

West Kent Elementary December Newsletter

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It is hard to believe that 2018 is already nearing the end. We had a very exciting fall at West Kent and I know students, staff, and parents are looking forward to what the New Year will bring. I'd like to thank our H&S for their active involvement at the school. We are very fortunate to have so many talented and enthusiastic parents who are able to share their interests and time being involved in the life of the school. We truly appreciate all that you do to help make West Kent such a special community. Our staff has worked so hard this fall and have given of themselves in so many ways. We are thankful for the skills and talents they share with the children in their own classrooms and throughout the school.

From all of us at West Kent School, we wish you a very happy and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year!

West Kent Christmas Concerts

Preparations for this year's Christmas Concerts are well under way! Two concerts will be offered again this year, K-2 and 5-6.

Kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2 will have their concert on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 12:30pm., with the dress rehearsal at 11:00a.m.

Grades 5 and 6 will have their concert on Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 12:30pm., with the dress rehearsal at 11:00a.m.

Donations will be accepted at the door to offset the cost of the sound system. If you are unable to attend the 12:30p.m. performance, you are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal. **The storm date for both concerts will be Dec. 13th.** Please join us for our holiday celebration here at West Kent Elementary.



Dress for the Weather

A reminder to please be sure that your child is dressed for the cold weather (snow pants, coat, hat, boots, mittens, etc.).

It's always a good idea to pack extra socks and/or mittens this time of year as students will be going outside most days at recess and lunch.



Bake Sale Fundraiser – Thank you to all students for supporting the Grade 5&6 students with their bake sale on Dec 5th to raise money for our twin school in Kenya.

HotLunch Items

Storm Policy - **There are no carry overs on orders. Food items from storm days will show as a credit but must be reordered.** In attempts to make the West Kent Hot Lunches website more parent friendly, parents can order for months that are active. This means that parents can order once a month if they desire. On a weekly basis, menus will still close Monday morning at 9a.m. If your plans change after you ordered for the month, you can return to the menu prior to Monday morning of that current week to delete items. You will be given a credit on your hot lunches account. Paypal charges the school for the number of transactions, so by ordering on a monthly basis, costs for food items will hopefully not increase as much over time.

Scholastic Book Fair News!

West Kent Library had another successful book fair fund-raiser. We are able to purchase new materials from the book fair. We could not have a successful book fair without some wonderful volunteers. Thank you to our volunteers for making this possible.



West Kent Elementary Home & School Association

Home and School Meeting –Thursday, Dec 6th at 6:30pm

Christmas Shoppe - Home and School is excited to be hosting a Christmas Shoppe Dec 19th. Stay tuned for details.

Silent Auction - Thank you everyone for your participation and generosity in our Silent Auction. We are excited to have raised over \$6000 this year to go toward accessible playground equipment in our school yard.

Kindergarten Registration 2019/20

Planning is underway for next year and Kindergarten registration week will be Jan 7-11. Your child must be 5 years old by December 31, 2019, to be eligible to attend Kindergarten in September 2019. If you have not done so, please contact the school or drop by to complete a registration form. Two pieces of information are required: 1) Verification of child's date of birth 2) Verification of home address. Students are required to register at the school they are zoned for. Dates for the parents and children to attend the annual Welcome to Kindergarten sessions will be announced in the spring of 2019. French Immersion Charlottetown Family (Prince Street, St. Jean, West Kent, and the downtown portion of Parkdale) contact West Kent Elementary.



West Kent School Families

Mandy Ramsay, the School counsellor has asked that we begin to think about this now as Christmas will be here in a flash and we like to have gift cards available to families at the beginning of December. Gift Cards for stores where food, clothing and Toys are available are ideal.

Gift cards can be left at the School office c/o Mandy Ramsay. During the concert is an excellent time to consider dropping off a gift card to help our Christmas families. Please drop off in office. Thank you!

Monthly Literacy Tips for Parents: Building Reading Stamina

Reading stamina is a child's ability to focus and read independently for long-ish periods of time without being distracted or without distracting others. Find out how you can help your child develop reading stamina by visiting this online site: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/building-reading-stamina>.

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Thank you to everyone who came out and supported West Kent School at the Indigo Fundraiser.

Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day

In January for Family Reading Day, West Kent School will be celebrating books with a "**Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day**". There are lots of quick and fun ideas for this theme on Pinterest. We cannot wait to see the creativity! More details to follow in the January.

Resource News

There will be a Christmas card exchange at West Kent Elementary between students and/or staff during the week of December 10th to December 14th 2018. Homemade stamps will be available to buy for 25 cents each. All profit will go to support our families in needs.

We will be asking students who wish to participate in this event to select a friend or two who they would like to send a warm wish to. They need to purchase a stamp to have their card delivered to their friend(s).

The stamps can be purchased from Dec 10th. to Dec. 14th from 8:20 to 8:35 and from 12:15 to 12:30 everyday of that week. Two locations : area outside bathrooms downstairs and upstairs lobby.

The cards need to be dropped in our mailbox that will be located close to the upstairs bathrooms.

The mail will be distribute by our Mailmen and Mailwomen (Leadership students) at around 2 :10 everyday.

PEI Home and School Federation 2019 Extra Mile Award - Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by the PEI Home and School Federation. Submissions deadline: January 11, 2019.

Find more information at: Extra Mile Award of the Year | <mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca> | [902-620-3186](tel:902-620-3186)

**Merry
Christmas
and
A Happy
New Year.**

**First day for
classes is
Jan 3, 2019**