



# Westsyde Elementary School

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## November 2025 Newsletter

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### **Thank You PAC!**

A huge thank you to our amazing PAC for their efforts to plan, organize, and host a successful Halloween dance on October 23. A lot of fun was had by all! We continue to have so much appreciation for the work of our PAC to provide so many opportunities for our students and school community.

### **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.

### **Photos**

Individual student photos are in and should be coming home soon if they haven't already. Please check your student's backpacks if you haven't seen these yet. Class photos will be delivered to the school in the spring. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office.

### **Remembrance Day Assembly**

Remembrance Day Assembly- November 10 at 11:00 a.m. We welcome families and community members to join us as we honour and remember those who have served. If you know of someone attending our assembly, who has served or is currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, or other peacekeeping or community service roles, please email [chsneider@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:chsneider@sd73.bc.ca) so we can

recognize them during our ceremony.

Students involved in Girl Guides, Scouts, or similar organizations are encouraged to wear their uniforms that day.

### **Christmas Concert - Dec 18**

Afternoon performance - 1:00pm

Evening performance - 6:30pm

Families are asked to only attend as spectators for one of the above showtimes. More information will be coming home as we get closer to the date.

### **Breakfast Club**

Thanks to Ms. Huva, Ms. McQueen, Ms. McCleaf and parent volunteers we are offering a small breakfast a few days a week in the flex room. Students will be invited in if they would like some extra food before the start of the school day. This program is part of the Feeding Futures initiative.

### **Mindfulness**

Our classes continue to focus on Mindfulness as we progress through the year. We are emphasizing several key visuals and strategies to help us navigate stressful situations and be responsible and respectful citizens. Take a look at this [document](#) for more information as well as connections that can be made at home.

### **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. We usually receive them within 3-4 days of submission. 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.

## **School Cash Online**

Our school utilizes School Cash Online for student fees and other costs that come up throughout the school year. More information is available through the website <https://sd73.schoolcashionline.com/>.

Please contact the office if you have any question concerns regarding fees.

## **Safe Arrival Program**

Please call the safe arrival number at **1-844-350-2647** or visit [School Messenger](#) to report an absence. If your child will be absent for a prolonged period of time, please let your teacher or the office know. If teachers know of an absence in advance they can organize learning tasks that may otherwise be missed. Your cooperation is appreciated

## **Bus Students**

If your student rides the bus to and/or from school and you have to make other arrangements for your student at the end of the day, please let the office know by email to [westsyde-office@exc.sd73.bc.ca](mailto:westsyde-office@exc.sd73.bc.ca) as soon as possible.

If your bus student has after school plans with another student, please ensure the school is aware so we can relay this information to the bus driver.

## **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.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Nov 1 - Grade 7 Bottle Drive
- Nov 5 - PAC Hot Lunch - Pita Pit
- Nov 7 - Pajama Day
- Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day (School Closed)
- Nov 12 - PAC Hot Lunch - Spice
- Nov 14 - Plaid Day
- Nov 17 - Come Read With Me Event (Gr. 1's)
- Nov 19 - PAC Hot Lunch - Senor Froggy
- Nov 26 - PAC Hot Lunch - Pasta
- Nov 28 - Toque Day