

# Parent News

Week of December 13, 2021

**MONDAY**, December 13, 2021

- Wear blue and white

**TUESDAY**, December 14, 2021

- Sports team day - Jersey or team colors

**WEDNESDAY**, December 15, 2021

- Fancy headwear/Crazy hair day

**THURSDAY**, December 16, 2021

- Winter Day – Winter colors or ugly sweater day

**FRIDAY**, December 17, 2021

- PJ Day
- Last day of school before winter break



## COMING UP

- **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
- **Jan. 18:** Elementary Collab Day - early dismissal 12:24pm

## 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.

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# SPIRIT WEEK

DEC. 13 - 17

**CELEBRATIONS!**

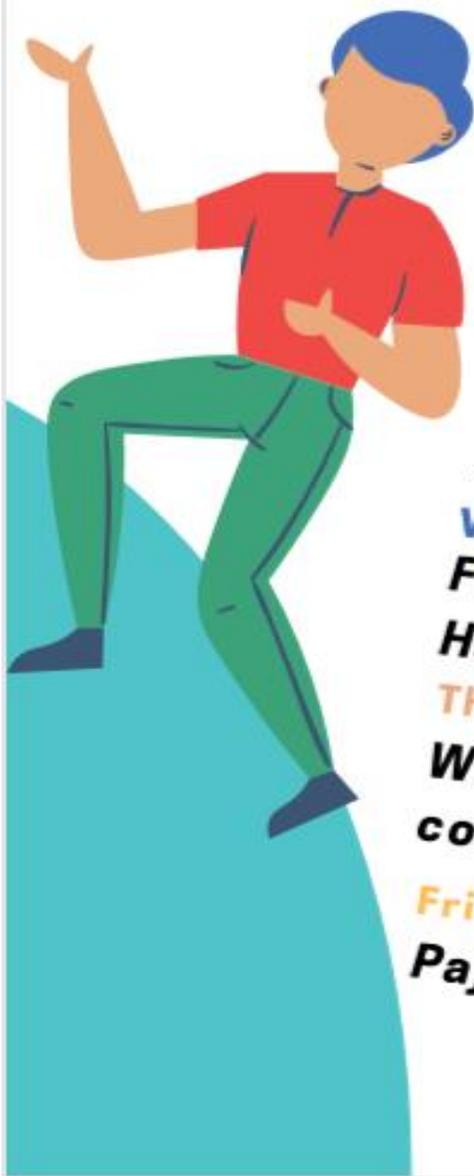
**Monday:**  
School Colours- Blue and  
White!

**Tuesday:**  
Sports Team Day-  
Jersey or Team Colours!

**Wednesday:**  
Fancy Headwear/Crazy  
Hair Day!

**Thursday:**  
Winter Day- Winter  
colours or ugly sweater!

**Friday:**  
Pajama Day!





January 10th – 14th, 2022 will be Discover New Westminster Schools Week! Over the course of the week parents, caregivers and students will have the opportunity to log into a series of online sessions that will allow our community to learn about different programs offered through district and schools. Each of the sessions will include time for our staff to provide high-level understanding of the programs, information on how to apply or take advantage of the options available, and then opportunities for those “attending” to have their questions answered (through the chat feature in Teams). We will offer Course Programming sessions for students going into Grades 9-12 in September 2022, a French Immersion Information session, a Montessori Information session, information about Trades and Apprenticeship Programs at NWSS, as well as information about our International Baccalaureate Program for Grades 11 and 12. For dates, times and Teams log in information, please go to our website at: <https://newwestschools.ca/discover-new-westminster-schools/>



## School Spirit Week ! (December 13 – 17)

**Monday:** wear blue and white to celebrate our school  
**Tuesday:** wear your favourite team jersey  
**Wednesday:** fancy head wear/crazy hair day  
**Thursday:** winter sweater day  
**Friday:** pyjama day to celebrate a term of hard work



### 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.

Parents might want to consider getting their child a chain to attach to their mask. This will help them not lose their mask or have it fall off and get dirty.



### Reminder..

Please remind your child(ren) to walk with their bike, or hold on to their scooter/skateboard when they arrive on school grounds.

Thank you



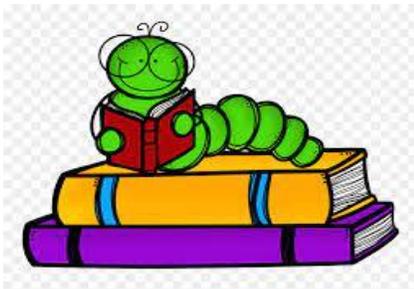
## Food Drive

Our school will be organizing a food drive starting in January to help families in New Westminster.



## Last Day of School

Lost and Found Items that are not picked up by Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> will be donated. Please take a look at the lost and found photos below to see if you recognize anything.



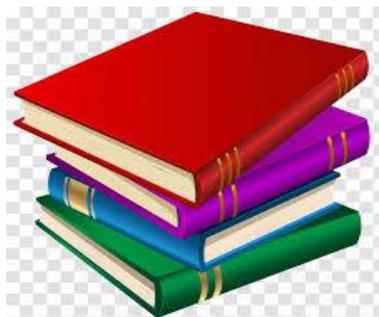
## Library Corner

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:

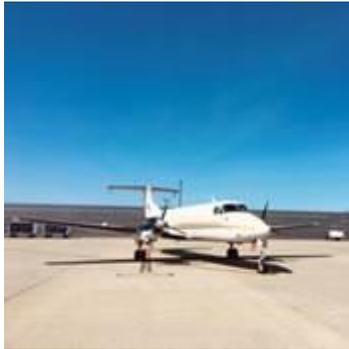
- *Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami
- *The Case of the Missing Auntie* by Michael Hutchinson
- *Inkling* by Kenneth Oppel
- *A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Parry
- *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris
- *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman



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

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## 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://canada.ca/coronavirus). For information on provincial measures, visit [bccdc.ca/covid19](https://bccdc.ca/covid19) or call 811.



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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.

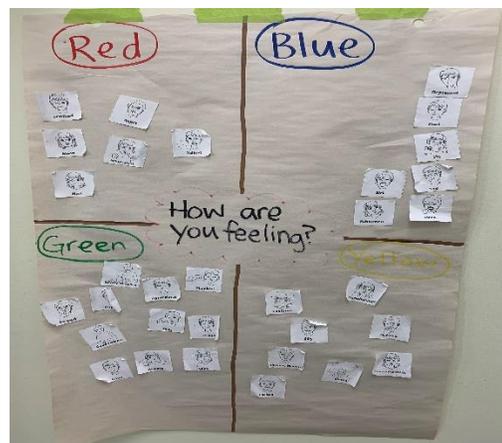
- Stay home when sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids, and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

# CELEBRATION OF LEARNING



## 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.

