

# Parent News

Week of May 9, 2022

## MONDAY, May 9, 2022

- Rise Up 3:00-4:00 for Grade 3-5 Students
- Reminder: Construction has started at the back of the school around the gym. Please do not park in the back parking lot. Thank you



## TUESDAY, May 10, 2022

- Div 17/18 to Byrne Creek 9:15-3:00 to release salmon

## WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2022

- GMS open house in evening for new students

## THURSDAY, May 12, 2022

- Red Fox Active Play 3:00-4:30

## FRIDAY, May 13, 2022

- Fire Drill

### COMING UP

- **May 16:** Rise Up 3:00-4:00 Gr 3-5 students
- **May 18:** PAC mtg 7pm
- **May 19:** Red Fox Active Play 3:00-4:30
- **May 20:** Non-instructional Day – no school
- **May 23:** Victoria Day Statutory Holiday – school closed
- **May 25:** Welcome to School for Kindergarten students 1:30-2:45
- **May 26:** Red Fox Active Play 3:00-4:30
- **May 26:** Div. 16 field trip to Byrne Creek
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- **May 26:** Div. 6 volunteer from Science World
- **May 27:** FRMS Tour for next year Gr 6 students at 10am
- **May 30:** Rise Up 3:00-4:00

### 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



### 2021-2022 SCHOOL GOAL

Our school goal this year is to build positive and caring relationships that strengthen school climate.

### 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.

## SENDING TREATS TO SCHOOL



While we are enjoying the changes in protocol that is allowing us to ease up on some of the safety protocols, we are still asking families for their continued support to not send treats for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for your support!

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



We would like to inform you that the next phase of construction will begin on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the back of the school around the gym. This is continued work on replacing the building envelope as well as replacing the windows. We will continue to update you with information as needed. During this time, the parking lot close to wall (on the field side) and the parking stalls by the daycare entrance will be closed. **We would appreciate your support in making sure that parents do not park in the back parking lot at any time as construction crews will be on site at various hours.**

Thank you

## THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER



The City of New Westminister is executing the first wave of traffic calming plans for school zones across the City. Starting this week contractors will be installing pavement markings, signs and flexible delineators around school zones. This round of installations is all part of their temporary measures, before they ask the public for feedback, with the later intent to replace them with more permanent measures using asphalt and concrete. The contractors should not be impacting school pick up or drop off all while they do this portion of the work. Please know that you can expect to see some changes to our school zones in the near future, and that there will be later opportunities to provide the City with feedback.

## ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

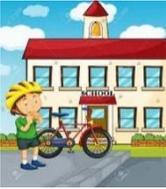


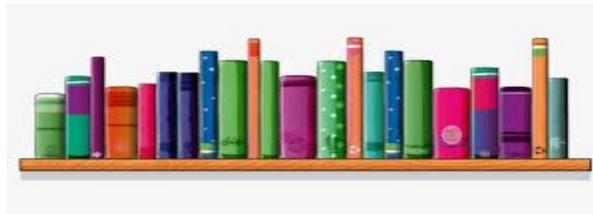
We are excited to announce that we will be receiving funds to upgrade our playground to make it more accessible. This will occur over the summer. Please see the following [link](#) for the Ministry news release.

## NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR?



If you know that your child will not be returning to Lord Tweedsmuir next year, please let us know by emailing the school at [lordtweedsmuir@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:lordtweedsmuir@sd40.bc.ca).

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS FOR NEXT YEAR</b></p> <p>Please see letter from Jen Richter regarding placement of students for next year near the end of the newsletter.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WALK BYS</b></p> <p>If you are walking by the school and would like to see your child(ren) please check in at the office instead of calling them from the street during school hours. We want to make sure that all our children are practicing safe strategies when outdoors on school grounds.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK</b></p> <p>Bike to School Week - Bike to School Week is happening from <b>May 30 to June 3</b>. Let's take this opportunity to encourage everyone to ride to school instead of driving.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOW TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL</b></p> <p>If you need to contact the school to let us know that your child(ren) will be absent you can either call the school at 604-517-6070 or email us at <a href="mailto:lordtweedsmuir@sd40.bc.ca">lordtweedsmuir@sd40.bc.ca</a>.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAPID ANTIGEN TEST KITS</b></p> <p>For those families that still have not picked up their rapid antigen test kits, you are still able to pick them up at the office. Unfortunately, we are only able to hand out to an adult/guardian.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LATE ARRIVALS</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEATHER CHANGES</b></p> <p><b>Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the rainy weather.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Sending along a change of clothing (to keep in the classroom)</b> is welcomed by teachers for those inevitable days when clothing gets wet and dry socks and pants are needed.</p>



## Library Corner May 2022

Congratulations to our two Reading Link Challenge teams, “The Page Flippers” and “Les lecteurs Supers,” who competed in the district competition last week. Although they will not be advancing to the regional competition, they should be proud of their achievement!

May is the last month that students will be able to borrow library books. Please help your children locate any library books that may be hiding under beds, in closets, in forgotten bags or in vehicles. In June, reminder letters listing outstanding books will be sent home. I will also be doing an inventory of all of the library books, hoping to catch any books that are still checked out to students and that have been mistakenly reshelfed before being checked in.

We will be having a virtual Scholastic bookfair June 6-12. Check out the flyer now, but please note that the shopping feature will not become available until June 6. More information will become available in June.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5183969>

## Plant Walks with Lori Snyder

We are fortunate to have Indigenous Metis herbalist and educator joining some of our classes in May for visits in either Grimston Park or Byrne Creek Park. This opportunity is the direct result of our school’s Climate Action Grant submission. In addition to our time with Lori, staff and students have been invited to explore our natural environment and to notice and appreciate the natural features of our earth, the animals, and the plants.

We have read *Meet Your Family*, by David Bouchard and illustrated by Kristy Cameron, in the library. You may hear your children refer to plants, animals, water, the earth, moon, sun, and stars as members of our family. This is from the Indigenous belief that we are all connected and each member of our family on earth, including bodies of water, mountains, and even the smallest of creatures, needs to be appreciated and respected.

"What would be different if we lived with a strong sense that water, land, all of the world around us, are relatives? What if we love the world around us deeply,

as our family? Our actions would then begin to reflect reciprocity in how we live and move in any direction, including seven generations into the future."

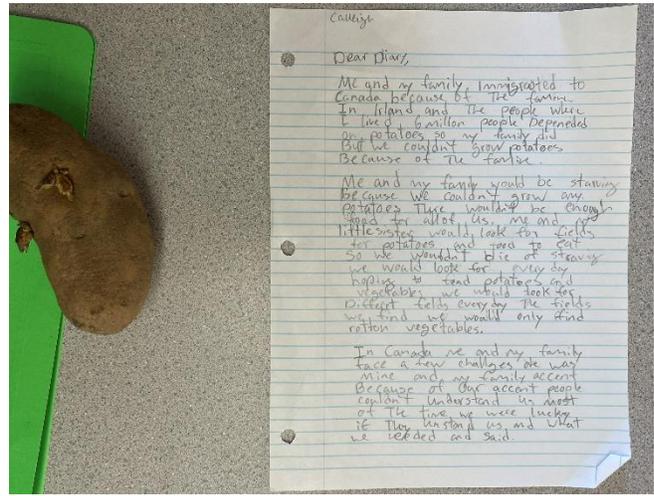
From "Natural Curiosity", 2nd Edition, p. 135: <https://www.naturalcuriosity.ca/>

With authentic connection to our earth and all living things, we hope that our students will go forward and act with intention and meaningfully with respect to our earth. As this connectedness is nurtured over time, our hope is for our students to become the advocates, the problem-solvers, and the change-makers we need them to be.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Janis Bridger, Teacher-Librarian

# 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.



