

WESTVIEW SCOOP

December
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

Winter weather has not come as quickly this year, yet we know inevitably colder days will arrive. On cold, winter days, when the temperature or wind chill reaches -23, students remain inside during recess and physical education classes. As the temperature warms above this, we will be taking advantage of being outside and it is important that students of **all ages** are dressed appropriately for the weather.

It was a privilege to host our official school opening with our Grand Opening Ceremony on November 27th. There were many dignitaries in attendance and our students involved in the ceremony did a wonderful job of performing and hosting the event. Our school leadership team welcomed and showcased our beautiful school through tours for our guests in attendance.

December continues to be a busy time for teaching and learning and there are many additional celebrations and activities this month that enhance learning and build up our school community. We are once again supporting our local Kinsmen Hamper Gift Donation Drive and appreciate all the generous non-perishable food and gift donations that have already been brought in. We will continue to collect donations until December 8th.

There will be a number of School Spirit theme days sprinkled throughout the month that are organized by our Westview Student Leadership Team. Please see the attached calendar for the dates for all events and activities.

We are also excited to host our Westview Christmas Concerts for our K-6 families. There are two opportunities to attend this concert on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. or Friday, December 15th at 1:30 p.m. There have been great preparations for this show and we can't wait to share it with you! Our school fundraising society will be having a bake sale as part of both concerts and a 50/50 raffle. They will be collecting baking donations on December 11, 12 and 13th.

These next few weeks of December will fly by as students continue to engage in learning and enjoy celebrating all the extras this season brings! Although December often brings with it an extra layer of hustle and bustle, I hope that the holiday season also brings with it a time to pause and connect with loved ones. On behalf of the staff of Westview School we want to thank our parents and community for your continued support. We wish all of you a happy holiday season!

Tanya Neuman - Westview School

SCHOOL COUNCIL & FUNDRAISING*

*Friends of SPC Society in support of Westview School



PICKUP REMINDER:

- Fri Dec 15th (10am-6pm), Sat Dec 16th (10am-5pm) or Sun Dec 17th (10am-3pm)
- **Pick up location:** Wilhawk - 201 McLeod Ave #11, Spruce Grove, AB

Pick up is ONLY during the above times. Please make arrangements to collect your purchase

Wilhawk orders open on the hot lunch system (no cash/cheques) until Tues Dec 5.



WANTED: YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY TREATS!

Bake sale donations will be collected **Dec 11, 12, 13 (M/T/W)** from **2:30pm to 3:30pm** *Please bring packaged and ready for sale!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT FUNDRAISERS

50/50
Raffle

Bake Sale

GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Fundraising: Dec 4 (Mon), 1:30pm-2:30pm

School Council*: Dec 5 (Tue), 3:30pm-4:30pm
*online attendance available

HOT LUNCH

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

December ordering is closed.
January ordering will open mid
December. Register to receive emailed
updates.

CASH ONLY



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



To bring some cheer to the cold winter months, we will be moving our annual pancake breakfast for gr K-6 to January.

KEEP IN CONTACT

Email: westview.scchair@partner.psd.ca

Social Media: @spccouncil

WESTVIEW SKI CLUB – RABBIT HILL

Westview School is pleased to offer students in Grades 3-9 the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular ski and snowboard club comprised of five after-school sessions at Rabbit Hill. The dates include Tuesdays - January 9th and 23rd, February 6th and 20th, and March 5th. Registration packages are available starting on December 6th. If you require additional information please contact Mr. Walline at the school by email at brendan.walline@psd.ca. Spots are available to the **first 60 students** who hand in their forms and payment to the office. December 18th will be the final day forms are accepted. We are looking forward to another fun season of ski and snowboard club!



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

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School Council and Society Meeting.

The next Westview Society meeting is Dec 4 at 1:30pm

The next Council meeting will be on Dec 5 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.

<https://youtu.be/9AEzbknFLZc>



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

Westview's first Christmas Concert is almost here! Our evening performance will be December 14 at 7pm. On December 15 will be our afternoon performance at 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the show!

WESTVIEW DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS!!!!

Friday, December 8th - Flannel Friday

Tuesday, December 12th - Tinsel and Sparkle - Dress-up wearing sequence and sparkles

Wednesday, December 13th - Christmas Hat and Sock Day

Monday, December 18th - Candy Cane Day - Wear red, white and green

Tuesday, December 19th - Grinch Day - Dress-up as a character from the Grinch Movie

Wednesday, December 20th - Christmas Sweater Day

Thursday, December 21st - PJ Day

Student Leadership News

This month the school raised money towards Men's Health through our Movemeber/Mustache Day. Thank you to our school community for you support in donating as we were able to raise \$186 for a Men's Health organization.



The student and staff had a lot of swapping clothes for the day on our Dress like a Teacher and Dress like a Student day. Here are a few pictures from the day:



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We are continuing to collect donation for the Kinsmen Christmas Hamper. We will be collecting donations until December 8th. Please the see attached letter for further information from the Kinsmen club.

DECEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Day 3
				Gr 9 Pres. MCHS 9am
				Gr 6 Skating 10-am
				Gr 4 Swimming 10:30am
				Choir Sing for Santa 7pm
4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2
Gr 3 Skating 10am	Gr 3C FT Stony Plain Library		Gr 4 Skating 12pm	Gr 3 Skating 10am
Friends of Westview Mtg 1:30pm	Gr 9 & Drama Finding Nemo 1pm			Spirit Day - Flannel/Plaid Friday
Gr 7 - Cst. Gord Pres.	School Council Mtg 3:30pm			Gr 2 & 5 Finding Nemo
11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1
	Spirit Day - Tinsel & Sparkel Day	Spirit Day - Christmas Hat and Sock Day	Gr 4 Skating 12pm	Christmas Concert 1:30pm
		Elder Maryann Visit	Christmas Concert 7pm	
18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22
Gr 6 Skating 11am	Gr 3 & Drama FT - Little Mermaid	Spirit Day - Christmas Sweater/Ugly Day	Gr 4 Skating 12pm	PD Day
Grade 3 Wood U In-School F/T	Spirit Day - Grinch Day		Spirit Day - PJ Day	
Spirit Day - Candy Cane Day				
25	26	27	28	29
Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break