



**Monday Message**  
**May 15, 2017**

**We Club**

Over \$300 was raised in our We Club's jewelry sale. The profits go toward supporting the African women who make these as their livelihood. Thank you for your support & participation. Our final We Club fundraiser is a lemonade & cookie sale on Thursday, June 1st; details to come.

**Restoration 101: What the Restored Contract Means for NVSD**

On April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Education Standing Committee Public Meeting Superintendent Mark Pearmain made a presentation regarding the restored language to the teachers' contract. Below is a link to the presentation and a second link to the Q & A that followed.

<http://www.sd44.ca/Board/Meetings/Documents/Restoration%20101%20FINAL%201704251%20updated%20for%20web.pdf>

<http://www.sd44.ca/Board/Meetings/Documents/Restored%20language%20%20-%20NVSD%20QA.pdf>

**NVPAC – Free Parent Seminar Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

“Teaching Kids to be Smart About Social Media”– Jesse Miller & Carol Todd  
For more information, please see additional attachment.

**Placement Letters**

As we begin to plan for next year, informal conversations among staff members are often around possible class organizations. We are ever 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 our planning for next year. In June we will begin organizing divisions for the 2017/18 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 2017/18, please submit them in writing to Ms. Orr no later than May 26<sup>th</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.

### **Track and Field**

This is a reminder that the Qualifying Track Meet for Swangard takes place at Handsworth Secondary School, next Tuesday on May 23rd, from 12 pm to 4 pm.

Parents are responsible for their own child's transportation to and from meets. When students arrive and leave, they must sign in and out with a Ms. Merrifield. Be prepared to pick up your child earlier than at 4 p.m. in most cases.

In order to participate in this meet, students' signed permission forms will need to be received in the office by May 19th.

Please use the link below to the Westview website for the practice schedule and schedule of Mini Meets.

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/westview/Students/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Westview School Plan**

Schools are foundational to creating society and the shared values that bind us together. A great school is often described as a community of learners including students, teachers, support staff, parents, and community members. Engaging the community of learners in recognizing the many quality attributes of the school while highlighting future directions and areas for focus is the intention behind school planning.

When decisions are being made for students, all stakeholders need to be given the opportunity to share their unique perspective. Starting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 in the front hall of the school, four questions will be posted. These are questions all Westview staff members have discussed and responded to. Now, we would like to invite Westview parents and guardians to provide their ideas and thoughts on sticky notes under the questions.

### **Mission Statement:**

*At Westview our mission is to facilitate the development of the critical aspects of each student's potential, creating a community of citizens who are productive members of society and empathetic to others. We promote an inclusive and supportive environment to foster academic excellence, responsibility, respect, and fairness. We acknowledge and celebrate diversity.*

### **Questions:**

1. What educational and social experiences does Westview offer?
2. What are Westview's unique strengths?
3. What is Westview's purpose as a learning community?
4. What kind of school do we hope to be?

The final step will involve teachers working with students to get their thoughts and ideas.

Thank you for providing your thoughtful ideas. You are a valued stakeholder in the Westview community and an important component to the school planning process.

### **Dates to remember in May:**

- Strong Start closed – Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- PAC Cake Bingo – Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Victoria Day Holiday- Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. School is not in session.
- Track qualifying event at Handsworth – Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 12 – 4 p.m.
- PAC meeting – Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m.
- NVPAC – guest speakers Jesse Miller and Carol Todd, Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

***Sincerely,***

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Principal

Kate Lechleiter  
Vice-Principal