

École West Kent Elementary School – November 2019 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!

“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 AND 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, 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 please call and you can leave a message. If you are emailing the teacher please cc Lena at lcmacrae@edu.pe.ca . If the teachers is absent this ensures the information is shared with the substitute (as they cannot access the teacher’s email)

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. **If your child is arriving late they must be signed in at the office. Please do not just drop off and leave.** 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. West Kent daily announcements <https://westkentnews.wordpress.com/>

NOTE: you may have to cut and paste some of these links for them to work

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 nights 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.

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 is available on the last school day of the week. If your child is absent, please contact their teacher if you want their food saved in the fridge for them.

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 Sunday night at 9 p.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 14 & 15 so there will be no school either days.

West Kent Buses

Most of our buses are running at capacity. Only student who are eligible for bussing can travel to and from on the bus.

If parents/guardians require alternative bus arrangements for their child(ren) you must send an email/note requesting permission.



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!

Parents/Guardians are asked to send along a note or email to Mrs. Szwarc if a student is unable to participate in physical education class due to illness or injury. If a child is unable to participate because of an injury, please specify what the injury is and when the child is able to return to activity in class. Thank-you!

Cross Country – Congratulations to York Bystryk who placed 7th at Provincials.

Music News



Remembrance Assembly – West Kent's Remembrance Assembly will take place on Thursday, November 7th at 12:45 in the gym. Students in Grades 4 will be participating. Parents are welcome to join us in our celebration. There will be a donation basket at the door to support our music program.

Glee choir for grades 4,5 and 6 are busy rehearsing for the Christmas season. We have been asked to sing at the Stratford Community Choir Concert on Sunday, December 8th at 2:30 at Park Royal United Church. More information will be going home in a notice.

The Glee Choir will also take part in the Grade 5,6 Christmas Concert in December.

West Kent Christmas Concerts - The K&1 Christmas Concert is Tuesday, Dec 10th, and The 5&6 with Glee Choir is Wed. Dec 11. Storm date for both is Dec. 12th

Please Support the Library:

Scholastic Book Fair!

West Kent Elementary will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair November 7th and 8th in the school library. The fair will be open to the students for a viewing session on November 6th, with a purchasing day for students on November 7th. The fair will also be open Thursday, November 7th evening until 7p.m. and on November 8th until 11 o'clock for parents. 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.

Indigo Fund-raiser Tuesday, November 26th:

The West Kent School library will be doing a fundraiser at Indigo November 26th. 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.



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 857.5 pounds of food. Thank you for your donations to this important event. Thank you for working together and making a difference in our community.

Playground fundraiser - Papa John's Pizza has graciously agreed to help West Kent raise money for our Playground. One day a month, Papa Johns will donate 20% of on-line orders if you enter the code WESTKENT when placing your on-line order. Please consider ordering food from Papa John's on the following dates and remember to enter the code, WESTKENT, and as a recap 20% of the customers' orders carryout or delivery will be donated back to the school. This is an online only fundraiser and the parents/customers must put the code in when placing the order.

November, 20th, 2019

March, 25th, 2020

December, 11th, 2019

April, 22nd, 2020

January, 15th, 2020

May, 20th, 2020

February, 26th, 2020

June, 17th, 2020

Poinsettia Fundraiser for West Kent Inclusive Playground

The West Kent Playground Committee will be selling tickets for poinsettias from VanKampen's Greenhouses to help raise money for our new **Inclusive Playground Project**. Poinsettias are a beautiful decoration for your home or office, and also make great Christmas gifts! The cost is \$20 each and can be ordered in two ways:

1. The paper order below will need to be filled out and returned with exact payment in cash or cheque. The order form and money are due to the office no later than **Monday, December 2nd at 9:00am**.
2. Orders can also be placed through the on line HotLunch Program between Monday, November 4th and Sunday, December 1st.

All tickets for poinsettias will go home with students **on or before Tuesday, December 2nd**. Tickets for poinsettias can be brought to VanKampen's between December 2nd-15th.

Please email Emily Waye eewaye@edu.pe.ca or Diana MacLennan dianastewart@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!



Kindergarten Registration 2020/21

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten ***prior to or during the week of November 18-22, 2019.***

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2020 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.

- Parents are asked to register their child at his/her local elementary school during school hours.

If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office (902-368-6990) or Summerside Office (902-888-8400). Toll Free 1-800-280-7965.

- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age. Examples are:

Birth Certificate

PEI Health Card

Passport

- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as current utility bill.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the spring of 2020.

Please refer to this additional information regarding locations for the Early French Immersion Program registration:

Charlottetown Family (LM Montgomery, Sherwood, and the Brackley & Brackley Beach portions of Parkdale) contact Sherwood Elementary.

Charlottetown Family (Glen Stewart and Donagh) contact Glen Stewart Primary.

Charlottetown Family (Spring Park and West Royalty,) contact Spring Park Elementary.

Charlottetown Family (Prince Street, St. Jean, West Kent, and the downtown portion of Parkdale) contact West Kent Elementary.



Home and School News November 2019

1. Semi-Annual Follow up

- Sharing of Ideas "Live Story" by Dionne Tuplin online.
 - Youth Vaping in PEI PDF presented by Sterling Carruthers and Melissa Munro-Bernard is online.
- Please note the slides are for information purposes. Home and School Associations are asked to arrange vaping presentations in Families of Schools by contacting Sterling sdcaruthers@edu.pe.ca or 902-438-4134.

2. Membership Fees

Local Home and School Association membership fees are due November 1st.
Forms were mailed to Association presidents/treasurers and are online.

3. Parent Leadership Grants

PL Project grants up to \$1,000 are available to Home and School Associations. Projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community. Click here for Application. For more information, contact: peihsf@edu.pe.ca / 620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664
Submission deadline Friday, November 8, 2019

4. Premier's Education Mandate Letter

The Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning received a Mandate Letter from Premier King, with direction to lead PEI's efforts to develop and deliver excellent high-quality education in English and French for Island children from birth to Grade 12. Hon. Trivers will lead development and implementation of a school food program and return to elected school boards. Click here for Letter.

5. Effecting Change through Resolutions

It is useful and practical to effect change by using a formal resolution writing process. Home and School members are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that is affecting the learning success of students to influence change at the provincial level through the Federation's advocacy policies (i.e. vaping & youth, student wellness, curriculum needs, student health, school bus safety, etc.). For more information: peihsf@edu.pe.ca / 620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664. Resolution submission deadline: January 31, 2020.

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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.