

# Parent News

Week of December 6, 2021

MONDAY, December 6, 2021

TUESDAY, December 7, 2021

WEDNESDAY, December 8, 2021

THURSDAY, December 9, 2021

FRIDAY, December 10, 2021

- Term 1 Report Card posted at 3pm



## COMING UP

- **Dec. 17:** Last day of School before winter break
- **Dec. 20-Jan.3:** Winter Break – School Closed
- **Jan. 4:** School Open
- **Jan. 11:** Discover NW Schools 6:30-8:30 at Massey Theater
- **Jan. 12:** French Immersion info night 6:30-7:30 via teams
- **Jan. 13:** Montessori Parent Night 6:00-7:45 via teams
- **Jan. 13:** Home Learners Program Parents night 6:45-7:30 via Teams

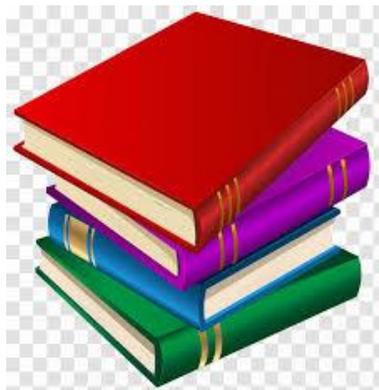
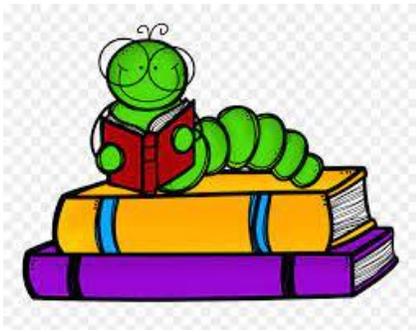
## BELL SCHEDULE

8:50 a.m. Welcome Bell  
8:55 a.m. Instruction  
10:25 a.m. Recess  
10:40 a.m. Instruction  
12:24 p.m. Lunch  
1:10 p.m. Instruction  
3:00 p.m. Dismissal



## FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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



## Library Corner

Happy December! It's hard to believe that we are close to the end of the calendar year! Students are welcome to bring home school library books over the winter holidays. If they are looking for more books to read, the New Westminster Public library will be open throughout the holidays. Please check their website for hours at [nwpl.ca](http://nwpl.ca).

Attention grade 4 and 5 families! All grade 4 and 5 students have been invited to join the Reading Link Challenge, sponsored by BC Public Libraries. Studies have shown that this is the age when many students stop reading for fun. To get students excited about reading again, the New Westminster Public Library has given us 5 sets of 6 novels for students. Reading Link Challenge participants will read at least one of the books, create teams of up to 6, and compete in a school based challenge in March. The top two Tweedsmuir teams will move on to a district competition (April) and the top two teams in that competition will move on the regional finals. For more information, got to <https://www.readinglinkchallenge.ca/>.

There is one set of books available for each grade 4/5 class. Students may want to borrow books from the public library, listen to audiobooks, or download an e-book. This year's titles are:

- *Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami
- *The Case of the Missing Auntie* by Michael Hutchinson
- *Inkling* by Kenneth Oppel
- *A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Parry
- *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris
- *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman

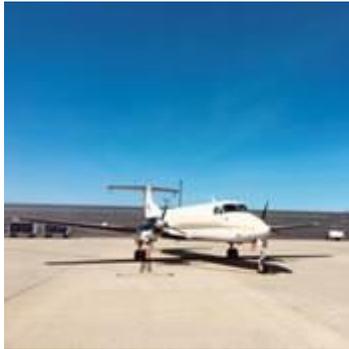
Thank you for your support. Wishing you a safe holiday season.

Janis Bridger, Teacher-Librarian  
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## Last Day of School

Lost and Found Items will be donated.



## International Travel Reminders

As we cast forward to the Winter Break, we know many of you are in the midst of making plans for your holidays. And, as international borders slowly start to re-open for non-essential travel – by air, sea or land – we know some of you may be considering travel options.

We want to quickly remind you that International travel restrictions are determined by the Federal Government. The federal requirements around the courses of action upon return are dependant on a number of factors, you can find some of that information

here: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/exemptions>

While we know requirements have continued to evolve throughout this pandemic, **we want to draw particular attention to one current restriction in place: any student who is not fully vaccinated, even those who are under 12 years of age and travelling with fully vaccinated adults, may not attend school (or camps or day care) within 14 days of their return to Canada.**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/fully-vaccinated-travellers-without-covid-19-symptoms-returning-canada.html>

If you decide to travel internationally while these restrictions are in place, please coordinate with your teacher or school in advance of your trip, to ensure your child stays on top of their school work while they are away and for the 14 days following their return.

Other restrictions and conditions apply both to adult and student travellers. For more information on federal guidance and restrictions, visit [canada.ca/coronavirus](https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus). For information on provincial measures, visit [bccdc.ca/covid19](https://www.bccdc.ca/covid19) or call 811.



## Shipping Delay for Student Photos

Lifetouch photography is currently experiencing shipping delays due to the flooding, travel restrictions and backlogs with couriers/Canada Post.

If you would like to view/order your photos online please log into <http://www.mylifetouch.ca/> and use your child's student number for access (there will be no late fees due to missing the order deadline).

If you would like to check on your order please call Customer Care at 1 888 676 1647 or use the chat feature on the mylifetouch.ca website.

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## Late Arrivals

If your child is arriving late to school please bring them to the main office. Please do not bring them to their regular point of entry.



## 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.



## HEALTH

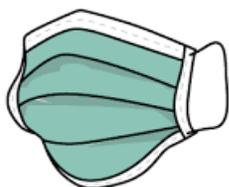
It is important that students learn about precautions to safeguard everyone's health. We ask for support from parents in teaching students these concepts.

- Stay home when 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, and eat nutritious food.



## BACK PARKING LOT

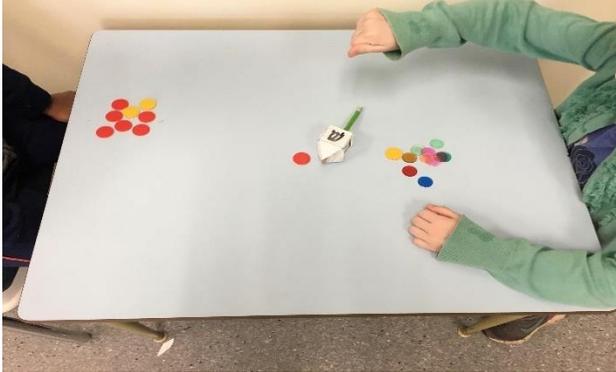
The Staff parking lot at the back of the school is for school staff only. Drivers are asked to respect the posted signs. Please drop off your child on Hamilton Street (daycare pick-up and drop-off included). Thank you for your co-operation.



## MASKS

Just a reminder to please send your child(ren) with a mask to school. If possible to have more than one in their back pack so if one gets dirty or wet they have another one to use. Thank you

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## LOST AND FOUND

- 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.

