

WESTVIEW SCOOP

NOVEMBER
2023

Reporting an Absence?

Please email

westview@psd.ca or call 780-

963-2203 anytime and leave a

message. Please be sure to

include your child's complete

name and grade and details of

the absence!

Westview School Administrators

Mrs. T. Neuman – Principal

Mrs. D. Villeneuve – Assistant
Principal

Mrs. C. Harrison – Assistant
Principal

Principal's Message

The past month was a full one at Westview that provided many great opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom. Our Junior High volleyball teams have been busy with league games and tournaments and it has been great to see them compete and grow as athletes this season. Our Halloween celebrations throughout the school brought much excitement and there were amazing learning activities and fun to be had in every classroom. The Junior High Halloween dance was also a great event and thank you to our Mr. Sloan for being the DJ.

Our recent Grade 1-9 parent teacher interviews were also a success and these interviews are such an important time to work together and share learning goals with parents. There was such positive feedback about these interviews! If you did not get a chance to meet with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact them to set up a time to meet. Teachers will continue to update PowerSchool with marks and assignments and this is a valuable way for parents to stay up to date with how your child is doing.

As a school, we will be recognizing Remembrance Day during a whole school Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 10th. The assembly is a culmination of student, staff and community members honoring the significance of Remembrance Day through poems, laying of wreaths and the choir singing. We will also show our respect by listening to "The Last Post" followed by a minute of silence and Revelry. Poppies will be handed out to students on Friday, November 10th and they are encouraged to bring a donation.

As the weather has been getting cooler these past couple weeks, a reminder that our students play outside unless the temperature drops below -23 degrees celsius. Please ensure that your child has warm clothing including warm footwear, mittens or gloves and hat/toque. Recess times and Physical Education classes have students participating in activities outdoors and it is important that students are dressed for the weather.

I also want to remind families about the significance of student attendance in achieving success. Regular school attendance is a fundamental factor in academic excellence and personal growth. We kindly request parents to prioritize sending their children to school every day unless they are unwell. Together, we can provide our students with the best opportunities for learning and achievement.

Fall break is scheduled for November 13 through November 17 and staff and we welcome students back on November 20th. The break is a wonderful time for everyone to rest, relax and maintain physical and emotional health. On behalf of the Westview School staff, I wish each of you a safe and relaxing Fall Break.

Tanya Neuman
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL & FUNDRAISING*

*Friends of SPC Society in support of Westview School

THANK YOU!

*we will not find out our total fundraiser earnings until the first quarter of 2024.

To each and every volunteer who helped make the AGLC Casino fundraiser a huge success!

« UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS »

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...more info coming mid November!

Keep us in mind when planning your holiday baking - we will be asking for **donations for our annual bake sale** held at the Christmas concert in December.



HOT LUNCH

Register and order at:
westviewsp.hotlunches.net
Access code: HLWV

November ordering is closed.
December ordering will open mid November.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn & Sarah who each won \$50 in the hot lunch credit draw for attending a meeting!



GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Fundraising: Nov 6 (Mon), 1:30pm-2:30pm

School Council*: Nov 7 (Tue), 3:30pm-4:30pm
*online attendance available

KEEP IN CONTACT

Email: westview.scchair@partner.psd.ca

Social Media: @spccouncil

October 1, 2023

DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

In preparation for our Remembrance Day assembly in November, we want to provide your child(ren) an opportunity to place a poppy as part of the program. Poppies will be distributed to the students on the morning of November 10. **Donations** will be accepted at that time, or before. This year, we will be having our "**Remembrance Day**" ceremony at **10:30 a.m. Friday, November 10th.**

We plan to have an assembly for all students to help them understand the meaning of Remembrance Day through their participation in a ceremony of poems, readings and music. This is to remind them that war takes its toll on both sides and that one side's sense of pain and loss is no less than another's. We will also be focusing on our responsibility to be involved in keeping the peace in our communities.

Many of you have had friends or relatives who **SERVED** their country in wartime. We would like to remember these people by having your child pin up a poppy. At the time that your child is doing this, we will have a slide show presentation where we will have the details as well as a picture if possible of the veteran.

Please go to the following link and fill out the Google form [REMEMBRANCE DAY](#)
If you have a picture of the individual you wish to honor, please send it to christine.tarapaski@psd.ca

Parents and community members are very welcome to attend this ceremony.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Tanya Neuman - Westview School Principal

FORM to be completed no later than November 6, 2023

STUDENT LEADERSHIP - NOVEMBER

Student leadership is back up and running this year at Westview! During the month of October, we celebrated Halloween with a school-wide parade in Kindergarten to Grade 6 while Junior High had a dance in the afternoon.

Some important dates and activities coming up in November are:

- Mustache sales will begin on November 6th in support of Men's Health. Mustaches will be \$1.00 and students can purchase their mustaches from their homeroom teachers. The final day of sales will be on Friday, November 24th. We will have our mustache day on November 29th.



- Students dress as teachers and teachers dress as students day on November 15th
- Westview Wear OR Wear Burgundy, Gold, and Black on November 27th
- The Kinsmen Hamper Collection will begin on November 20 and will end on December 8th. Please see the attached letter for donation items.

WESTVIEW WEAR

If you are interested in order new Westview wear for your child or for yourself, please use the following link!!!!

<https://westviewunited.entripyshops.com/>





Kinsmen Club
of Stony Plain

STONY PLAIN AND WEST PARKLAND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2023

October 2023

Dear Christmas Hamper Champions,

For the 45th year, the Stony Plain Kinsmen are preparing for the Hamper community initiative for Stony Plain & West Parkland residents to help make Christmas brighter for local families struggling with a limited income. Our goal is to support local families in need with food and gifts over the holidays, and last year our community assisted 738 families in our area and supported over 2000 residents!

Your school community is so important in this social justice project. Many of the boys and girls who receive help are likely sitting right in your classrooms. No one needs to know who they are, it's enough to know that your friends and neighbours received a gift to open at Christmas. You make a difference!

As in years past, the Parkland Food Bank will administer the distribution of the food portion of the Christmas Hampers in the form of an 'upsized' December hamper for all clients. **This year, the Kinsmen will also accept non-perishable food donations from schools only.** Kinsmen volunteers will deliver food donations to the Parkland Food Bank. Additionally, we will continue to support the Parkland Food Bank with gift cards for food to contribute to the upsized December hamper. Last year, we provided over \$100,000 in grocery gift cards and meat certificates to hamper recipients! It's important that everyone has enough to eat and a little extra something special at Christmas.

The gift portion of the Christmas Hamper program will again run separately from the food. The Kinsmen will collect and distribute gifts and gift cards to all children 17 and under. Last year, you helped provide gifts for 920 children in our area!

YOU CAN HELP us reach our goals and support your community at Christmas by **DONATING**:

- Monetary donations or local grocery store gift cards will go toward a family's 'upsized' December food hamper. Denominations of \$25 work best.
- New, unwrapped gifts for children 9 and under.
- Local gift cards are ideal for ages 10-17.

Gift donation pickup day is Monday, December 11



STONY PLAIN AND WEST PARKLAND

HOW TO DONATE:

- Donate at school – challenge your friends and classmates
- Donate at any of the 70 Official Depot locations in and around Stony Plain
- Donate on the weekends at Red Apple Store in Stony Plain
- Online donations (Donorbox) gratefully accepted at www.stonyplainkinsmen.ca
- Cheques may be mailed to Box 2231, Stony Plain, AB T7Z1X7 or can be picked up by one of our volunteers. Please make cheques payable to *Stony Plain Kinsmen Christmas Hampers*

If you know anyone in need of assistance, please encourage them to reach out to the Parkland Foodbank in person or call (780) 962-4565 to apply for a Christmas Hamper. For additional information, visit www.stonyplainkinsmen.ca or call the Kinsmen phone at (780) 915-6934.

Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and THANK YOU for your incredible past support. Our schools are THE BEST!

Get creative with ways to encourage donations to support our local families this year! Please tag us with your fundraising initiatives on social media @Stony Plain Kinsmen. We would be thrilled to share with our community.

A FEW FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

Toy mountain - a visual way to show support for our community	Staff raffle for 'perks'- 1 extra prep, 1 lunch supervision, get snow brushed off your car, etc
Gift card collection/challenge	Students raffle off an item - sell tickets
In lieu of staff gift exchange - gift giving to hampers for kids	Silent Auction- gift baskets, items, experiences
Donation collection box	Candy jar guess - minimum donation per guess

Gift donation pickup day is Monday, December 11

School Council and Society Meeting.

The next Westview Society meeting is Nov 6 at 1:30pm

The next Council meeting will be on Nov 7 at 3:30pm

*online attendance available

All Westview Parents are welcome!!!!

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Supervision begins at 8:15am. Dismissal is at 3:05pm. See the video link for dropoff and pickup details.

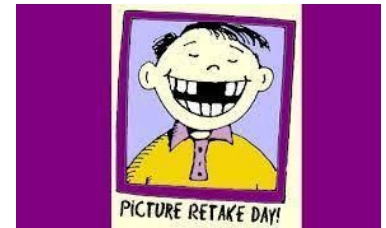
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Winter
is
Coming

With the cooler weather approaching, we will inevitably have some snow days to come. A reminder that you will still need contact the school to inform us if your child is not going to attend that day. You can leave a message at 789-963-2203 or you can email westview@psd.ca

RETAKE DAY

November 8 is Picture Retake Day!
Smile Big!!!!



The Canada Dental Benefit provides payments up to \$650 per eligible child under 12 years of age. You can apply for a maximum of 2 payments per child.

\$650 if the family's adjusted net income is under \$70,000

\$390 if the family's adjusted net income is between \$70,000 and \$79,999

\$260 if the family's adjusted net income is between \$80,000 and \$89,999

The benefit can be used for any dental care provided by any regulated dental professional.

Smile!

The Canada Dental Benefit is available for children under 12

Find out how eligible families with an income under \$90,000 can get up to \$650 for dental care.

Canada.ca/dental

Canada Dental Benefit

Smile!
It is here.



For kids **under
12 years old**



For families
with an adjusted
net income
**under \$90,000
per year**



For those who
**don't have
access to
private dental
care insurance**

Find out more at Canada.ca/dental
or 1-800-715-8836



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Canada Dental Benefit

Factsheet

Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease both in Canada and around the world. Oral diseases frequently begin in the preschool years which is why it is so important to establish good oral hygiene behaviours as soon as possible.

The Government of Canada has implemented the **Canada Dental Benefit**, which is designed to provide some financial support to help Canadian families access dental care. With this benefit, families can start addressing some of the basic dental care that their young children need while the Government continues its work to develop a long-term Canadian dental care program.



WHAT is the benefit?

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WHO can apply?

Parents/Guardians who:

- Have a child under 12 years of age, who does not have access to private dental care insurance.
- Have an adjusted family net income under \$90,000 per year.
- Have filed last year's income tax return—for more information on how to file a return, visit Canada.ca/doing-your-taxes.
- Receive the Canada Child Benefit for each eligible child.
- Have or will have **out of pocket** dental care expenses for each eligible child that have not been fully reimbursed under another federal, provincial or territorial government program.



HOW can you apply?

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) **My Account** will be the quickest, easiest and most secure way to apply for the Canada Dental Benefit. If you don't have a CRA My Account, you can register at Canada.ca/my-cra-account or call 1-800-715-8836.

You will need to provide information on the dental care visit, including the name of your child's dental care provider(s) and your employer information.

If you apply online and are signed up for CRA direct deposit, you can receive your payment within five business days!

Keep your child's dental receipts for **six years** in the event CRA contacts you to validate eligibility.

Make sure you have your Social Insurance Number, address, date of birth and a copy of your income tax return from last year.



WHEN can you apply?

Parents can now apply for the second benefit period, to help pay out-of-pocket expenses for dental care services received by their eligible child between July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.



WHAT if I don't read or speak English or French?

The application portal is only available in English and French. However, if you need help with the application, you can ask an English or French-speaking friend to sit with you while you fill out the application, or have them with you when you call 1-800-715-8836.

If you don't have a friend available to assist with the process, the CRA can arrange to call you back in order to have someone on the line who speaks your language.

Visit Canada.ca/dental for more information, or call 1-800-715-8836



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November 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 6
		Take Your Kid to Work Day – Gr 9	Grade 3 - Play Parkland	Grade 3 – Play Parkland
		Grade 3 – Play Parkland	JR/SR VB Playoffs	JR/SR VB Playoffs
6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5
JR/SR VB Playoffs	JR/SR VB Playoffs	JR/SR VB Playoffs	JR/SR VB Playoffs	JR/SR VB Playoffs
Friends of SPC Mtg 1:30	School Council Mtg	School Pic Retake Day	Grade 3 – Play Parkland	Last day Q1 CTF
Mustache sales start			Students/Teacher Dress Swap	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am
13 FALL BREAK	14 FALL BREAK	15 FALL BREAK	16 FALL BREAK	17 FALL BREAK
20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4
First day Q2 CTF			Grade 3 – Play Parkland	Mustache sales end
Kinsmen Hamper Collection Begins				
27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	
Grade 4 – Play Parkland	Gr 4 Play Parkland	Mustach Day	Grade 3 - Play Parkland	
Westview Wear Spirt Day		Gr 4 Play Parkland	Gr 4 Play Parkland	