

# Parent News

Week of May 23, 2022

**MONDAY, May 23, 2022**

- Victoria Day- Statutory Holiday - School closed



**TUESDAY, May 24, 2022**

- Reminder: Construction has started at the back of the school around the gym. Please do not park in the back parking lots. Thank you

**WEDNESDAY, May 25, 2022**

- Welcome to School for incoming Kindergarten students 1:15-2:45pm

**THURSDAY, May 26, 2022**

- Red Fox Active Play 3:00-4:30pm
- Div. 16 Field trip to Byrne Creek
- Div. 6 Volunteer from Science World

**FRIDAY, May 27, 2022**

- FRMS tour for next years Gr 6 students at 10:00am

## COMING UP

- **May 30:** Rise Up 3:00-4:00
- **June 1:** Panorama & Class Photos
- **June 2:** Div. 16 field trip to Gulf of Georgia Cannery
- **June 2:** Red Fox Active Play 3:00-4:30
- **June 2:** GMS tour for next year Gr 6 students
- **June 6:** Rise up: last class
- **June 9:** Red Fox Active Play 3:00-4:30
- **June 10:** Sports Day
- **June 13:** Fire Drill
- **June 15:** PAC mtg 7:00pm
- **June 16:** Red Fox Active Play 3:00-4:30 – Last class
- **June 16:** Div. 16 Field Trip Byrne Creek
- **June 17:** Gr. 5 Field Trip to Playland
- **June 21:** National Indigenous Peoples Day
- **June 22:** Div. 1-4 Field Trip to Terra Nova Park

## 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.



## UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURES

Just a reminder that school is closed Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> as it is a Non – Instructional Day.

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is a Statutory Holiday so the school will be closed as well.

We shall see the students on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.



## CONSTRUCTION MACHINES

As construction continues to progress, there may be various machines brought on school property. We would like your help to make sure that students are not playing on any of these machines before or after school hours. Thank you for your support.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction has started 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



## 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!



## 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.



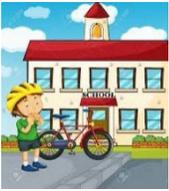
## NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR?

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).



## WALK BYS

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.



## BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Bike to School Week is happening from **May 30 to June 3**. Let's take this opportunity to encourage everyone to ride to school instead of driving.



## HOW TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL

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 [lordtweedsmuir@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:lordtweedsmuir@sd40.bc.ca).



## RAPID ANTIGEN TEST KITS

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.



## 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.



## **Library Corner May 2022**

Congratulations to our two Reading Link Challenge teams, “The Page Flippers” and “Les lectures 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



**Summer Learning in  
New Westminster  
Schools K-5  
2022**

**New Westminster Schools is excited to offer a variety of sessions for elementary school students. Register using the link at the bottom of the page. For questions, please contact Rick Bloudell, Manager of Community Projects and Partnerships at [rabloudell@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:rabloudell@sd40.bc.ca).**

**Location:** Lord Kelvin Elementary School

**Dates:** July 4-22, 2022

**Hours:** 9:00am-12:00pm

*Full attendance is expected.*

**Registration opens May 13, 2022 and closes June 17, 2022.**

**Cost:**

Elementary students who meet the following criteria are eligible to take one tuition-free course. Your child must:

- be a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or convention refugee
- have attended a BC school in the 2021-2022 school year and ordinarily reside in BC with a parent/guardian
- have a BC Personal Education Number (PEN)

**Registration:**

To register, please visit:  
<https://app.booking.ca/sd40pub/courses/index.asp>

*Please ensure you are registering using your child's name and not your own.*

**Course Cancellations:**

Courses and their locations cannot be guaranteed. Course offerings are subject to sufficient enrolment and may be cancelled prior to the course date.

**Course Offerings:** (<https://app.booking.ca/sd40pub/courses/index.asp>)

**Primary Skill Development in Literacy and Numeracy**

**Focus:** Reading, writing and numeracy will be the focus of this engaging, fun, and social course!

**Grades:** Children going into Grades 1, 2, and 3

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**ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technologies)**

**Focus:** We will explore the use of tools and technologies to extend students' learning. We will use Ozobots, Spheros, Ipads, etc. to develop creative and critical thinking as well as collaboration skills.

**Grades:** Children going into Grades 4 and 5

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**Numeracy Skill Development**

**Focus:** We will build our numeracy skill development through play, inquiry and problem solving.

**Grades:** Children going into Grades 1, 2, and 3

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**Getting Ready for Grade One**

**Focus:** Students who have completed Kindergarten can participate in this hands-on course which is designed to stimulate minds in playful ways through engaging activities in a social setting.

**Grades:** Children going into Grade One

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**Writing Development**

**Focus:** Students will work together to build ideas, frame their thinking, and use writing to communicate their thinking in a powerful way.

**Grades:** Children going into Grades 3 and 4

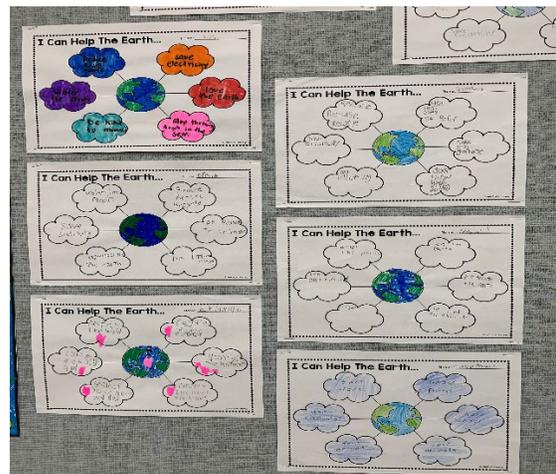
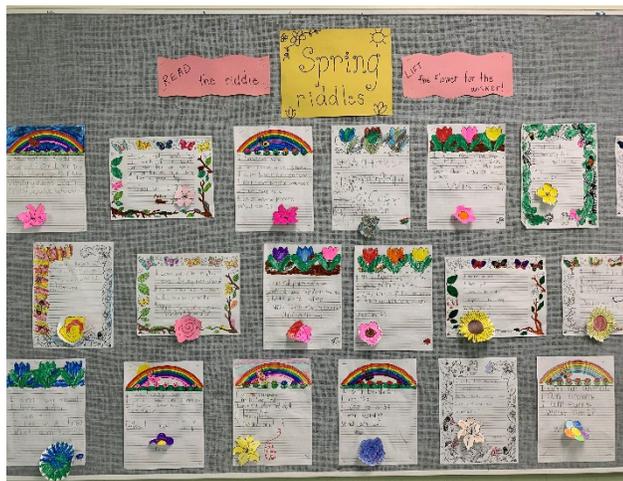
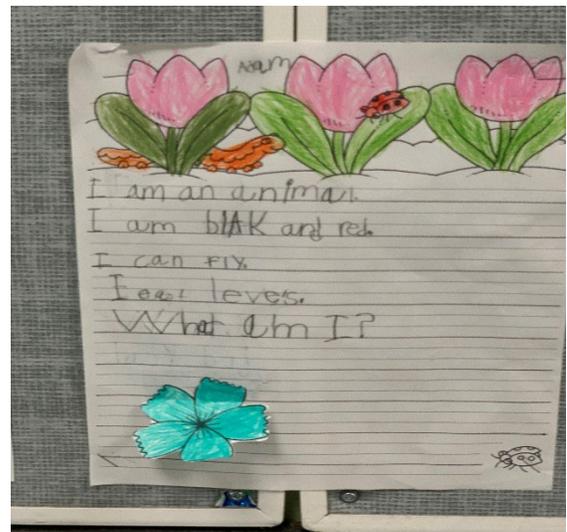
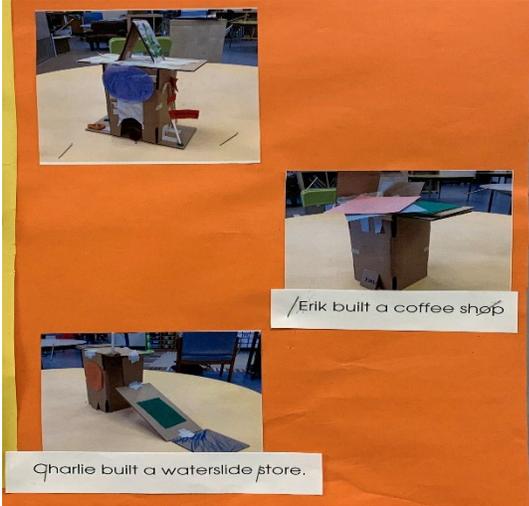
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**Visual Art Exploration**

**Focus:** Students will be engaged in artistic explorations using various materials, such as pastels and paints. Various techniques will be applied, that will engage all learners.

**Grades:** Children going into Grades 1, 2, and 3

# 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.



