

WESTGLEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER
2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The countdown to Christmas is on!! The next few weeks are busy ones, full of the excitement of the season. As we prepare for the holidays, it is important to help our students find ways to give of themselves. Our students are encouraged to bring food to help the Christmas Food Hamper program and a number of our students have formed a Kindness Club and they are busy spreading positivity throughout the school and the community. As well, we need to make sure that we don't lose sight of the great work undertaken by many service groups in our community. Supporters like the Lions, Essentials for the Community, the Knox United Thrift Store, the United Church Women and the Catholic Women's League help us to provide extras for our students such as donations to the Breakfast Program and knitted toques and mitts. Additionally, there are many individuals, families and businesses who donate to Westglen and we continue to be very grateful for their support.

We know that this is an exciting (and exhausting) time for all of us. Last year we found that if we kept it low key up until the last few days before the holidays, everything seemed to go much more smoothly. There is lots of learning that needs to happen! Our Leadership Group has some fun activities organized throughout the month but we will be trying to get a lot of work done before we leave for the break. We would encourage you to attend our Band Concert on Dec. 13th - they are working hard to be prepared! Continuing a longstanding tradition, our Westglen Turkey Dinner will be held on December 20th.

Carolyn Massel
Principal

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER - DECEMBER 20TH



Our 35th annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 20th from 11:30 until 12:45. On this day, we will provide a delicious turkey dinner for all our staff and students. No need for kids to bring a lunch! If you would like to help sponsor this meal or come help with prep or service, please let our office know. Thank you to Tina Shultz for coordinating this special meal and to the parent volunteers.

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Mission

Westglen School will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.



"Promise me you
will always see the
good in every child"
- Mrs. Linda Pothier



**Christmas Band
Concert**
December 13th
Starts at 7:00 pm
Sharp



BAND NOTES

BAND CONCERT

For the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, **December 13th**, students must be in school no later than 6:40PM to ensure that they are set up and ready to play. The performance starts at **7:00 PM sharp! (Doors open at 6:15 pm)**

Please remember that your grade 5 band students will need nice clothes. Grade 6-8's will need all black dress clothes (including shoes).

If your child is unable to attend, please let Ms. Lummerding OR Mrs. Gramlich know well in advance so that we can arrange for someone to replace their part. It is unfair to the ensemble for members to show up last minute. We ask for your respect in regards to the performance.

GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER - ORDERS

When the Growing Smiles Fundraiser arrives will be announcing a time for pick up. Stay tuned for a message from Mrs. Gramlich.



December Swimming & Skating Schedule

Grade 6's are swimming at 9:00am and Grade 7 students are swimming or skating on Wednesday, December 6th at 1:00pm. Grade 5 students are swimming on Friday, December 15th at 9:00am. Grade 7's & 8's are swimming or skating on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:00 pm. SKATERS will need skates and a helmet. Westglen school has skates for those who would like to borrow.

SWIMMERS need their suits and towels!
The back ice is also available for shinny if students would like to play. EQUIPMENT needed: helmet with face mask, neck protector, hockey gloves and STICK..



Block 8 - Homework Help

Every Wednesday, students may stay for Block 8, which is scheduled for homework help should students need it. Takes place in the Library until 4:00 pm.

THANK YOU PARENTS

A very special thank you to all the band parents out there who have given their time to volunteer for the Band Fundraisers this year. Without your help these giant fundraisers would not happen.



DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 DAY 2	2
3	4 DAY 3 Pizza Lunch Orders Due @ Noon	5 DAY 4	6 DAY 5 Grade 6 Swimming 9am Grade 7's Swim/Skate 1pm	7 DAY 1 Pizza 73 Lunch Last day for Food Bank Items Fancy Dress Up- Tinsel. Sparkles. Bells	8 NO SCHOOL	9
10	11 DAY 2	12 DAY 3 Gingerbread House Submissions Due	13 DAY 4 Band Concert 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal 1:30 pm	14 DAY 5 Grade 8 Bake Sale Thursday and Friday.	15 DAY 1 Grade 5 Swimming 9am Ugly Sweater Day & Mrs. Massel's Birthday	16
17	18 DAY 2 Christmas Cards for Seniors - Due	19 DAY 3 Grade 7 & 8's Swim/Skate 1pm	20 DAY 4 TURKEY DINNER 11:30 	21 DAY 5	22 DAY 1 PJ Day...and a Holiday Movie & Popcorn	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<h1>Winter Break!</h1>						

Please watch for up-to-date information on our calendar at westglen.ca!!