

# Ecole West Kent Elementary School – October 2019 Newsletter

## West Kent Elementary School

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**The 2019-2020 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.**

## “DROP-OFF AND GO ZONE”

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. Drop-off & Go Zone - 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.

## 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.

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 inside the school at that time. Please do not drop your children off before 8:00 a.m. as there is no staff on supervision.**

## 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.

## Physical Education

Cross Country Provincials will be held in Mill River on Saturday, October 19th.

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.

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.:)



**School Pictures Retakes** - School picture Retakes will be on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Proofs should arrive at the school a couple of weeks after photos are taken.

## 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 the morning of Oct 16th 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 961 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 Thursday, October 10th, at 12:30 p.m. in the gym. Students in Grades 2 and 3 will be participating. Parents are welcome to join us for this celebration. The dress rehearsal at 10: 45 is open to those who can't make it to the assembly. Food donations will be accepted at the door, as well as a donation box to help support our music programs at West Kent.

**Choir News** - Grade 4, 5 & 6 Glee Christmas Choir will be meeting on Days 3 and 5 at lunch recess. This choir will be learning songs and dances to some awesome Christmas songs. They will also be part of the grade 5 and 6 Christmas Concert in December.

## Garden Caretakers

Mrs. Lynch 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!

## Safety Drills

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

## 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 Sunday evenings at 9:00 pm, (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. **Instructions for ordering are on the school website.**

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 and ice cream 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 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 Sunday evening at 9 pm. 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.

## Parents for French- Call for CPF PEI Volunteers!

Canadian Parents for French 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 competitions (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 Emma Boswell at [eaboswell@edu.pe.ca](mailto:eaboswell@edu.pe.ca)

I look forward to hearing from you!

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## **FALL FAIR**

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

### **Our Home and School UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Monday, October 28, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Monday, December 9, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Monday, January 20, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Monday, April 20, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Monday, June 1, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Please feel free to contact us at [westkents@gmail.com](mailto:westkents@gmail.com) with any questions. We encourage an active and open Home and School family. <https://www.facebook.com/westkents/>; <https://westkenthstech.wixsite.com/westkents>; [westkents@gmail.com](mailto:westkents@gmail.com)

## **PEI Home and School Federation Semi-Annual & "Best Meeting" Conversations**

WHEN: Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 6:00 - 8.00 PM

PLACE: Gulf Shore Consolidated School, 185 Hilltop Drive, North Rustico, PEI

NO Cost! Bring a Food Bank donation.

REGISTRATION: Register attendees from your school community by Thurs., Oct. 3, 2019

<http://peihsf.ca/2019-semi-annual> / 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664 / [peihsf@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca)

Refreshments provided. Catered locally by Green Isle Catering Co., North Rustico.

An opportunity to discuss our "Best" meetings, current issues and opportunities, share resources and ideas, and build connections within the school community on P.E.I. Federation board members will lead conversations on the following topics:

1. Sharing of ideas through 'Live Story'
2. Conducting a Meeting (i.e. chair, record, finance, review/audit)
3. How to Resolution/Policy Action
4. Celebrating Everyone

Vaping products have now surpassed tobacco as the most commonly used nicotine-containing product by Canadian and PEI youth. As the rates of e-cigarette use by youth on PEI continues to rise, it is important for adults (e.g. parents, teachers, school staff, family members etc.) to educate themselves about what e-cigarettes are, health harms associated with using them, what is being done to address youth use, and where to access more information.

Presentation by: Sterling Carruthers, Health Schools Specialist and Melissa Munro-Bernard, Chief Public Health Officer.

REGISTRATION .....Please register names of attendees from your school community by Thurs., Oct. 3, 2019 by calling Shirley at 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664 or email: [peihsf@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca). We need to know how many people are

attending for quantities of handouts and refreshments. Refreshments will be catered locally by Green Isle Catering Co., North Rustico.

Other information:

Parking for the venue is located in the school parking lot.

- Plan to arrive at 5.45 p.m. and pick up a healthy food plate and meet and greet other people from other school communities.
- Bring your business or contact cards for networking with Home and School volunteers and partners in education during and following the session.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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"A school needs to be a place for all children, not based on the idea that they are all the same, but that they are all different." "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically." Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Community News

**The Charlottetown Skating Club (CSC)** offers learn to skate programs for preschool-age children to adults, as well as recreational and competitive figure skating programs.

WHERE: The CSC skates primarily out of the Simmons Arena on North River Road.

WHEN: The Fall/Winter 2019 season starts October 2019 and runs until March 2020. Please see the website for full exact schedules with dates and times.

To register please visit our website: <https://www.charlottetownskatingclub.ca/registration/>

Please contact [canskaters@gmail.com](mailto:canskaters@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Funding assistance is available through KIDSPORT & JUMPSTART for qualified participants:

<http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/prince-edward-island/apply-for-assistance/>

<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/>

**EBA WINTER PROGRAMS - *are filling up quickly as we get started in just 4wks!!***

**An exciting off season is ahead for all EBA players as we've adjusted the structure as well as curriculum for many of our winter programs with an even stronger focus on player development than ever before!**

*We have programs for players aged 7-17yrs old*

**For information please contact - Eastern Baseball Academy <[info@easternbaseballacademy.com](mailto:info@easternbaseballacademy.com)>**

### Charlottetown Basketball

Charlottetown Tigers Minor Basketball Association (CTMBA) is holding online registrations from now until October 15th for boys and girls from grades 1 to 6. Sessions are geared toward children just being introduced to the exciting fast paced sport all the way up to boys and girls looking to improve their skills.

For more information and to register please visit: [www.tigersbasketball.ca](http://www.tigersbasketball.ca)