

# Monday Message May 14, 2018

### Track and Field - grades 4 - 7

Good luck to all field event competitors at the 'mini-meets' tomorrow. The grade 4 and 5 students will compete at Westview. The grade 6 and 7 students will compete at Capilano Elementary. The meets will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students must sign in and sign out with a Westview staff member.

This is a reminder that the Qualifying Track Meet for Swangard takes place at Handsworth Secondary School, next Wednesday on May 23rd, from 8 a.m. to 12 pm.

Parents are responsible for their own child's transportation to and from these minimeets and the Qualifying Meet at Handsworth.

#### **Placement Letters**

It is that time of year when we begin to plan for next year, specifically around possible class organizations. We are committed to building the best learning environment for all students, and as such our variables are many. Parents as partners in this process are important. Please let the office know as soon as possible if your child(ren) will not be returning to Westview next September. Having this information is very important to the School District's planning for next year. In June we will begin organizing divisions for the 2018/19 school year.

Using the following criteria, Westview staff devotes a substantial amount of thought and effort into the process of building classes:

- (a) Balanced instructional groups:
- 1. Academic ability,
- 2. Work habits,
- 3. Learning styles
- (b) Positive social groups:
- 1. Peer support/conflicts,
- 2. Gender equity,
- 3. Positive leaders
- (c) Additional information
- 1. School Based Resource Team (\*SBRT) recommendations,
- 2. History of combined vs straight class placements,
- 3. Parent information.

## 4. The sharing of resources for students

#### PLEASE NOTE...

Should you have any information and/or concerns regarding your son/daughter's placement for 2018/19, please submit them in writing to Ms. Orr no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. Letters received after this date will not be accepted. Letters should address:

- your child's educational needs
- your child's social/emotional needs
- information about peer conflict

Your letter cannot be to request a specific teacher. Letters containing staff names will not be considered in the class building process. Please understand that we carefully consider every student placement in order to produce the best possible educational environment for all children. While we make every effort to take your requests into account, regrettably, they cannot always be fully accommodated.

## **Other Important Dates in May**

*Victoria Day Holiday* – Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> School not in session this day *Track Qualifier at Handsworth* – Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. *PAC meeting* – Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the library *Staff Collaboration Time*- Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 2 p.m. dismissal

Sincerely,

Carla Orr Marilyn McVey Principal Vice Principal