

École West Kent Elementary School – November 2018 Newsletter

West Kent Elementary School

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November has arrived and at school we will embrace this fall month with hard work and focus. Daylight Savings time changed last weekend and our days outside will seem shorter. Looking forward to another great month!

“KISS and RIDE”

The mornings are extremely busy, but things are running smoother everyday thanks to the cooperation of students, parents and staff. We ask parent’s 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. **Kiss & Ride Drop –offs** - 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 be 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. If you are emailing the teacher please cc Lena at lcmacrae@edu.pe.ca due to teachers being out or not able to access their emails

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.

**SAFE SCHOOL NOTICE
VISITORS MUST CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE.
PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE NOT TO GO TO
THE CLASSROOMS.**

Get informed of storm days and early closures by following:

1. PEI Storm Watch email alert systems: <https://peistormwatch.wordpress.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/peistormwatch> <https://twitter.com/PEIStormwatch>
2. Radio Stations: <https://www.ocean100.com/storm-centre/> [cfcy.fm/cancellations](https://www.cfcy.fm/cancellations).
3. Public Schools Branch webpage. <https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/storm-closure-information>
4. Listen to the Radio and check West Kent Morning Announcements

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.

PEITF/CUPE Convention – The annual PEITF and CUPE convention are being held on November 8 & 9 so there will be no school either days.

West Kent Buses

Most of our buses are running at capacity. Bus students only are eligible for transportation before and after school.

In some cases with approval from the office and accompanied by prior written request from parents/guardians alternative bus arrangements may be considered.



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 – Congratulations to all the students who went to Provincials. West Kent was well represented.

Music News



Remembrance Assembly – West Kent's Remembrance Assembly will take place on **Wednesday, November 7th at 12:30** in the gym. Students in Grades 4 will be participating. Parents are welcome to join us in our celebration.

The grade 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Glee choir will be performing at the Holland College Florence Simmons Hall on Tuesday, November 20th. We have been invited to participate in the Welshman's Christmas Concert as special guests. The information for this event will be sent home with students on November 13th.

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER - Thank you to our West Kent School Family for participation in the Farm Credit Canada food drive. All food was donated to our local Food Bank. West Kent has raised 960 pounds of food. Thank you for Your donations to this important event. Thank you for working together and making a difference in our community.

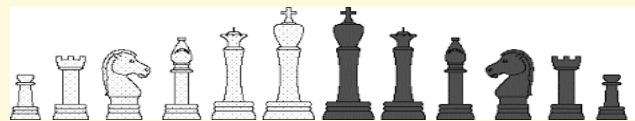
Please Support the Library:

Scholastic Book Fair!

West Kent Elementary will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair November 22nd and 23rd in the school library. The fair will be open to the students for a viewing session on Wednesday, November 21st, with a purchasing day for students on November 22nd. The fair will also be open Thursday evening (November 22nd) for parents and again on November 23rd until 11 o'clock. As always, proceeds from the fair will be used to enhance the library collection. Please note payment options: cash, cheque and credit cards only. **There is no debit machine.** Thank you for your support of our school library!

Indigo Fund-raiser Thursday, November 29th:

The West Kent School library will be doing a fundraiser at Indigo November 29th. Indigo will donate a percentage of all purchases to our school (up to 20% in Indigo Gift Cards). We would appreciate parent support. When you make a purchase that evening, tell them that you would like Indigo to support West Kent School. They will donate 20% of your purchase to us. There is no cost to you! Students from West Kent will be at Indigo from 5:30-8:30.



Chess Club

Chess club begins Tuesday November 6th and runs from 2:45 until 3:15 in the gym. Students must let me know directly if they are going to miss for any reason.

Looking for Donations:

Are you cleaning out your attic, basement, or garage? Did you know that many things you might think of throwing away or donating could be used here at school? I am reaching out and looking for gently used games and activities that students could enjoy during indoor recess and in small groups. Lego, Scrabble, Hedbanz, Connect4, Uno, Kerplunk, Twister, Apples to Apples, Yahtzee, Snakes and Ladders, Cranium, and Pictionary, are only a few. Any age appropriate **games or activity/craft kits** like slime, friendship bracelets, thread and yarn, that you may have collecting dust we would love to make use of!

Also looking for any gently used **Winter Gear**. All sizes of winter coats, snow pants, hats, mitts, etc. to have available at the school for those who need. Please wash before sending in. Gym pants in sizes 4-7 are also welcomed for occasion mud puddle mishaps, etc. It takes a village and we are blessed to have such great support from the community! Thank you in advance!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Way to go West Kent! Our school raised **\$576.35** for the Autism Society of PEI through our Inside Out Day! So proud of the amazing school we are part of and how we continue to promote and encourage inclusion and acceptance for all!

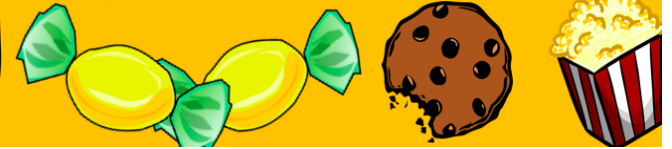
Canadian Parents for French West Kent Chapter Movie Night!

Wednesday, Nov 7th from 6:30–7:45 pm
Drop off starting at 6:15 pm

All West Kent Students are welcome! The movie will be shown in French with English subtitles. There will be a canteen with snacks for students to purchase. Movie starts at 6:30 pm and has a running time of 70 minutes.

If you have questions or want to volunteer, contact Brittany Jakubiec at bjakubiec@upe.ca

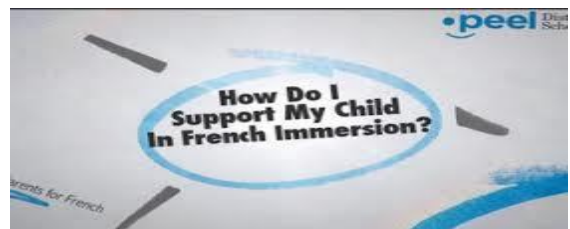
Entry by donation! All proceeds go to support the WK CPF Chapter at our school!



Movie Night - "Ernest et Celestine" ("Ernest and Celestine").

CPF Parent Information

CPF "Help with homework night" will be held Thursday November 29th at 6:30pm. It is an information session for parents who have children in Immersion.





November 2018

Dear West Kent Friends and members of the Community.

West Kent Elementary School's Home and School Association are preparing for our annual Silent Auction, which will be an online event this year going live mid-November.

We are presenting this appeal to request a donation for our Silent Auction. The Silent Auction is the School's major fundraising event of the year.

We are grateful for items generously donated by businesses like yours. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will go toward renewal and rejuvenation projects to update our sixty year old School. As a donor you will be recognized for your generosity in a newsletter to our School community and via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/westkents/>.

We are excited about the opportunity this event provides for our school. West Kent Elementary School values our community and always appreciates your support.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the West Kent Home and School Association at westkents@gmail.com.

To have our Auction ready for mid November we kindly ask that donations reach us no later than Friday 9th November 2018.

Many thanks and kind regards,

West Kent Home and School Association
Silent Auction Committee members

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<https://www.facebook.com/westkents/>

Community News

Join us at the Charlottetown Curling Club for our Rock Star Program

Saturday mornings from 10:30am-12noon. Ages 6 -12. Great for beginners.

Experienced instructors will be on the ice to help out. Equipment is provided except for helmets and clean shoes. Don't worry if you don't have a team – registration is individual.

Registration fees includes 16 weeks of curling including a December Party and a Windup Party. Registration fee is \$126.25 everything included.

Hurry hard, space is limited.

*Registration takes place at the Charlottetown Curling Club on November 10 at 9:30am, and our first on-ice session will start the same day 10:30am. Please email Amy Duncan (aduncan@sportpei.pe.ca) if you have any questions. Thank you, *Amy Duncan* Rock Star Program Coordinator.*