École Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary School

November 2019

Principal Jen Richter
Vice-Principal Debbie Ramen

Upcoming Events in November

- Nov 1 Fun Lunch, DEAR & PJ Day
- Nov 5-8 Book Fair
- Nov 6 Student Conferences – Early dismissal 12:18pm
- Nov 7 Student Conference – Early dismissal 12:18pm
- Nov 8 Remembrance Day assembly 11am
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day – Statutory holiday School closed
- Nov 12 Non-instructional Day – School closed for students

School Mission

At Lord Tweedsmuir, our mission is to provide educational programs that are diverse, student centered and engaging for all learners.

Principal's News

Dear Families,

With the wonderful weather in October, many of our classes headed outside for a number of their activities as well as bringing the outdoors inside. Students have had the opportunity to think critically, creatively solve problems, ask curious questions, express opinions and challenge ideas.

Students and staff are also busy preparing for the first of our student conferences this year and are excited to share their learning with you. Please make sure that you schedule a time to come for the conferences as we are looking forward to seeing you next week.

We have many of our older students taking on a number of leadership roles throughout the school as they volunteer to lead morning announcements, assemblies, and stand as big buddies for younger classes. We also have a number of students volunteering to be lunch monitors and truly appreciate the roles they are taking on within our school community. We are so proud of what they have accomplished!

This month, we will be taking time to remember the efforts and sacrifices of many Canadians who have put their lives on the line for peace and freedom around the world. We will be planting a small Garden of Remembrance as a way to say thank you and to remind us of the important moments in our history.

Warm regards,

Jen Richter

School Goal

To improve student learning outcomes as students take ownership of their learning through portfolio development and student conferencing.

First Nations Territorial Acknowledgement

Westminster Schools recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

LEST WE FORGET

Students will be receiving a poppy for our Remembrance Day ceremony. If you would like to send a small donation for the Royal Canadian Legion please bring it to the classroom teacher.

PAC MEETING

Wednesday
November 20th
7 - 9 pm

Location TBD

LOST and FOUND

We have collected a large number of items on our Lost and Found table by the office. We are running out of space and would appreciate if you could identify your child's possessions as soon as possible! Please take a look at the pictures – at the end of this newsletter and see if you recognize anything.

Thank you.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

https://lordtweedsmuirschool.ca/

Statutory Holiday
Monday Nov 11th
Students do not attend

Non-instructional Day
Tuesday Nov 12th
Students do not attend

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D.E.A.R.

We will be kicking off the beginning of November with our school's celebration of Drop Everything and Read! Students are invited to come to school in their most comfy pyjamas and with their favourite book to share with a friend. On November 1st at 9:15 a.m. the entire school will meet in the gym for a short assembly and a shared story before classes buddy up and read together. Be inspired to celebrate reading every day at home with your children. For more information about reading with your children, visit read-aloud expert Jim Trelease's website http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/brochures.html .

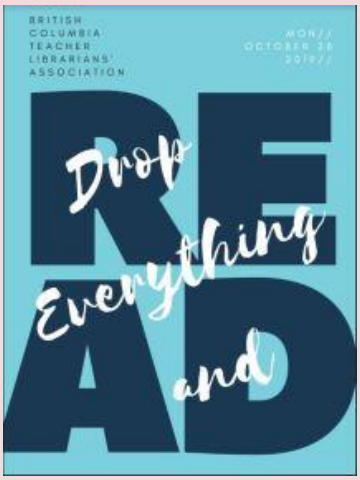
"Reading should not be presented as a chore or a duty. It should be offered as a gift." ~ Kate DiCamillo

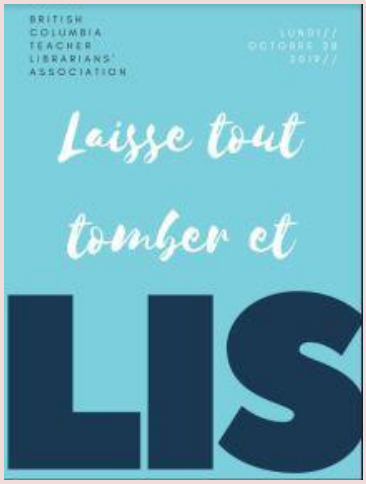
The Scholastic Bookfair is coming to our school! The bookfair not only showcases books for families to purchase, but also gives students opportunities to talk to their families about the books that they are interested in AND they can help choose books that they would like to have in the library. Please do not feel obligated to buy any books! Look for posters with more information, as the location is still to be determined. The bookfair will be open after school on:

- Tuesday, November 5, 3-4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 6, 1-5:00 p.m. (early dismissal)
- Thursday, November 7, 1-5:00 p.m. (early dismissal)
- Friday, November 8, 3-4:00 p.m.

Book donations: Several students have asked about donating books to the library. Donations are always welcome, but please wait until the end of November, as we are still waiting for the library learning commons' renovations to be completed and storage space is limited. Donated books will be either added to our library collection or they will be given to other students to enjoy. Keep in mind that in June, we will be having our Amazing Booktrader Extravaganza, so students will be invited to bring in books that they are willing to trade for other gently-used books starting in May.

Thank you for your continued support -Janis Bridger, Teacher-Librarian





BELL SCHEDULE

8:55 a.m. Welcome Bell

9:00 a.m. Instruction

10:28 a.m. Recess

10:43 a.m. Instruction

12:18 p.m. Lunch

1:05 p.m. Instruction

2:55 p.m. Dismissal

SEISMIC UPDATES

You will notice that there has been some fencing put up around the under cover area on the primary side of the building. Crews will be working on the columns in that space over the next week or 2. During that time, we will have a change in drop off and pick up locations for specific classes. (Classroom teachers will notify their classes directly if there is a change).

We will also be moving Ms. Hans Al-Ashkar's class as well as the music room from the portables into the main school building between November 8th to 12th. Classes should be in their new spaces by November 13th. A reminder that students do not attend school on November 11th for Remembrance Day and November 12 for a non-instructional day.

While the modulars will remain on site, the two portables as well as the outdoor washrooms will be removed on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. We are asking that parents continue to respect the 'Staff Only" parking signs for the parking lot in the back of the school.

Work continues on our learning commons space. We are building and installing new cabinetry over the next couple of weeks. We are looking forward to having our new learning commons space completed before the winter breaks.

School Newsletters

Newsletters will be posted to our website every month

https://lordtweedsmuirschool.ca/

CURRICULUM

Interested in learning more about the changes to the curriculum?

Check out:

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/

Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday, November 8, 2019

at

11am

BOOK OF THE MONTH

An excerpt from the Class News by Julia Pinheiro

When Coma Came to Town

There once was a town called AND. IT had the longest sentences in all the land. Until one day comma came to town. Can you guess what happened next? Read the book to find out! This is how the sentences in AND looked like:

I like tv and video games and computers and ipads an d tablets and ipods and smart phones…..

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Upcoming Events in December

- Dec 6 PAC event
- Dec 9 Kindergarten Hearing and Vision Screening
- Dec 11 Winter Concert for Divisions 1 -9
- Dec 12 Winter concerts for Divisions 10 - 18
- Dec 13 Report Cards go home
- Dec 13 Fun Lunch
- Dec 23 – Jan 3 WINTER VACATION

November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 PAC event Fun Lunch DEAR & PJ day	2
3	4 Pottery Class Hold & Secure Book Fair 4-8th	5 Choir 8:15am	6 Student Conferences Early dismissal 12:18pm	7 Choir 8:15 Student Conferences Early dismissal 12:18pm	8 Remembrance Day assembly 11am Chess Club 8:15am	9
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24	25 Pottery Class	26 Entrepreneurial Fair Choir 8:15am	27 Pottery Class	28 Choir 8:15am	29 Chess Club 8:15am	30

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Lord Tweedsmuir PAC

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is an open group who represent the parents and students of the school. They meet regularly throughout the year and provide an opportunity for families to be involved in their child's school life. The PAC provides parents/guardians with a voice to liaise with school staff, the Principal and the School Board in matters concerning education. Your involvement is welcomed and encouraged. Dates for PAC meetings are usually the second or third Wednesday of every month in the evening at 7:00 pm in the school library.

Vice-Chair
Charmaine Urbano
Tweedsmuir PAC Chair

Vice-Chair
Jason Leber

Secretary
Tabata Donatti

Treasurer
Sloane Drennan

DPAC rep
Moorea Longstaff and Jodie Dow

Fundraising
Enza Esposito-Singh

Special Events Coordinators
Stephanie Chan and Merryn Leber

PAC Facebook Page
Hot Lunch Program

Canadian Parents for French

Furthering bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French.

Mosaic Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)

Settlement Workers, employed by Mosaic, provide information and services for newcomer families and youth with Permanent Resident status. We help families adapt to life in Canada through 1-on-1 consultations, workshops for children, parents, grandparents, field trips, volunteering opportunities for adults and youth, and leadership training for youth.

Services and supports are available in different languages such as: Tagalog, Korean 한국어, Mandarin 普通话, Farsi and Turkish.

Interpretation can also be arranged if necessary.

For more information, please contact: Maniya Rafiei

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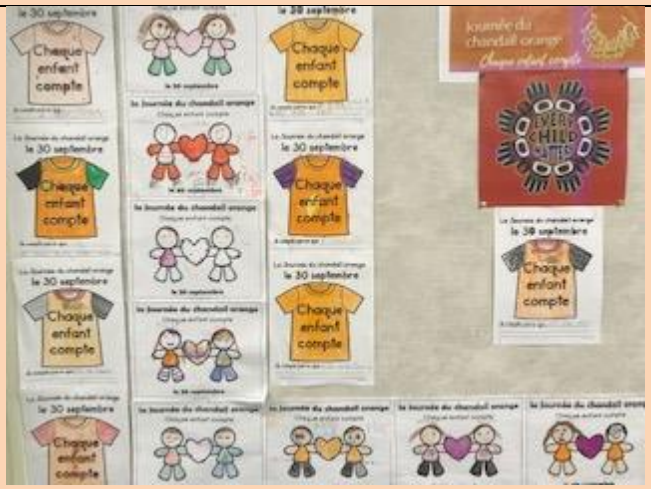
Celebration of Student Learning!



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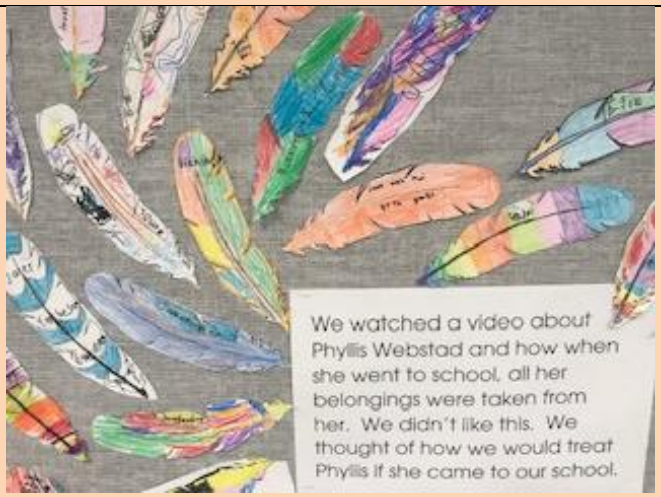
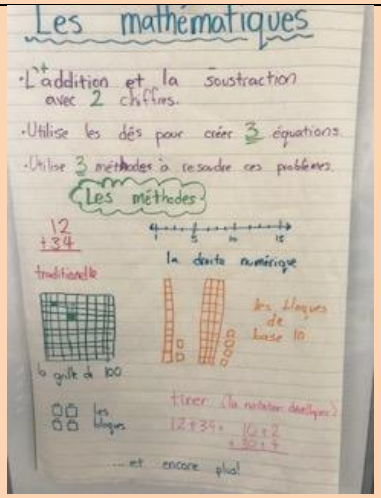


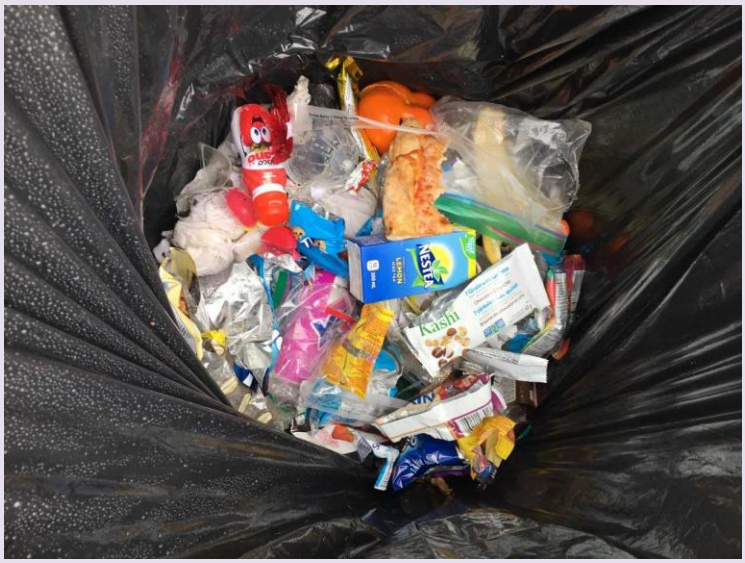


Waste Reduction Week

Last week was Waste Reduction Week and as we just saw the Plastic Ocean presentation, we are taking the opportunity to help students make the connection between the two.

We are asking each class to focus on even just one thing to help reduce waste and help our environment. It would not only develop the student's climate literacy but their social awareness and responsibility competency:

Some classes may be suggesting that students take their waste home so that we only have waste in our bins that originates at school. A couple years ago, we had students put their wrappers in their pockets at recess and put it in their lunch boxes to take home and recycle there. We cut our garbage down to a bare minimum. It made them aware of the garbage they were producing. Some teachers have continued to have their students eat their recess snack inside and put their "garbage" in their lunch boxes to reduce the litter outside. Have a look at the photo of the garbage can we took the other day to see all the plastic and recyclables in there.



REMINDER TO PLEASE BRING REUSESABLE CUTLERY WITH YOUR CHILDS LUNCH. WE WANT TO REFRAIN FROM USING ONE TIME PLASTIC ITEMS

Lost and Found items

Please take a close look and collect anything that belongs to your child(ren).

Please mark your child's clothing with their name so we can trace the owner quickly. This would help immensely in keeping our collection to a minimum. Thank you

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