

Parent News

Week of October 18, 2021

MONDAY, October 18, 2021

TUESDAY, October 19, 2021

WEDNESDAY, October 20, 2021

- Student Conferences (early dismissal 12:24pm)

THURSDAY, October 21, 2021

- Student Conferences (early dismissal 12:24pm)

FRIDAY, October 22, 2021

- Provincial Pro D Day (school closed for students)



Coming Up

Oct. 25:

-Photo Retakes

Nov. 10:

-Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 11:

-Remembrance Day Stat.
Holiday

Nov. 12:

Non-Instructional Day –
students do not attend

Dec. 10:

Term 1 report cards posted

Dec 20-Jan 3:

Winter Break – School closed

Reminders and Information:

- **Wednesday October 20 & Thursday October 21 are early dismissal days. The students are dismissed at 12:24.**
- **Friday October 22nd is a Pro-D Day. Students do not come to school.**

PAC FUNDRAISER

Who loves making sweet or savoury pies but cringe when it comes to making the pie crust in fear of it not turning out light and flaky? Well, with Mom's Pantry pie shells and lids you will never have to have that worry again. Need help with lunches? They've got you covered. From cookies to muffins to bistro and their very own top seller garlic spread, Mom's Pantry has it all. This fundraiser is running from Oct 6th-19th and pick up will be scheduled within 2 weeks of the order being placed and will be announced then.

PAC HOT LUNCH

Finally! A day where you don't have to figure out what's for lunch and having to rush in the morning to get it done on time! Our first Subway Fun Lunch will be held on Wednesday October 27th. Head on over to the munchalunch.com website and place your order.

Families that are using this site for the first time must register using this link provided <https://munchalunch.com/schools/tweedsmuir/>

Orders must be in no later than Thursday October 21st. There will be order forms available at the office as well.

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

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www.allergyfreetable.com



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.

WEATHER CHANGES

Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the rainy weather. We always try to have the students enjoy outdoor recess and lunch as much as possible and the right outerwear makes a much more pleasant play time.

Sending along a change of clothing (to keep in the classroom) is welcomed by teachers for those inevitable days when clothing gets wet and dry socks and pants are needed.



Library Corner

Hello from the Library Learning Commons!

We are well into the school year and it has been a busy month and a half! We have been community in our Library Learning Commons space, as I welcome back students whom I already know and get to know new students.

Here is a snapshot of learning students have been doing during their time with me:

- Making connections between the books we read and other stories
- Making connections between the books we read and our own experiences
- Coding with Osmo
- Learning about visual literacy- how we can 'read' images for information (ask your child about the picture of Terry Fox's sock)
- Building knowledge about Terry Fox
- Listening to the truths of Indigenous people and continuing on our journey of Truth and Reconciliation

As part of our Truth and Reconciliation journey, we are creating a school-wide weaving project. As each class adds their weaving, students are reflecting about the past, thinking about what they learning and hearing now, and promising to act with respect and kindness in the future. See the progress of our looms below.



I have given students "homework", but please see this an invitation for children to connect with their family members.

1. I have asked students to talk to someone older- a parent, family member, family friend, or someone else important to the child's life. I have suggested prompts such as "Tell me a funny story about when you were young. What was school like when you were young." This simple act supports the [First Peoples Principles of Learning](#): "Learning is embedded in learning, history, and story."
2. I have also asked students to read or share a book with a family member at least once a week. You can read to them, they can read to you, you can alternate, or you can discuss what is happening in a book's illustrations. October 21st is BC's official Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R) Day, but reading together is an activity that should occur on a regular basis.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Happy reading!

Janis Bridger, Teacher-Librarian

HEALTH

As students return to school, it is important that they learn about precautions that can help safeguard everyone's health. We ask for support from parents in teaching students these concepts:

- Stay home when you're sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids, eat nutritious food and avoid smoking.

Lost and Found Items:

- **Please take a close look and collect anything that belongs to your child(ren). Thank you!**
- **Please mark your child's coats with their first name and initial so we can trace the owner quickly. This would help immensely in keeping our collection to a minimum.**





