

WESTGLEN SCHOOL

Monthly Highlights



October 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents:

Our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be Tuesday, October 29 from 12:15pm – 1:00pm in the Conference room. The PAC provides a way for members of the community to consult with and offer advice to the principal and the school boards.

School Councils:

- Focus on what is best for all students in the school
- Consider the interests of all school stakeholders
- Develop, maintain and reflect the culture of the school
- Represent the parent voice in the school community

Please consider joining us – it is a great opportunity to have a conversation about middle school education. Our other meetings this year will be on December 17th, February 25th and April 29th.

Carolyn Massel

Principal



Please visit our website for up-to-date calendars,
staff directories, school information and YES Team Programs.

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IMPORTANT DATES



October 2nd – School Bus Evacuations
October 4th – Volleyball Tournament 12:45pm
October 8th – Turkey Trot
October 6th – Grade 6 Swimming
October 10th – Turkey Trot Assembly
October 11th – Non-Instructional Day
October 14th – Thanksgiving Day (No School)
October 16th – School Photo Retakes
October 17th – Ross Ford Cross Country
October 23rd – Grade 5 Swimming
October 25th – Prof Learning Day (no school)
October 29th – Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
October 31st – Hallowe'en

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT CONFERENCES

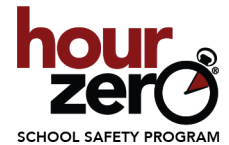
Parent Teacher Student Conferences for all grades will be held on Tuesday, October 29th beginning at 3:30pm. Online registration will open on Monday October 21st at 8:00am. Please check the link “PTS Conference Bookings” on the top right corner of the school website home page.

CHROMEBOOKS FOR RENT

Westglen School now has student chromebooks to rent for the school year. They are set up to work on our school networks, but will also allow students to access their school work from anywhere there is an internet connection. The cost to rent a Chromebook for the school year is \$50 non-refundable. Please complete the Rental Agreement Form and send it to the office with payment. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



HOURLY ZERO



Chinook's Edge Adopts New Safety Program

While schools are considered to be one of the safest places in our communities, in reality emergencies can occur anywhere, at any time. Chinook's Edge takes seriously the responsibility to maintain readiness to respond to emergencies, and prioritize student and staff safety in our buildings.

Starting in September 2024, Chinook's Edge has adopted the use of Hour-Zero, which is a school emergency program, used by agencies throughout North America.

While we have always had safety plans in place, through Hour-Zero we have access to the same language used by emergency responders in our community. Also, Hour-Zero's ongoing staff training and support are valuable tools for us.

Each school has an on-site emergency response team, which is supported by the division emergency response team. Staff is trained on emergency protocols with drills being practiced at each school to ensure students and staff are prepared to act quickly and to minimize confusion and fear in a real emergency.

We invite you to take a moment to review the Guide for Parents / Guardians at the following link: <http://www.cesd73.ca/download/466781>, which outlines protocols and language we will use in emergency situations, as well as how we will communicate with you.

Also, on the Chinook's Edge website, there is a video summary of what you can expect: <https://www.cesd73.ca/parents/student-safety-plan>

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's principal or vice-principal.

ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL



Please remember to call the school at 403-335-8700 or email westglen@cesd73.ca if your student is going to absent or late. You can call anytime and leave a message. Late students must check in at the office and take their late slip to class.

YEARBOOKS

If you would like to purchase a yearbook from last year (23-24) we still have a few left. Go to "<https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/>" [Student Quickpay](#) or send \$24 with your student to the office. Yearbooks for this school year (24-25) will be for sale in January.

WILDCATS GYM STRIP



Wildcat gym shirts are available at the office for \$25.00. Students are required to have a change of appropriate clothing for gym class.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are all on [Student Quickpay](#) and we also have a new Debit/Credit machine at the school for payments. Please ensure prompt payment of fees or call the office if you have any questions or issues.

SNACK SHACK HELPERS...



Westglen's Snack Shack is going to re-open as soon as we can! If you are a parent/guardian of a Wildcat and would like to volunteer, please email westglen@cesd73.ca. We are looking for adults who can help the Grade 8 students run the store from 11:45 am – 12:15 pm. Please specify what days you are free to commit and ideally, we would like to be open every day, but will assess this once we know how many helpers we will have.

MEDICAL ALERTS



If your student has a serious, life-threatening condition please fill out a [Medical Alert Form](#) and bring it to the school office. These need to be updated yearly so our information is current. If your child requires medication while at school, please complete a [Medication Administration Form](#) and provide office staff with the medication and instructions.

STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK UP

Please help us to ensure student, staff and visitor safety by following the green loop on the [dropoff map](#) for proper traffic flow.