

# WESTVIEW SCOOP

October  
2024

## Reporting an Absence?

Please email

[westview@psd.ca](mailto: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

As we move into the second month of the school year, both staff and students have comfortably settled into their daily routines. September was a time to focus on literacy and numeracy assessments, which provide valuable insights that will help guide our planning and instruction to support student learning throughout the year.

Extracurricular activities and field trips are in full swing! Many Gr. 1-9 students are actively participating in Westview's Cross Country Running Club, and both the Senior and Junior volleyball seasons are well underway. A big thank you to our dedicated coaching staff for making these opportunities possible for our students! The Grade 7 students enjoyed a day at Camp Yowochas, while the Grade 8 students participated in two team-building days at Camp Warwa. Another great opportunity for students is the Grade 3-6 Choir that began in the last week of September. This month, PLAY Parkland begins for our Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students. What wonderful learning opportunities!

We kindly ask parents to "Save the Date" for our upcoming K-9 Parent-Teacher Interviews, which will take place on Tuesday, October 22nd, and Thursday, October 24th, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Although our preference is in-person interviews, we will continue to offer a virtual option as well. Sign-up information will be available on our school website on October 11th. Additionally, Mrs. Mills, our school librarian, will be hosting a Book Fair during parent-teacher interviews. The Book Fair will run from October 21st - October 29th.

We are truly grateful for each of our students and for the support and encouragement you, as parents, provide. Your involvement in our school and your child's education is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to connecting with you during the interviews later this month.

Warm regards,  
Tanya Neuman  
Westview School Principal



# SCHOOL COUNCIL & FUNDRAISING

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Fundraising Meeting

(name change special resolutions)

- Oct 7 (Mon) 1:30-2:30pm  
\*sign in at school office\*

### School Council Meeting (AGM)

- Oct 15 (Tues) @ 6:30pm



Order: **Oct 1-15**

Pickup: **Oct 22/23/24 @ WILHAUK**

#11, 201 McLeod Avenue  
Spruce Grove, AB T7X 2K6

Orders are **ONLINE ONLY** through the hot lunch system.

## HOT LUNCH & PIZZA FRIDAY

**Register and order at:**  
[westviewsp.hotlunches.net](http://westviewsp.hotlunches.net)  
 Access code: HLWV

November ordering will open mid October.

This program is volunteer run. Please familiarize yourself with our policies on the hot lunch website.

\*Sign up and register to receive fundraising email communication and reminders.  
NOT JUST FOR HOT LUNCH!\*

## Win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card

For every School Council and Fundraising meeting that you attend from September to December your name will be entered to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card from each group. Draw to take place in December.

## How to communicate with us

Have a question about a fundraiser, hot lunch or want to volunteer?

Email us:

[westview.scchair@partner.psd.ca](mailto:westview.scchair@partner.psd.ca)

Please DO NOT phone or email the school office for hot lunch or fundraising related questions or notifications.

Stay Connected!



@spccouncil



[westview.scchair@partner.psd.ca](mailto:westview.scchair@partner.psd.ca)

## School Council and Society Meeting.

The next Westview Society meeting is Oct 7 at 1:30pm

The next Council meeting will be on Oct 15 at 6:30pm

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/9AEzbnFLZc>

## Parent Teacher Interviews

The first round of Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday, October 22 and Thursday, Oct 24, 2024. All signup information and details can be found at <https://westview.psd.ca/parents/interviews>. Please note that the registration window will go live at 4pm on Friday, October 11 and close on Tuesday, October 20 at 2pm. Parents will have the option of signing up for a Google Meet or to attend in person at school. If you have any questions, or would like assistance booking an interview, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Choir has begun for all interested singers in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6! It is not too late to join. We rehearse once a week at lunch recess. Our next meeting is on Friday, October 4th from 12:10-12:40 pm. Please see Mrs. Smith for a permission form, if you are interested. Mrs. Smith is excited about the wonderful music the choir will be making this year. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Smith at [bridget.smith@psd.ca](mailto:bridget.smith@psd.ca)



Save the Date! Dear families, Mark your calendars Our book fair dates: OCTOBER 21st - OCTOBER 29th, 2024. The Fair will be open during Parent Teacher Conference nights (October 22nd and October 24th from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm).

Your investment in your reader helps our whole school. All purchases earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's library. The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! See you at the Fair!

The **Westview Castling Rooks** will be hosting a noon hour chess club. Students from grades 7-9 will be meeting on day 3 and 4 to learn, improve their skills and challenge each other's abilities in chess. Chess is a great game that develops abstract reasoning, pattern recognition, patience and many more skills. See your home room teacher or Mr. Winchester for more information and registration details. Chess club will begin on October 8th.



# Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

It's important to **arrive and be ready to learn before the school bell rings**. Showing up 15 minutes late **each day** is the same as missing two weeks of school in one year!



## Attendance Procedures – NEW INFO!

If your child is going to be late or absent, please notify the school as our office is a busy one and we do need to know that your child's whereabouts are known. To report an absence or a late student, you may email us at [westview@psd.ca](mailto:westview@psd.ca) or you can call the office at 780-963-2203 and press 1 to leave a message. We do prefer messages as we can multi task while listening to the messages as opposed to phone calls.

## Block Attendance

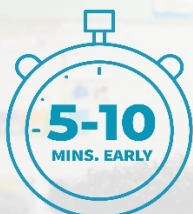
New this year is block attendance for jr high students. At the start of each block, attendance will be taken and any students not in the class at that time will be marked as absent – no communication from parents/guardian (aka unknown absence). If students are late, they are expected to sign in at the office and Mrs. Nickel will adjust their attendance to late. **Please note that teachers will not be adjusting student late codes. Only the office will do this.** If your child was marked as an unknown absence during the day, please speak with your child afterschool to discuss this, or contact the teacher whose block they were absent for.

## Absenteeism/Consistant Lates

Students that are chronically absent or are consistently late to class may find catching up on their missed classes a challenge. If you need support with attendance, please reach out to the office and we would be more than happy to assist you.

# Every minute counts

Good time keeping benefits your child's healthy morning routine and prevents loss in their learning.



Your child has arrived in good time.



Morning routine begins.



Your child has missed their time to settle and get ready to learn. Anxiety may be setting in.



Your child will enter the classroom and students will have already gone over today's schedule and discussions will have begun.



The day's lessons are in full swing. Your child is now starting the day in a deficit. Anxiety can develop, leading to low participation or heightened emotions.

**Better late than never, but never late is better!**



# OCTOBER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 30	1	2	3	4
	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1
Truth & Reconciliation Day <i>NO SCHOOL!</i>	Cross Country Practice 12:10 Sr Boys BV vs STA Sr Girls VB vs Wabamun	Sr Girls VB Practice Jr Girls VB @ STA	Cross Country Run #4 @ High Park School Gr. 3 & 4 Play Parkland Picture Day Gr. EE + Kinder A – Gr.9 Sr Girls & Boys VB Practice	Jr VB Tournament @ Graminia/Broxton <i>World Teachers' Day!</i> Picture Day Kinder B Choir Practice
7	8	8	10	11
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
Custodial Appreciation Day! Shikaoi Jr High Presentation Gr. 3 , 5 & 6 Play Parkland Jr Girls VB vs Woodhaven Fundraising Meeting at 1:30	Cross Country Practice 12:10 Gr. 3 Play Parkland Swimming Sr Boys VB @ Blueberry Sr Girls VB @ SML	Fit For Life Field Trip Gr 3 Play Parkland Swimming Jr Girls VB vs Greystone	Cross Country Run #5 @ Meridian Gr 3 Play Parkland Swimming <i>World Mental Health Day!</i> SR Girls & Boys VB Practice	PD DAY!     <i>NO SCHOOL!</i>
14	15	16	17	18
	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Thanksgiving   <i>NO SCHOOL!</i>	Gr 6 Immunizations SR Boys VB vs CFL SR Girls VB vs CFL Cross Country Practice 12:10 Elder Linda Visit School Council AGM 6:30pm	SR Girls VB Practice Jr Girls VB @ High Park  Choir Practice	SR VB Tournament @ Meridian Cross Country Run #6 – Jubilee Park  Gr 3 & 4 Play Parkland	SR VB Tournament @ Meridian
21	22	23	24	25
Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2
Book Fair Jr VB Playoffs Gr 5 & 6 Play Parkland SR Boys VB vs Copperhaven	Book Fair Jr VB Playoffs Parent/Teacher Interviews	Book Fair Jr VB Playoffs SR Boys VB Practice – 3:15  Choir Practice	Book Fair Jr VB Playoffs Gr. 3 Play Parkland  Parent/Teacher Interviews	Book Fair Jr VB Playoffs
28	29	30	31	Nov 1
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1
Book Fair  Sr VB Playoffs Choir Practice	Book Fair  Sr VB Playoffs	  Sr VB Playoffs	Gr. 4 Play Parkland  Sr VB Playoffs <b>HALLOWEEN!!</b>	Choir Practice  Sr VB Playoffs