



Westview Elementary School

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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a restful holiday with lots of time to visit with family and friends. January is traditionally a time of hard work and high expectations in school. Students as well as teachers come back with renewed vigor and enthusiasm for the tasks at hand and everyone is ready for some hard work. Students move away from frequent reviews into learning new skills and mastering important concepts.

This bulletin message is to keep you up to date on things that are happening for your child at school in the next few weeks. Please check our website and the calendar in the lobby for any changes.

Bandstand at the Movies happens on Tuesday January 12 at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Seats are on a first come basis. We will have a full audience and so strollers are not allowed in the gym for this event. There will be a stroller parking area in the lobby by the stairwell for them. Thanks for understanding. You are welcome to take photos of your child and the dances. Please remember that they are for your own personal use and not to be posted or shared on any social media sites.

All Grades 4 and 7 students will participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) between January 11th and February 5th. This is annual assessment for all students who attend public schools in the Province of British Columbia. The purpose of these tests is to give the ministry, school districts and schools a snapshot of the students and where they are in terms of reading, writing and math. If you would like further details regarding the day-to-day test schedule, please contact your child's classroom teacher. If you would like to find out more information about these tests, please click on the following link: <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/>

As part of our School Travel Planning Initiative, we have scheduled an important City Walkabout with City staff, RCMP officers, By-Law officers, School Board members and other key stakeholders for Monday January 18, at 2:30 pm. Please see the attachment for more information. Hope some of you are able to join us.

Please make note of the Calendar Dates:

1. Monday January 11 – Dress Rehearsal for Bandstand; Tuesday January 12 – Bandstand Performance 7-8 pm.
2. Monday January 18 – 2:30 pm City Walkabout at Westview
3. Tuesday January 26 – PAC meeting - from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Child minding is provided and your input into what is happening at the school is valued. Hope to see you there.
4. Wednesday January 27 – Collaborative Day – students are dismissed at 2:00 pm.
5. Thursday January 28 – PAC Movie Night – 6:30 -8:00 pm in the gym.
6. Friday January 29 is School Based Pro D Day – Schools are closed.

We are hosting a “Sounds Good” parent workshop on Monday February 15th at 7:45 pm in the Multipurpose Room. The workshop is free but registration is required. This workshop focuses on children with speech problems (both articulation and phonological) and strategies to help them. Please see flyer for more information.

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