



# École Woodward Hill Elementary

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## Newsletter 8 March 31, 2023

### **Ey' Swayel, Woodward Hill families,**

Welcome to spring – yay! The flowers are blooming and the weather is warmer. We hope Spring Break was an opportunity to relax and rejuvenate as we enter the final term of school. The next three months will go quickly. As always, reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions about their learning. April brings Ramadhan, Vaisakhi, and Easter (to name a few celebrations). The diversity, celebration and acknowledgement of all cultures is something that makes our community and school so special!

### **Ramadan**

Many of our Muslim students are fasting during Ramadan. For hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world, Ramadan is a time for extra focus on faith and generosity. Happy Ramadan!

### **PAC Raffle**

Our PAC Raffle has started! Funds raised will be used to directly benefit students at Woodward Hill. Students will be bringing booklets home starting this week. The first booklet will have your child's name and corresponding number for their class teacher. Booklets will be returned to school with cash and upon returning books, students will be entered into the draw. There will be ten thousand tickets in the draw and tickets will be sold for \$2 each. For students who return a sold booklet by *April 14*, they will be entered into the **Early Bird Draw** for a chance to win one of 10 prizes.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	iPad mini
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	\$150 Browns Social House and four passes to EXIT Surrey
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	\$200 Keg gift card

**All books (*sold or unsold*) and money to be returned no later than Monday April 24.** In addition to the main prizes, the final draw will include ten \$10 gift cards to Dairy Queen.

### **PickleBall**

A big thank you to our PAC for sponsoring PickleBall!

### **Talent Show**

Thank you to Mrs. Beaver and Ms. Medalla for organizing our Talent Show! Students will have an opportunity to audition in April. Our Talent Show dates are tentatively set for the afternoon of May 10 (intermediate) and May 12 (primary). **NOTE:** If, after auditions, your child is selected for the Talent Show, you will be notified by email so you can plan to watch if you like. Last year's show was a great success! We are looking forward to seeing this year's talent!



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## Ready, Set, Learn – May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Are you the parent of a 3 – 5 year-old child? Do you know any families in our neighbourhood who have 3 – 5 year old children? If so, we encourage families to attend Ready, Set, Learn (RSL) at Ecole Woodward Hill Elementary. The event will be held in the gym on May 11th from 1 – 2pm. RSL introduces parents/caregivers (and children) to early learning skills to support school readiness. RSL is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to receive helpful tips to support their children's learning and development. Also, information will be shared about early learning programs offered by the school district and wider community. If your child is 3-5 years of age on May 11th, please plan to attend.

## Ministry of Education Learning Survey

During the months of January to April, School District 36 is participating in the 2023 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province. Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, providing immediate results to the school and the district. The survey can be accessed at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm). Select your child's district (36), school's name (Woodward Hill), and language of preference.

## Parking Lot

Please use the crosswalk when crossing the drop off zone. It is unsafe when students walk across the drive through area. As always, patience is appreciated when entering school property in your car. Please remember to drop your children off at curbside (do not let your children exit the vehicle onto a driving lane).

## Leadership team's Gratitude

Prior to spring break, our leadership team coordinated a fundraising campaign to support Turkey and Syria with the unfortunate earthquake event. This fundraising event helped foster global and community awareness for our students. Through your generous donations we were able to raise \$464. The money will be donated to the Red Cross organization. Way to go Woodward Hill!

## Lost and Found

We have several items that have ended up in our Lost and Found. We encourage you to come in and check if some of these items belong at your house! Please check for any missing items at any time you are at Woodward Hill.

## Rainbow Club news

**Wednesday, April 12th**, Rainbow Club invites students, staff, and parents to speak out against gender norms, stereotypes, 2SGBTQ+ discrimination, and bullying by participating in **A-Polish Gender Norms Day!** Students can join the celebration by  **dressing in a way that challenges gender norms**  and coming down to the garage to  **get nails painted**  by a Rainbow Club member at recess!

- *A-Polish Gender Norms is a movement which started in 2015 in response to a boy being bullied at school for wearing nail polish to school.*



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## **Body Science at Woodward Hill**

Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry of Education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. We are excited to inform you that this year Saleema Noon's Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students. There are two separate workshops – one for parents and one for students.

Thank you to our amazing PAC for sponsoring and organizing these two events:

### **1. Woodward Hill Parent Information session Monday May 15th 6:30pm-8pm via zoom (link to come)**

#### **In this workshop parents will learn:**

- Why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse
- What children should know at each stage of development, with specific examples of how to explain concepts and processes
- How to become their kids' preferred source of sexual health information
- How to normalize open, honest sexual health conversations in their family
- How to effectively answer even the toughest questions kids ask
- What will be covered in Body Science workshops for students

### **2. Woodward Hill Kid workshops will happen from May 23 to May 26 during daytime in-person with Carlie**

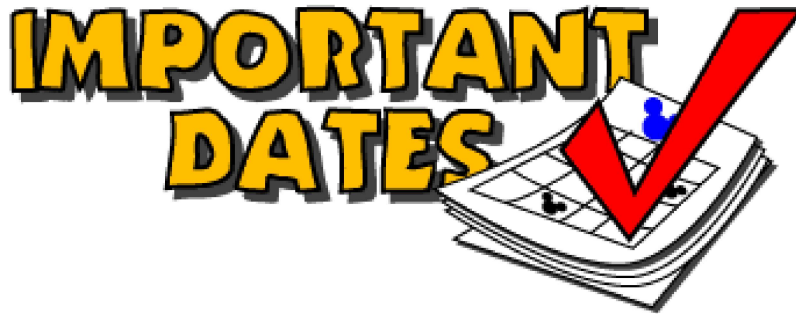
In their Body Science presentations, Saleema Noon and her team of experienced educators work with children of all ages, teaching them about healthy bodies and healthy sexuality in ways they find non-threatening and entertaining. In their own language, children learn about how their bodies change, and what those changes mean. The content of the presentation is supported by current research, age appropriate, and a positive contribution to each child's development. Some of the topics Saleema Noon's Sexual Health Educators cover in their workshops extend beyond the content of the BC Physical and Health Education curriculum.



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Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Ramadan</a>
April 7		Good Friday – School Closed
April 10		Easter Monday – School Closed
April 12		A-polish Gender Norms Day
April 14		<a href="#">Vaisakhi</a>
April 22		Earth Day
April 26		Early Dismissal 1:30pm
May 4		Spirit Day – Star Wars!
May 5		Non-instructional day – classes not in session
May 10		Intermediate Talent Show (attend by invitation only)
May 11		Ready, Set, Learn event (Age 3-5)
May 12		Primary Talent Show (attend by invitation only)
May 15		Body Science Parent Information Session @ 6:30 pm on Zoom (link will be sent)
May 17		PAC AGM @ 6PM
May 22		Victoria Day – no school
May 23-25		Body Science Sessions for K-7 students
May 26		Fun Day/ Early dismissal for teacher collaboration at 1:30 pm
May 29		Non-instructional day – classes not in session