



Westsyde Elementary School

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October 2025 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Wow! September was a blur and here we are in October already. I would like to send out a huge thanks to all of our amazing families and school staff for your care and support of our students through the chaos of September. October is a time to buckle down and continue building on positive habits and routines....until Halloween hits us!

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.

PAC News

Next Meeting - AGM Tuesday, Oct 28 - 6:30pm

We are hoping to fill several executive positions - [click here](#) for more information.

Terry Fox Run

We are very happy to announce that our school raised almost \$850.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research this year. Thanks again to Mr. Martin and our leadership group for leading the fundraising drive and our Terry Fox Run that was held on Friday, September 26.

Westsyde Cross Country Run

On Wednesday, October 8 we are partnering with Westmount Elementary to host one of the district cross country running events. The event starts at 3:15 at Westsyde Centennial Park. Thank you to Mrs. Kristjanson and Mrs. Flamank for their leadership and organization of our team this year. We have close to 40 students participating.

Volleyball

We have started to organize our volleyball teams for this year and several practices have been taking place. Teams will be led by Ms. Dunn, Ms. McNaught, Mr. Berezowski and Mr. Connolly. Games begin the Week of October 20 with boys playing Tuesdays and Girls on Thursdays.

Photo Retakes and Class Photos

On Friday, October 3 we had class photos and individual retakes. Class photos should be sent home in the next few weeks.

Emotional Schools

Recently, our staff participated in a workshop by Leroy Slanzi from Emotional Schools. We are excited to implement many of the ideas and will be focussing on mindfulness for both students and staff. Mindfulness is connected to self-awareness, empathy, reflection, and regulation. Our work for the next while will be on using common and simple language and statements to help each other control our emotions and make positive choices. Stay tuned for more information and updates!

Upcoming District Parent Engagement Session

Title: English Language Learners and Newcomer Families

Presented by District English Language Learners Resource Teachers from SD73 and Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) from Kamloops Immigrant Services

Please join us as we share information with parents about schools in Kamloops for English Language Learners and newcomer families. Participants will learn about public

education in our school district, including English language services for students who speak other languages, school expectations, grade placements, curriculum, and community support resources. This online session is open to all families with children in Grades K-12.

This information session will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025**, from **6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. If you are interested in attending, please register in advance [here](#). A Zoom link will be provided upon registration.

For more information, please contact Clara Kong at clara@kcris.ca or Anna Ediger at swis@kcris.ca.

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 Supply Fees (Now Overdue)

Westsyde Elementary offers a user fee program for school supplies. We supply all pens, pencils, exercise books, crayons etc. Student fees for 2025-26 include school supplies and an agenda.

GRADE	SUPPLY COST	AGENDA or FOLDER COST	TOTAL DUE IF PAYING CASH OR CHEQUE	TOTAL DUE IF PAYING ONLINE (includes transaction fee)
Kindergarten	\$40	\$6	\$46	\$48.25
Grade 1 through 3	\$40	\$9	\$49	\$51.50
Grade 4 through 7	\$58	\$9	\$67	\$70.25

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.schoolcashonline.com/>.

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 as soon as possible.

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.



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Upcoming Events:

- Oct 8 - Hot Lunch - Subway
- Oct 8: Westsyde Cross Country Run @ Centennial Park - 3:00pm
- Oct 13: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct 15: Hot Lunch - Moon Wok
- Oct 22: Hot Lunch - Fresh Slice
- Oct 23: PAC Halloween Dance - 6:00pm
- Oct 24: Professional Development Day
- Oct 27: Drop Everything and Read Day
- Oct 28: PAC AGM - 6:30pm
- Oct 29: Hot Lunch - Pancake Day
- Oct 31: Halloween