



Monday Message **February 25, 2019**

Parent Teacher Interviews – March 12th & 13th

A reminder that the doodle sign-up will open tomorrow at 4 p.m. for parents to sign up for an interview with your child's teacher. The doodle sign-up will be active until Tuesday, March 5th.

Kindness Challenge

Last Wednesday students participated in a *Together Time* where they focused on the big idea of *Kindness*. Each student created a heart that became a part of the Kindness Tree that is "growing" in the hallway. Next time you are in the school please come look at it.

Each student also took home a copy of *The Westview Kindness Challenge*. Students were given a list of 50 acts of kindness and they were challenged to complete as many as they could in one week. Students are asked to return their signed sheets - with as many boxes checked off as they could manage - to the office before the Pink Shirt Day assembly on Wednesday, February 27th at 9:00am.

Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, February 27th

In support of **Pink Shirt Day** on Wednesday, February 27th, we encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying.
<http://pinkshirtday.ca/>



Measles update – North Shore Schools

Please click on the following link for a letter from Vancouver Coastal Health.

<https://www.sd44.ca/Documents/Measles%20Update%20North%20Shore%20Schools%20Feb.%202021,%202019.pdf>

Girls with Grit – gr. 5-7 (April 1st – 29th)

Please use the link below to register.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-with-grit-at-westview-elementary-school-grades-5-7-mondays-apr-181529-tickets-53440032576?fbclid=IwAR1FFLCoUAOy-ko_zKpQWgda9c1MjkraEj-cYgEFdwgLI_9qQ2mUTF9vq88

Emergency Response Planning – Comfort Kits

Below is a message from Parents & Volunteers of the Westview PAC:

All North Vancouver Schools have comprehensive plans in place to provide care for your child in the event of an emergency/natural disaster (earthquake/fire/lockdown etc). Westview's PAC has equipped each classroom with an Emergency Response bag, First Aid Kit, foil blankets, rain ponchos, and emergency washroom supplies - with bottled water and emergency granola bars stored on site. We would like your assistance in the creation and implementation of a "Comfort Kit" program. The purpose of a Comfort Kit is to provide short term reassurance and basic supplies to your child in the event of an emergency situation. These kits will be stored in your classroom's Emergency Preparedness Bag, and would be distributed by the teacher if/when needed. Please place the following items in the ziplock bag that the PAC has provided for you, available for pick up from Mrs. Harman in the office. Label it with your child's full name, in permanent marker, and hand it back to your child's teacher **by Feb 28th**.

What goes into a Comfort Kit?

- 1 x small individual tissue pack
- 1 x family photo (please no names or personal information on the back)
- 1 x simple note of comfort from home (this can as basic as "Mommy/Daddy Loves you, we will be there soon")
- 2 x bandaids with their favourite cartoon character or colour
- 1 x a small nut free granola/snack bar
- 1 x a special item from home (this could be a small toy i.e. fidget spinner or small doll)

Please do not add any extra items. All kits should be the same and everything should fit inside the bag provided (see office). Please check the snack bar you include to make sure that it has an expiration date of at least July 2019 (to see through to end of school year). This comfort kit will be returned to you at the end of each school year for you to replenish and update as needed, and will be due back during the first week of school every September. Again, please return comfort kits to your child's

teacher, labelled and in the provided ziplock bag, by ***no later than Feb 28th***. Thank you for your making this important addition to our Emergency Response Plan a top priority!

Important Dates in February and March

Tuesday, February 26th – PAC meeting in the library at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27th – Staff Collaboration. Students dismissed at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th – Bandstand at Carson Graham gym at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 8th – Report Cards published

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 12th & 13th – Parent / Teacher Interviews. Students dismissed at 2 p.m.

Monday, March 18th – Friday, March 29th - Spring Break – Schools closed

Sincerely,
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Principal

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Vice Principal