



WESTWOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September, 2015 Newsletter

RLC Webpage: <http://rl-clemitson.sd73.bc.ca> This newsletter is also available on our website.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

WELCOME BACK! A very special welcome goes out to our new students and their families. In addition, we want to welcome our Kindergarten students to RL Clemitson Elementary School. The staff and I look forward to partnering with all parents on behalf of their children.

Please look on a regular basis for school news and notices in your child's agenda or the school website <http://westwold.sd73.bc.ca>. I also encourage you to be in regular contact with your child's classroom teacher on topics such as academic progress, classroom activities, units of study, and how you can assist your child with their studies.

If at any time during the school year you have concerns, please call the school and discuss them with your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Mark Orr
Principal

Donna Dube: Public Health Nurse

Donna Dube is the Public Health Nurse for our school and community. Her role includes immunizations, control of communicable diseases, assisting in planning of care for students with special medical conditions and allergies, and working with you and the school staff to ensure your son/daughter has a healthy year. Please refer to the Interior Health's School Health Website at http://www.interiorhealth.ca/school_health.aspx for more information on programs. The "Quick Guide to Childhood Communicable Diseases" is also a very helpful tool for parents - it is available at http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/8061A728-C969-4F38-9083-B0296EF2A128/o/Epid_GF_childhood_quickguide_may_09.pdf.



School Supplies

School supply fees (cash or cheques) are due Tuesday, October 13th. Cheques should be made payable to Westwold Elementary School. **Please include the attached form when sending money to the school. Thank you.**

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

Tuesday, September 29th is our individual student picture day. LifeTouch Canada will be taking our school pictures again this year. Specific costs and packaging options will be sent home with the photos. There are no advance charges, and purchase is completely your choice.

LUNCHES

Lunches are eaten in the classroom from 12:30 to the 12:50 bell. Activities from 12:00 to 12:30 are generally outside, depending on the weather.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:23 am	Entry Bell		11:55 am	Lunch Break Begins: Outdoor Activity Time Begins
			12:21 pm	Meal Time Begins
8:33 am - 10:05 am	Attendance/ Class Begins		12:41 pm	Students Getting Ready to Begin Class
10:10 am - 10:25 am	Recess		12:46 pm - 2:30 pm	Class in Session
10:25 am - 11:55 am	Class in Session		2:30 pm	Dismissal



SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2015-2016

Head Teacher: Mrs Colleen Smailes

Teacher: Ms. Raelene Scarr (in for Mrs. Janeane Kreutzer)

Learning Assistance Teacher: Mrs. Britt Boulter

Certified Education Assistant: Mrs. Uli Schnabl

Rural Education Support Worker: Mrs. Erin Gibbons

Custodian: Narinder Dhillon

Principal: Mr. Mark Orr



SCHOOL BUS

Transportation Assistance may be granted in accordance with the Public School Act to parents whose situation qualifies. Application forms are at the school office.

1. **KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3**

Distance to designated school for that attendance area is more than 4.0 km; or

2. **GRADES 4 TO 12**

Distance to designated school for that attendance area is more than 4.8km; or

Distance to bus route is more than 3.2 km.

Please contact Manager of Transportation, Mr Dave Mell, at 250-372-5853 regarding any questions regarding bus transportation.

Westwold Schedule of Events 2015-2016

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Non-Instructional Day</i>	• <i>Sept. 25th</i>
<i>Individual Student Photos</i>	• <i>Sept 29th</i>
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	• <i>Oct 12th</i>
<i>Early Closure ~ 12:30pm, Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	•
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<i>Non-Instructional Day</i>	• <i>Oct 23rd</i>
<i>Remembrance Day</i>	• <i>Nov 11th</i>
<i>Non-Instructional Day</i>	• <i>Dec 7th</i>
<i>Winter Break</i>	• <i>Dec 21st – Jan 1st</i>
<i>Family Day</i>	• <i>Feb 8th</i>
<i>Non-Instructional Day</i>	• <i>Feb 19th</i>
<i>Early Closure ~ 12:30pm, Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	•
<i>Spring Break</i>	• <i>Mar 21st – Apr 1st</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	• <i>March 25th</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	• <i>March 28th</i>
<i>Non-Instructional day</i>	• <i>Apr 18th</i>
<i>Early Closure ~ 12:30pm, Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	•
<i>Non-Instructional Day</i>	• <i>May 16th</i>
<i>Victoria Day</i>	• <i>May 23rd</i>
<i>Final Assembly/Last Day for Students/Report Cards</i>	• <i>Jun 29th ~ 12:30pm closure</i>
<i>Last Day for Teachers</i>	• <i>Jun 30th</i>



School Supplies 2015-2016

School District #73 offers a program that allows families to purchase their child's School supplies directly through their school at a real saving. This is a once a year charge - payable on or before Tuesday October 13th which will ensure your child will always be equipped with the proper materials he/she needs in order to participate in their daily lessons. We encourage you to support this program as there are many supplies that all students use throughout the school year that would cost much more to buy individually. For example, our art supplies include pastels, a variety of paints, brushes, rollers, a variety of paper (tissue, construction, crepe, manila tag, etc.) and different kinds of notebooks and binders depending upon the subject area. Participation in this program is the most economical way of ensuring that your child has all the school supplies he/she needs for the duration of the school year. Young Peoples' Concerts (YPC) for Grades K through 7 are a series of 4 concerts held at Sagebrush Theatre. The cost of the concerts includes bus transportation. The cost for the 2015-2016 school year is:

- Kindergarten \$43.00
(School Supplies = \$28.00; YPC = \$15.00)
- Grades 1 - 3 \$50.00
(School Supplies = \$35.00 (including \$7.00 Agenda Book); YPC = \$15.00)
- Grades 4 - 7 \$65.00
(School Supplies = \$50.00 (including \$7.00 Agenda Book); YPC = \$15.00)

Please Note:

1. Complete one form for each child.
2. Return attached form(s) with payment. (**One cheque per family - be sure to attach all forms [one form for each child] to cheque/payment and return with oldest child**).

Please detach and return to the school.

Thank you!

Westwold Elementary

PLEASE DETACH & RETURN WITH PAYMENT BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH.

- Grade K \$43.00
- Grades 1-3 \$50.00
- Grades 4-7 \$65.00

Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Teacher: _____

Amount of Payment: \$ _____

____ I do not wish to participate in the school supply program and will be providing my child's supplies. I have enclosed the cost of Young Peoples' Concerts (Grade K to 7), and agenda (Grade 1 to 7).