



WESTGLEN SCHOOL

Monthly Highlights

December 2024



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents:

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. 12th - they are working hard to be prepared! Continuing a longstanding tradition, our Westglen Turkey Dinner will be held on December 19th.

Carolyn Massel



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

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LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

December 4-11th - Food Drive
December 6th – Christmas Accessory Day
December 12th – Santa’s Workshop
December 18th – Gr 6 Swimming
December 21st – January 3rd – Christmas Break



BLACK CLOTHING NEEDED

If you have any black T-shirts (without graphics) or black dress shirts you would like to donate to the school please bring them to the office – thank you!

Winter Dress Attire

With winter upon us, it is very important that students come to school dressed for the cold conditions along with warm, waterproof outdoor footwear. They also need to ensure they have a change of footwear to wear indoors as this helps keep our school clean!



GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER ORDERS



Orders for the Christmas plant band camp fundraiser will be available for pickup on December 9th - Time TBD.

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER – December 19th

Our 36th annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 19th from 11:30am until 12:45pm. 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 all the volunteers who have helped coordinate this special meal!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the band parents who have given their time to volunteer for the Band Fundraisers this year. We could not do it without you!

Inclement Weather - Preparing for Yellow Days and Red Days

A friendly reminder to ensure that as a family you have a plan for your child in the rare event of a school closure due to severe weather. As a guiding principle, if The Weather Network says the wind chill in your area is lower than or at – 40C it is a **Yellow Day** for Chinook’s Edge students and no busses will be running. If it says the wind chill in your area is lower than or at -45C it is a **Red Day** for Chinook’s Edge students and schools will be closed. Please remember that it is up to the Parents/Guardians to make the decision to send students on Yellow Days and we will support your decision. For more information about inclement weather days please click on this link

<https://www.cesd73.ca/parents/inclement-weather>





Christmas Band Concert

For the **Christmas Concert** on Thursday **December 12th**, band 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 7:00pm sharp!** (Doors open at 6:15 pm)

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

If your child is unable to attend, please let Ms. Lummerding or Mrs. Gramlich know well in advance so that they can arrange for someone to replace their part. It is unfair to the ensemble for members to show up last minute. Thankyou for your consideration!



December Swimming & Skating Schedule

Swimming

- Dec 4 (Day 4) Grade 7's 9 am-10:30 am
- Dec 5 (Day 5) Grade 8's 9 am – 10:30 am
- Dec 6 (Day 1) Gr 5's 9 am – 10:30 am
- Dec 16 (Day 1) Grade 8's 9 am – 10:30 am
- Dec 17 (Day 2) Grade 7's 9:00 am – 10:30 am
- Dec 18 (Day 3) Grade 6's 1:00pm – 2:30 pm



Swimming or Skating

- Dec 16 (Day 1) Grade 7's and 8's



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!





Are you looking for an exciting, once in a lifetime experience?

Does your family want to play host to a student from Miki Town Japan?

- The Exchange program runs from March 21 to 26, 2025
- The students will live with your family in your home, and attend school during the day
- Fun activities will be included, and you are free to add your own as well, to give your guests a true Didsbury experience



For more information: legislative@didsbury.ca

The Town of Didsbury is accepting applications for HOST FAMILIES for the 2025 Maple Leaf Exchange Programme!



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day 2 3:15 pm Dungeons & Dragons	3 Day 3 3:15 pm Chess Club	4 Day 4 9:00 am Gr 7 Swimming 3:15pm Homework Club 3:15 pm Cute Creations	5 Day 5 9:00 am Gr 8 Swimming	6 Day 1 9:00am Gr 5 Swimming 1:00pm Gr 8's Charlotte's Web	7
8	9 Day 2 3:15 pm Dungeons & Dragons	10 Day 3 3:15 pm Chess Club	11 Day 4 3:15pm Homework Club 3:15 pm Cute Creations	12 Day 5 1:15pm Band rehearsal 7:00pm Christmas Concert 🎵	13 NO SCHOOL	14
15	16 Day 1 9:00am Gr 7 & 8 Swim or Skate	17 Day 2 9:00am Gr 7 Swimming	18 Day 3 1:00pm Gr 6 Swimming 3:15pm Homework Club	19 Day 4 11:30am Turkey Dinner 	20 Day 5	21 <i>Christmas Break begins Dec 21st – Jan 3rd</i>
22	23	24 <i>Happy</i>	25 	26 <i>Holidays!</i>	27	28
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