



Westsyde Elementary School

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March 2026 Newsletter

A reminder that the last day of school before Spring Break is Friday, March 13. We will return to school Monday, March 30. We hope that you have the opportunity during the break to enjoy some extra time with your children and that the weather allows you to do all of the things that your family enjoys!

Steve Scott - Principal

Learning Update #2

Our second Learning Update (Report Card) of the school year will be available in MyedBC on Wednesday, March 11. If you have difficulty viewing the update, please contact our office for assistance.

Mindfulness/Emotional Schools

Our current Mindfulness focus is on our "Blue" Poster with a focus on Wisdom. "Emotion-fueled choices feel right in the moment but often prove wrong in the long run. True wisdom breathes and waits for the storm to pass". We are encouraging students to ask themselves if the decisions they are making are helping or hurting them.

Lost N Found

Reminder to families to check the lost and found before Spring Break for any missing items.

Great Kindness Challenge

During the last week of February our school participated in the Great Kindness Challenge led by Mrs. Kristjanson. Staff spent time identifying acts of kindness from our students and rewarding them with "Kindness Slips" that

were displayed on our wall. We exceeded our goal of 500 slips and students will receive a bonus recess on the last day before Spring Break.

Sports

A successful Basketball season just came to a close. Thank you to Mr. Berezowski, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Mackenzie, and Mrs. De Courcey, and WSS student Liam Feeney for coaching this year. Stay tuned for information about Flag Football and intermediate Track and Field coming up after Spring Break.

Grade 7 Bottle Drive - Mar 28

Our next Grade 7 bottle drive will be held on Saturday, March 28. Grade 7 teachers will provide more information to Grade 7 student families soon. You can drop bottles off at our school that morning if you are able to contribute to the fundraiser for year end celebrations for our grade 7's.

Used Book Sale

The Used Book Sale was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated their used books and supported by purchasing books. The library raised \$824.50 in sales from this event and any books not sold are being donated to Barb's Used Bookstore to help in their fundraising efforts for the Kamloops Symphony and KSO Music School.

Spring Weather:

With the warmer weather we tend to find students removing layers during recess and lunch. Please make sure to label your student's jackets and hoodies so we are

better able to reunite them with your child when they are left outside.

It is also a good idea to send an extra set of socks and pants to keep in your student's locker this time of year.

Parking Lot/Pick Up:

Please consider arranging alternate after school pick up locations for your children aside from our main parking lot. One option is to pick up at the back of our school near the walkway on Sage Drive. Another would be to have older students walk across the street to the Canco parking lot to meet you there. We are trying to alleviate the end of day congestion in our parking lot. Your help is much appreciated.

District Parent Resource Page:

Our district has a [Parent Resource Page](#) that includes a lot of valuable information for families. This includes links to past Parent Engagement Sessions and information about a variety of Community Support Programs.

Scent Free School

Please do your best to not wear perfumes, colognes or strong smelling shampoos/deodorants into our school. We have students and staff with strong sensitivities to these scents. Thank you for understanding.

Volunteers

All parent volunteers that wish to be involved in field trips and other school based activities are now required to submit a criminal record check. This can be taken care of online and the school will keep record of all completed checks. The process can be found on the [Westsyde Elementary Website](#).

Crossing Guards and Lunch Supervisors

We are always in need of crossing guards and lunch supervisors again this year. These positions come with a small honorarium and volunteers are able to help out based on a

schedule that works for them.

Crossing Guards Needed - All School Days:
8:00-8:30am and 2:34-3:04pm

Lunch Supervisors Needed - All School Days:
12:05-1:00

Please contact the school if you are interested in helping us in these areas this year.

Newsletters

Monthly School Newsletters will be emailed to student contacts and made available on our [school website](#). Paper copies can be made available upon request. Mr. Scott will send out weekly updates as well.

PAC News:

Donut Day is being held March 10. Orders can be placed through the hot lunch site at www.westsyde.hotlunches.net until March 8.

The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30** in our library.

Upcoming Events:

- March 3 - Pasta Hot Lunch
- March 10 - PAC Donut Day
- March 11 - Chopped Leaf Hot Lunch
- March 11 - Learning Update #2 published
- March 11 - SD73 Digital Safety online session
- March 13 - Last day before Spring Break
- March 28 - Grade 7 Bottle Drive
- March 30 - School Resumes
- April 3 - No School
- April 6 - No School
- April 7 - Day of Suwentwecw