

Ecole West Kent Elementary School – October 2018 Newsletter

West Kent Elementary School

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The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start at West Kent. Thanks to students, staff, and parents for your roles in making our school a safe and caring learning environment.

“KISS and RIDE”

The first couple of weeks of school have been extremely busy, but things are running more smoothly everyday thanks to the cooperation of students, parents and staff. We ask parents cooperation in helping ensure the safety of our students by obeying all traffic rules and especially not performing u-turns on Viceroy Avenue. It only takes a few extra seconds to drive around the block, and it is much safer for our children. We have a 'kiss and ride' this year. There are three spots designated for quick drop off. Parents are asked not to get out of the car. Students should be ready to exit the vehicle on the passenger side as soon as you stop. If your child needs a little more time with you, please proceed further down Viceroy Avenue. You can go around the block or park near the sidewalk after staff parking and walk back with your child.

Attendance Line If your child is going to late or absent and you want to inform the school, you can leave a message on the safe arrival line 902-368-6995 before 9:00 a.m.

A friendly reminder that it is important for students to arrive to school on time. Morning routines provide students with a smooth transition to a day of learning. At this time, the students review the day's schedule, copy homework assignments, listen to school announcements, and distribute notes and materials from home to their teachers. To provide your children with a positive start to the day, please plan your morning so your child arrives at school for our 8:20a.m. start. Thanks!



Supervision

Supervision for students begins at 8:00 a.m. each morning. In case of inclement weather, students will be allowed in at that time. Please do not drop your children off before 8:00 a.m. as there is no one out on supervision.

Cancellations/Delays/Bus Delays

Just a reminder to please listen to local radio stations or check the Public Schools Branch website in the mornings in case of delays or cancellations due to inclement weather, mechanical issues, Bus delays, etc.

West Kent Student Pledge

I pledge to take responsibility for my actions. I will respect myself, the right of all students to learn, and the right of all teachers to teach. I will work to be the best I can be.

PEITF Convention

The annual PEI Teachers' Convention & CUPE Convention are scheduled for November 8&9. There are no classes either day.

Hot Lunch Program

The on-line Hot Lunch program at West Kent is pleased to offer a variety of lunch options available throughout the week. **Lunch orders need to be ordered and paid for on-line by Monday mornings at 9:00 am, (even if there is no school on Monday). If orders are not paid for at that time they are automatically deleted from the system.** We do not accept late orders.

If school is cancelled, orders will be credited; they do not carry forward. You must re-order for the following week. If there is no school on Friday, pizza are available on the last school day of the week. If your child is absent, their food will be put in the fridge for them. Teachers will keep track of milk and ice cream on days students are absent.

Please help keep costs down for children's lunches ~ you can order for several weeks at a time. West Kent's lunch program incurs fees per for every transaction. The best way to minimize these costs is to make fewer orders. We are suggesting that parents pay for 1 month worth of lunches at a time. Parents can still cancel or change an order for a given week up until each Monday at 9 a.m. There will not be any additional transaction fees. The cancelled order will show as a credit to your account, and this helps keep lunch prices lower for all. Please call the office if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for helping make our lunch program affordable for all.

Safety Drills

Fire Drills, Lockdown and Bus Safety drills will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

School Pictures Retakes

School picture Retakes will be on November 2nd. Proofs should arrive at the school in a couple of weeks

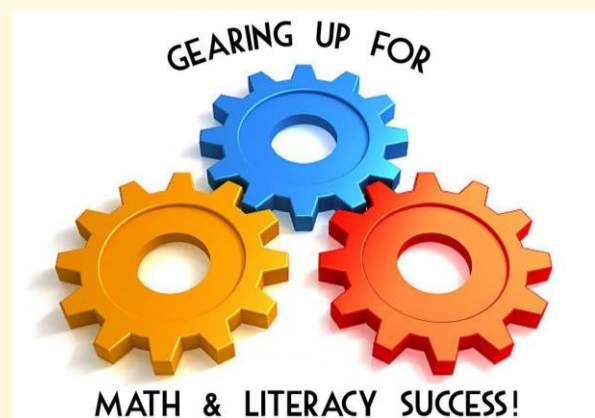


Physical Education

Gym Clothing - Students and parents are reminded that students with long hair need to come to Physical Education with their hair tied back. Kindergarten – Grade 2 students can put their hair up in the morning before coming to school. Students should also have safe sneakers to participate in Physical Education, which may mean Velcro shoes. Some students are unable to tie their laces and are missing a significant amount of Physical Education instruction because of this difficulty. Untied laces can present a safety hazard in the gymnasium. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our students safe!

Cross Country - Many students have been participating in cross country! The Zone 3 Cross Country Championship took place at Eliot River Elementary School Oct 10th starting at 10a.m., parent are welcome to attend. Provincial Championships will be held at Mill River. Good luck to all participating students!

Spooktacular - Oct. 31st. with everyone encouraged to wear orange and black. More details to follow.



Please Support the Library:

Volunteers for the Library: The library needs volunteers to help with various tasks each year. Scholastic book fair in November requires a few volunteers. We also need 1 or 2 regular volunteers to help shelf nonfiction books. If you are artsy or crafty, we would also appreciate some help decorating. All volunteers will need an updated criminal record check completed. Please contact the office to get a letter to take to the city police.

Adopt a School Program: West Kent is part of the Adopt a School program sponsored by Indigo (September 15th-October 31st). Families can donate money to our school library fund at the adopt a school link. Indigo will donate 1 book for every \$20 donated. All new books donated to our school will have a label indicating who donated the book to our school. Indigo also gives us a 30% discount on our school purchases. We appreciate everyone's help fundraising for our school library by making purchases at our school book sales or supporting us through Indigo. Visit <https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca> today!

Wanted Gently Used Books, Board Games and Lego"
Please donate if you have books or Lego at home that you no longer use. These books may be used in the library or redistributed to other students for free. **Please give the gift of reading.:**)

Drive away Hunger

West Kent School will be participating in the Farm Credit Canada (FCC) food drive. The FCC tractor will arrive at our school next week and students will load the tractor with the food that has been collected. All food will be donated to our local food bank. Last year West Kent raised 872 pounds of food. Thank you for your donations to this important event. Let's work together and make a difference in our community.



Thanksgiving Assembly

West Kent's Thanksgiving Assembly will take place on Friday, Oct 5th, at 12:30 p.m. in the gym. Students are asked to wear something orange to show our support to First Nations. Students in Grades 3 will be participating. Parents are welcome to join us for this celebration

Choir

Grades 4,5& 6 students can sign up for West Kent Glee Christmas Choir. This choir will focus on Christmas songs with movement and it runs until the Christmas break. They will rehearse Day 3 and Day 5 at lunch recess.

Garden Caretakers

Mrs. Lynch and

Madame Emma would like to thank all our Garden Caretakers who generously volunteered time over the summer to tend, water, and weed our school planter boxes. Your help is very much appreciated and necessary to make this project a success. Thanks very much!

Let's Learn About Anxiety! Counselling Group

In the coming weeks, West Kent Elementary School Counsellor, Mandy Ramsay, will be putting together small group educational sessions for students to learn about the topic of anxiety and how to manage anxious feelings. The sessions will take place during the school day and will be 30 minutes in length, once per day cycle. If you feel that your child would benefit from learning more about the topic of anxiety and how to manage anxious feelings, please contact Mrs. Mandy Ramsay at maramsay@edu.pe.ca or by phone at 902-368-6073 to receive a permission slip for your child to participate or for more information on the group.

Caribou Contest

This year all students in Grades 3 through 6 will participate in the online Caribou Math competition. The cost of this contest is generously covered by our Home and School. Students will be given a user name (first name and initial only) and a code to login and complete the contest. There are six one-hour tests throughout the school year to challenge our students to think about math in new ways. If students wish to view some practice tests, or if parents would like to learn more about this opportunity, you can look online at <https://cariboutests.com/>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Tracey Evison at tlevison@edu.pe.ca or call the school at 902-368-6065.



On behalf of the West Kent Home and School we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our School community. If you have not had the chance yet to sign up to receive communications from Home and School, please do so by emailing us at westkenthsg@gmail.com.

We encourage your input and involvement and believe that we all play a role in the success of our Home and School.

FALL FAIR

Volunteers and Donors make these events possible so we THANK YOU all of you for your valued input, time and support.

UPCOMING MEETING

Our next Home and School Meeting is Wednesday October 24th 2018, 6:30pm at the School Library.

Home and School Meeting Schedule 2018-19

Wednesday October 24th 2018

Thursday 14th March 2019

Thursday December 6th 2018

Wednesday 1st May 2019

Tuesday January 22nd 2019

Tuesday 4th June 2019

Wednesday 1st May 2019

SILENT AUCTION 2018

This year our Silent Auction fundraiser will be an online event taking place in November.

Thank you to those who have already generously donated items. If you would like to donate an item please contact us at westkenthsg@gmail.com

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Parents for French- Call for CPF PEI Volunteers!

Canadian Parents for French PEI is a volunteer-based organization and a vast majority of the amazing work we do is by local chapter volunteers. The best way to find out how to help your child in French is to get involved! Show your support for your child's efforts to make French a part of their life. You could help organize local French musical performances, movie nights, exchanges, French camps, public speaking competition (Concours d'art oratoire) and so much more while making lasting connections with your communities and school. Be a part of the French learning experience, and contribute to your child's success. For more information on how to become involved contact Brittany Jakubiec brittanyaejakubiec@gmail.com or Marina Silva marina11silva@gmail.com or visit www.pei.cpf.ca

Community News

Do you like to swim?

Charlottetown Bluephins Aquatic Club is welcoming new and returning swimmers. New swimmer assessment sessions are happening this fall. Bluephins coaches will do an in-pool assessment and help place you in the swim group that best suits you. Competitive swimming is great fun, super exercise and the very best part of all... you'll meet lots of new people.

Where: Bell Aliant Centre pool, UPEI Campus

For more information or to register your swimmer with the Charlottetown Bluephins, contact Head Coach Tom Ponting tomponting1965@gmail.com; Sherri at the Bluephins' office sherribluephins@gmail.com or by calling 902-620-3988.

For more information on the Bluephins, go to www.bluephins.ca

Charlottetown Figure Skating Club

we would like to let you know the registration for Pre-Canskate, Canskate and Starskate programs at the Charlottetown skating club is now open. All ages and all skill levels are welcome. Dynamic Learn-to-skate program for beginners of all ages. All you need are skates and CSA approved helmets. Session starts Oct 4th, 2018.

A Cannabis information night for both parents and students will be held on **Tuesday, Oct 9th at 6:30PM at Charlottetown Rural.**