



Westsyde Elementary School

School District No. 73
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September 2025 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Hello Westsyde Elementary families! We are excited to be back and can't wait to get the ball rolling again this year.

In recent weeks school staff have been working hard to prepare our building and the classrooms for the arrival of your children. I would like to thank the custodial staff in particular for all of their efforts behind the scenes. The school looks fantastic!

This week, we have been working to finalize class placements for our students. This is a complex process that involves many moving parts. We have appreciated your patience as we have worked through this difficult process.

I hope we all have a memorable and enjoyable year filled with engaging and meaningful learning experiences!

Steve Scott - **Principal**

New Bell Schedule for This Year

Please note that lunch break will be 55 minutes this year and dismissal will be **2:34pm**.

8:20 am	Warning bell
8:30 am	School begins
10:30–10:45 am	Recess
12:05–12:20 pm	Students eat lunch
12:20–12:55 pm	Students outside
12:55 pm	Class readiness bell
1:00 pm	Classes begin
2:34 pm	Dismissal
3:00 pm	2 nd Bus Loading

School Staff 2025-2026

Ms. Schieman – Administrative Assistant
 Ms. Huva - LART
 Ms. Connolly
 Ms. Dunn
 Ms. Glassel
 Ms. Boulter
 Ms. Binns
 Ms. Leblanc
 Ms. Chretien
 Ms. Kristjanson
 Ms. Schneider
 Mme Demers
 Mr. Berezowski
 Mr. Martin
 Ms. Mackenzie - Primary Prep/.4 Classroom
 Ms. McNaught - Covering for Ms. Mackenzie until her return
 Ms. Flamank - Teacher Librarian/Prep
 Ms. McCleaf - IEW - Indigenous Education Worker
 Ms. Landygo - CEA
 Ms. Mcqueen CEA
 Ms. Pelland – CEA
 Ms. Killi - CEA
 Mr. Pecuszok – Custodian in Charge
 Ms. Bains – Evening Custodian
 Mr. Scott- Principal

Terry Fox Run

We will be hosting our annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 25 at 11:00am. Our goal is to raise \$500.00 as a school for the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. Students are encouraged to bring a “Twoonie for Terry” if possible. Donations can also be made through the QR code link below:



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 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.

Forms and Permission Slips

In the next few days we will send home several forms that require parent/guardian signatures. Please ensure these forms are returned to the office as soon as possible.

School Supply Fees (Due October 3)

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.schoolcashionline.com/>.

Starting September 2025 individual student fees (enhancement fees for field trips and athletics for example) will include a processing fee for all payment transactions using online payment options. This processing fee, which was approved by the Board after the budget consultation process last spring, represents actual costs the Board incurs for using online fee payment services. Cash and cheque payments will not incur this processing fee. We recognize that fee increases can be challenging for families. School District 73 is committed to ensuring that no student is excluded from an educational program or activity or extracurricular activity because of financial need as outlined in the District's Administrative Procedure 506: Student Financial Assistance.

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.



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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.

School Photos

Individual student photo day is Tuesday, September 23.

PAC News

The first PAC meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 23 in the library (6:30pm). All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are in need of volunteers to come forward for multiple executive positions for this year.

This is a great opportunity to become involved and connected with your child's school. Our PAC is crucial to ensuring the availability of a wide range of enrichment activities, field trips, equipment, and much more. The Westsyde PAC has continued to ease the financial burden on our families through their hard work and commitment.

Click here to see important information in the [PAC Back to School Newsletter](#) - includes information about ordering Hot Lunch.

Fire and Lockdown Drills

All schools must have six fire drills a year and two lockdown practices. If your child talks to you about these drills, please reassure them that the practices are to ensure their safety in an emergency.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 18: PAC Welcome Back BBQ (6:00pm)
- Sept 22: Non Instructional Day
- Sept 23: Individual Photo Day
- Sept 23: PAC Meeting (6:30pm)
- Sept 25: Terry Fox Run
- Sept 29: Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 30: National Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)
- Oct 13: Thanksgiving Holiday