of the school year. Thank you to all of our families, staff and students for their support and flexibility that was needed by all to make it to June. We have become very good at pivoting and responding as information was forever changing.

Thank you to our School Council for all their time and efforts this year. If you have interest in being part of school council please reach out to us.

## September 2022

We are in the middle of the staffing process and the Board is working on final classroom allocations due to increasing student registrations. Classroom teachers will once again email on the Friday before the start of

school to communicate which home-room your child will be registered in for the 2022-2023 school year.

The staff at Westminster wish you all a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

## June is Pride Month



This is the Progress Pride Flag. The colors of the flag represent the many identities that are included as part of the LGBTQ2S+ community.

This is a reminder that we all belong at Westminster and within the UCDSB.

**EQAO:** This year our school will participate in the online EQAO primary and junior assessments during school hours between **May 31-June 20 (refer to class specific EQAO letter)**. The assessment will contain 30min blocks of Language and Math and can be completed over several small sessions.

## Grade 6 Leaving

On **Friday, June 24th** we will host the grade 6 leaving ceremonies. We will be having the entire school join us for this event. The students will be receiving certificates and shirts. Photos will be taken of each child and sent directly to the parent. After the ceremony our *Grade 6 students* will have a collective party and snacks at 2:30 to celebrate.

## Clap out

On the last day of school the grade 6 students will be honoured with a clap out of the building at dismissal time.

## Daily Schedule

9:30-12:00 Instructional Block & snack

12:00-12:40 Eat/Recess

12:40-2:16 Instructional Block

2:16-2:56 Eat/Recess

3:40 Bus Dismissal

3:45 Pick Up /Walkers



## What zone am I in?

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Okay Focused Ready to Learn!	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Some Loss of Control	Mad/Angry Furthest Yelling/Crying Cried Out of Control

Summer  
holidays



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**Monday, June 27, 2022**

## HEALTH UNIT E-BITS

**Sun Safety:** When the weather is warmer, we are more likely to spend our time outside. Studies have shown that sun exposure during childhood and adolescence is strongly linked to the development of skin cancer later in life. Children have thinner skin than adults, making them more sensitive to ultraviolet rays. A few serious sunburns during childhood double the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Best practices to protect ourselves and our children are using the 5 S's: **Seek** – shade or create your own; **Slip** – on weather appropriate clothing that protects from the sun; **Slap** – on a wide brim hat that protect, ear, neck, and face; **Slop** – on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher; **Slide** – on some sunglasses to protect eyes. To see how sun savvy you are check out the [quiz to test your knowledge](#) at the bottom of the Canadian Cancer Society's web page.

**Immunization Catch Up:** Keep your kids up-to-date on their required vaccinations! Why does my child need these vaccines?

3 great reasons to book your appointment today to keep your child up-to-date:

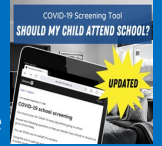
To protect them from preventable diseases that can have serious consequences  
Some of these vaccines (Tdap booster and Men-C-ACYW vaccine for Meningococcal disease) are required to attend school in Ontario unless you have a valid exemption on file.

These vaccines are provided for free during certain age windows but once your child is older and is required to have certain vaccines for employment purposes they may need to pay several hundreds of dollars out of pocket to receive them.



### Daily Screener

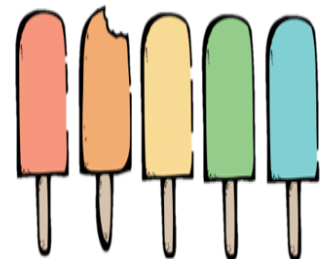
Reminder to use the Ministry [Screening Tool](#) link pinned to the top of our Facebook Page to ensure your child is cleared to attend school.



Children who become ill during the day will continue to be isolated in the Wellness Room until they are able to be picked up.

## Indigenous Funding

Thanks to the UCDSB for supporting Indigenous Initiatives this year and providing all our students with an authentic learning opportunity. We watched a presentation called Hoops and Harmony and the artist was Rhonda Doxtator. Rhonda is part of the Turtle Clan from the Oneida Nation of Southern Ontario. She is a pow wow dancer who talks about her love of her Indigenous culture, the meaning behind her Haudenosaunee name and the importance of hoop dancing, she then performed a hoop dance that you might see at a pow wow. Here is a link to some more info about her. <https://www.masconline.ca/artist/rhonda-doxtator/>



## This or That Thursdays

\$1 will get you a popsicle or  
an ice cream sandwich  
during 2<sup>nd</sup> snack each Thursday in June



Funds will help purchase outdoor activities for students.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>June is Pride Month</p> 		<p>EQAO begins for some Gr.6</p> <p>No pizza or milk for the month of June</p>	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Track and Field Day (Kinder)	FI grade 5/6 Play Track rain date for Kinder track	FI grade 5/6 Play	Track and Field Day (Grade 1-3) Ice Cream for Sale	Kinder lunch & movie in gym Track rain date for pr.	Brockville Pride Parade 12pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	School Council Staff Appreciation Day! 			Kinder Year End Trip to Splash Pad Ice Cream for Sale	Grade 3 Field Trip Cinema and Stingers Rain date Kinder Year End Trip to Splash Pad	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		National Indigenous Peoples Day Kinders Painting in the Park	Museum of Nature Grade 4 Upper Canada Village grade 5 / 6	Saunders Farm for Grade 1 / 2 Ice Cream for Sale	Gr. 6 Celebration Gr.6 Student Party @ 2:30	
26	27	28	29	30		
	Last day of school Grade 6 Clap Out	No School PD Day				



We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday!

See you Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022

\*emails will be sent on Friday, Sept. 2 with classroom teacher and first day information