

Good afternoon Parents and Guardians

The last week of February is upon us. Amazing how quickly the school year goes by. I hope you are all able to have an enjoyable weekend.

Here is the information for the week ahead:

PAC Information

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Calendar Highlights provided below

SCHOOL INFORMATION

PAC Information

Grade 7 Bottle Drive

Just a reminder that the Grade 7s will be doing a bottle drive on Saturday February 21st beginning at 10:00am in the Batchelor Heights area. If you are able to contribute bottles, please be ready for students this weekend.

New Business

BC Ministry of Education Parent Survey

The BC Ministry of Education every year asks students in grades 4 and 7 to complete a learning survey. They also ask the parents to give input about their child's learning as well. Please access the link below to complete the survey. The survey ends May 1, 2026. See the letter attached to this email from the BC Ministry of Education

https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/access_Parent.asp

Old Business

Hot Lunch Messaging

If you are wanting to get messaging regarding your child's hot lunch, please email wahl2425@gmail.com. The message goes directly to the women in charge of distributing hot lunches. This can include you wanting to pick up your child's hot lunch if they are away or you giving your child's hot lunch to someone else.

Parking and Bus Zone at Kay Bingham

For parents of students at Kay Bingham, please do not park on the street directly in front of the school's parking lot between 8:30 - 9:00am or 1:45 - 2:15pm. There are four school buses that need to access this section to pick up students who bus from Kay Bingham back to the Westmount community. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Drop Off at Westmount Park

For parents who are picking up their child(ren) after school at Westmount Park, please do your best to park so that there is enough space for everyone and that the school bus has a place to stop to let students out.

Kay Bingham: A Scent Sensitive School

I would like all parents to know that Kay Bingham has some staff members that have allergies to scents. They have asked us to be mindful when entering the building and to refrain from putting on scented products if we know we have to enter the school. This will be for students, staff and parents. Thank you for your understanding.

Parkcrest Parking

The parking lot at Parkcrest Elementary is for staff only. Please refrain from parking your vehicles in this lot as the staff, along with our Westmount staff, need all the spots for those who work there. The church across the street has parking and we are able to use that lot. There are many spaces available for pick up or drop off at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

Community Supports for Children and Youth Drop In (poster attached)

On Tuesday February 24th, SD73 is hosting a community event at the Henry Grube Education Center at 245 Kitchener Crescent from 4:00 - 6:00pm.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community partners to **showcase the programs, activities, and support** they offer to children, youth, and families across our district. Attendees will be able to explore a wide range of local services designed to support:

- Children beginning their journey into **Kindergarten**,
- **School-aged children** and their families,
- **Youth approaching adulthood**, and more.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Westmount Website/Calendar

Please note that our school has its own website which can be found at <https://westmount.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>. On this site you can find important information under the What's Happening/News section. The calendar is located under the Our Schools/Programs tab and selecting the School Year Calendar tab. There will be national, district and school dates on this calendar, identified by different colours. I will do my best to keep it updated.

This Week's Dates

Friday February 27th

- PAC Hot Lunch: Senor Froggy's Pasta

Following Week's Dates

Friday March 6th

- PAC Hot Lunch: Mucho Burrito

Dates to Plan for:

Monday March 9th

- PAC Meeting @ Kay Bingham @ 6:15pm

Tuesday March 10th

- Gr.7 Fundraiser Hot Lunch: White Spot

Wednesday March 11th

- Communication of Student Learning (Report Cards)

Friday March 13th

- PAC Hot Lunch: Last Day to order for April
- PAC Hot Lunch: Subway

Saturday March 14th to Sunday March 29th

- Spring Break

Respectfully,

Roy Styles, Principal