

WESTVIEW SCOOP

September
2025

Reporting an Absence?

Please use the
SchoolMessenger app!
Alternatively you can email
westview@psd.ca or call 780-
963-2203 anytime and press
1 to leave a message. Please
be sure to include your child's
complete name, grade and
details of the absence!

Westview Administrators

Mrs. T. Neuman – Principal

Mrs. D. Villeneuve – Assistant
Principal

Mrs. C. Harrison – Assistant
Principal

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! The first week of school saw us welcoming students and settling into routines. We have a number of new staff members that have joined our team at Westview School. We welcome teaching staff, Mr. Gilchrist - Elementary Music/Junior High Drama/Gr. 7 Health; Mrs. Burry - Grade 6 Social Studies & Science/Junior High CTF; and Mr. Robin Boleski - Grade 7 Math. We also welcome support staff; Mrs. Marsh (Early Ed EA).

It was a great evening to meet many families at our Meet the Staff event on September 4th! If you are looking to be further involved in our school, Westview's School Council and Fundraising Society support our school in so many ways and these groups would love to have you connect with them! The first School Council meeting of the school year will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at 3:30 p.m.

On behalf of the staff at Westview School, we are excited about the year ahead and working alongside you and your child! A reminder to visit our school website calendar and website (<https://westview.psd.ca/>) that has upcoming events and information about our school. We also have a [Facebook](#) page that highlights various events and activities throughout the school year.

Our Admin team is also available to support any questions or concerns. I can be reached by email at tanya.neuman@psd.ca or by phone at (780) 962-2203 and our two Assistant Principals, Carolyn Harriosn (carolyn.harrison@psd.ca) and Darla Villeneuve (darla.villeneuve@psd.ca) can also be reached by email or calling the school.

There is much to look forward to in this upcoming school year and we anticipate great things in the year ahead!

Sincerely,
Tanya Neuman - Westview School Principal

School Council and Society Meeting.

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

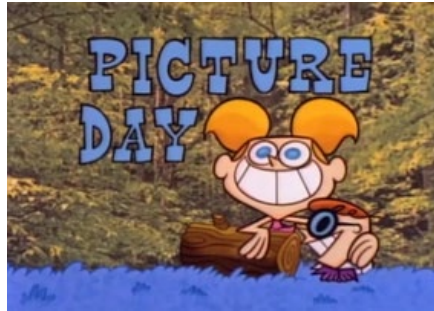
The next Council meeting will be on October 14th at 6:30pm

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/9AEzbknFLZc>



PICTURE DAY!!!!

Smile!!! Picture day(s) will be October 2nd and 3rd. EE, ECSB and Grade 1-7 will be done on October 2nd. ECSA and Grade 8-9 will be on October 3rd.

TERRY FOX

Westview School will be participating in the Terry Fox Walk which will be held on September 19th at 2pm. It will be a mass start and will be on school property. We encourage students bring a Toonie for a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation!

Bus Status & My Stop

Transportation Services maintains an active Bus Status web page that includes all bus routes. To view bus status (e.g. operating, delayed, not running, etc.), visit psd.ca and click the bus icon in the top-right corner of the homepage. The status, "School buses are not running," means buses are not running for the entire day; however, schools will be open to receive students that get dropped off by a parent/guardian. **There are free transportation apps available to support you and your student rider:**



- Download the Bus Status app to receive notifications (e.g. early, delayed, cancelled). The app is available on Google Play (Android) and in the App Store (Apple iOS) by searching for "bus status."



- Download the Versatrans My Stop app to access GPS data and see where your child's bus is and what time it is expected to arrive at their stop. You can also see when your child scans on/off the bus. The app is available on Google Play (Android) and in the App Store (Apple iOS) by searching for "Versatrans My Stop."

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB

Do you love to run? Why not join the Cross Country Running Team? It is for students in Kindergarten to Grade 9. There are 6 Cross Country meets held across Parkland School Division and all meets are held after school on Thursdays. See the attached calendar for September race dates. Parents/Guardians are responsible for getting the runner to the meet and home afterwards. Practices will be held on Tuesdays during the lunch recess break. If you are interested, permission forms are available from the office.

BLOCK ATTENDANCE FOR JR. HIGH STUDENTS

Students in Jr. High will have attendance taken every block and students are expected to arrive to class prepared and on time. If students are late to class they need to sign in at the office. Consistent lates will result in time owed in the office during lunch recess.

WESTVIEW SCHOOL

ECS – Mrs. Ainsworth christina.ainsworth@psd.ca	GR 4 – Miss Theriault patricia.theriault@psd.ca	GR 8 – Mrs. Laevens marci.laevens@psd.ca	Principal – Mrs. Neuman tanya.neuman@psd.ca
GR 1 – Mrs. Sychuk karen.sychuk@psd.ca	GR 5 – Mrs. Evelyn allison.evelyn@psd.ca	GR 6 – Mr. Szewczuk john.szewczuk@psd.ca	Assistant Principal – Mrs. Harrison carolyn.harrison@psd.ca
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GR 3 – Mrs. Smith bridget.smith@psd.ca	GR 7 – Mr. Boleski robin.boleski@psd.ca	EE – Mrs. McElroy charlotte.mcelroy@psd.ca	Head Custodian – Ms. Caseley joan.caseley@psd.ca
GR 4 – Mr. Owen phil.owen@psd.ab.ca	GR 7 – Mr. Wangler brendan.wangler@psd.ca	Music/Drama–Mr. Gilchrist spencer.gilchrist@psd.ca	Mrs. Foley – FMNI Liason Trish.foley@psd.ca
School Counselor – Mrs. Carter liane.carter@psd.ca	Teacher – Ms. Burry brittany.burry@psd.ca	STEPS M -Mrs. Morrison Kailey.morrison@psd.ca	STEPS W – Mrs. Williams Sharon.williams@psd.ca



SM Home 4+
 SchoolMessenger Home
 Reliance Communications, Inc.
 Designed for iPad
 ★★★★★ 1.3 • 3 Ratings
 Free
[View in Mac App Store](#)

Safe Arrival

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible with the app, the mobile site or website or via the toll-free phone line.

Get the Safe Arrival App!

- Get the SM Home app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (search for SM Home or visit <https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/> and using one of the linked app download buttons)
- Tap Sign Up to create your account (If you previously used the blue SMap you can sign in with the same credentials.)
- If signing up for the first time there will be an email verification step. Please use your email address that is already on file with the school.
- Select Attendance from the menu, and then select Report an Absence.

Web and Mobile Web: home.schoolmessenger.ca

- Go to the website <https://home.schoolmessenger.ca>
- Click Sign Up to create your account. (If you previously used go.schoolmessenger.ca you can choose Log in with the same credentials.)
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- Select Attendance from the menu, then select Report an Absence.

Interactive Toll-free Phone

- Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system. (833) 326-7959
- Follow the instructions to report an absence.
Absences can be reported in advance:

- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week
- For any school day in the school term
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence (this may vary by school).

Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email and/or text message (assuming you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using your communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger Home app). This may include push notifications to the app, email, SMS text messages, or phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.

If an absence is not explained within approximately 20 minutes of the time that the school starts the notification process, school staff will follow up to make sure that your child is safe. If you try to explain an absence using SafeArrival but are then told that it is past the cut-off time, please contact the school directly.

If you don't want to receive notifications when your child is absent, be sure to report your child's absence in advance. If you do receive notifications of your child's absence, be sure to provide the reason as quickly as possible, using one of the methods listed above or during the phone call notification itself.

Why do I Need a SchoolMessenger Home App Account?

A SchoolMessenger app account is not required to use the toll-free phone line to report absences. However, we strongly recommend that you provide your email address to the school and set up your SchoolMessenger app account. This allows you to review and update absences, review your contact information and communication preferences and more.

Please see related SchoolMessenger app documentation for setting up your account, resetting your password, reviewing contact information, and specifying communication preferences. Once you have set up your account, choose ATTENDANCE from the menu.

If you cannot set up your account, you do not see the ATTENDANCE option, or you do not see your child(ren) listed in your account, please contact the school directly to check that your correct email address is associated with your child(ren) and that you are correctly tagged as a guardian with SafeArrival access.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Labour Day NO SCHOOL		Boys & Girls Volleyball Tryouts 3:15-4:30pm	Meet the Staff and See the School 4pm-6pm	Boys & Girls Volleyball Tryouts 3:15-4:30pm
8	9	10	11	12
Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 1	Day 2
CTF Term 1 Begins			Cross Country Run #1 – Old SPC field	
Fundraising Society 1:30pm	Sr. Boys & Jr. Girls Volleyball Practice	Sr. Volleyball Seeding Games	Jr. Volleyball Seeding Games	
Sr. Girls V-ball Practice				
15	16	17	18	19
Day 3	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	
	School Countil Meeting 3:30pm		Cross Country Run #2 Woodhaven Hosting at Brookwood	Terry Fox Run
22	23	24	25	26
Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
28	29			
PD Day NO SCHOOL	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation NO SCHOOL		Cross Country Run #3 - Entwistle	Orange Shirt Day