



## Woodland Park Elementary Newsletter

### May 2014

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### Book Fair

Due to an unforeseen situation, the Book Fair scheduled for next week will be on Wednesday, May 28 and Friday May 30 only.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The good news is that it is taking place and there are some **FABULOUS** books on offer so, come in and check them out!



### Important Dates

May 23	PAC Hot Lunch, Hot Dogs/Sushi
May 26	Pro-D Day, No School
May 29	Teacher Strike, No School
June 3	Welcome to Kindergarten
June 4	School Panorama Photo & PAC Meeting 7-9 pm
June 6	PAC Hot Lunch, Subway
June 10	Reading Reward Store
June 13	Sports Day & PAC Hot Lunch, Little Caesars
June 25	Year End Assembly (students only)
June 26	Grade 7 Leaving Assembly

### Job Action

Unfortunately, the teacher job action has escalated to Phase 2 as the parties have not been able to come to a mutually beneficial resolution. What this means for our students and parents is that a rotational strike will take place beginning next week. Teachers will not be working on Thursday, May 29 and our CUPE members will not cross the picket line. We understand this is a difficult situation for many of you and we all hope for a speedy resolution. Part of the challenge is receiving accurate information therefore I would like to direct you to the Surrey School District Website for your information. You will find all the latest updated information in one place. We will do our best to update our school website as information becomes available. Thank you for your patience.

Ms. Harrison



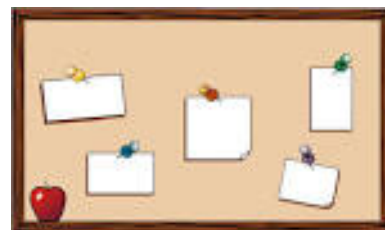
### Grade 7 Camp

What can we say – our grades 7's are off having an adventure at Timberline Camp! This has been a long standing tradition at WP. We could feel the excitement in the air on Wednesday morning as they were getting ready to leave. I am sure there will be all sorts of great stories upon their return :)

A big thank you to the PAC who are instrumental in helping to finance this opportunity for the grade 7's!

### New Bulletin Boards

We have had 2 new bulletin boards mounted in the front entrance. The one directly above the sofa will be for school/parent events and important notices. It will not be for advertisements. If you have something that would be of interest to the whole school, please give it to the secretaries and they will stamp and post it. The smaller board mounted just to the right of the Multi-purpose Room door is to recognize our students who have "gone above and beyond" in supporting/being friends and making WP an amazing school. Photos and names of these "Lend a Hand" students will be mounted every second month beginning in September. These students will have been recognized at an assembly and received their very special "bee kind" t-shirts.



### Multi-Cultural Week

May 28 through May 30 is the time we celebrate diversity at WP. On Wednesday we encourage all students to wear clothing that speaks to their heritage! Come on students – let's try and get everyone involved in this international day! A number of classroom activities, led by grade 7's and teachers will focus on crafts and lessons from around the world.



## Staffing Changes

This time of year is when changes are in the air! Some staff will retire; some term contracts are over and teachers move schools.

What we know so far:

- Our lovely Ms. Jock, Vice Principal and grade 7 teacher extraordinaire, will be leaving us. A sad day indeed yet a necessary move to further her administrative talents. Replacing Ms. Jock will be Mr. Caley. He comes to us from Dr. F.D. Sinclair and has a wealth of administrative skills. I also hear he loves to coach!!!
- Mrs. Mirabueno will be on Maternity Leave and the district will "place" a teacher in her position.
- A new grade 2 class will be added (to make 19 Divisions). Interviews will take place late June.
- Mrs. Bowers, one of our Kindergarten teachers, is retiring; another bit of sad news for us yet we wish her well in the new chapter of her life...no doubt, as a talented artist, she will be painting up a storm!
- Ms. Moody will be our new Kindergarten teacher. We have worked together before and I believe she is a perfect match for our school.
- Mrs. R. Wells has been helping us out for the last few months in our LST department as Ms. Swib retired at Spring Break. We hope to see her back at WP one day soon!
- Mrs. Ricketts-Lindsay who has been working M/W/F for the past number of years will be coming back full time in the fall. How lucky we are!
- We still have a few unknowns. Ms. Ghani, who has been teaching grade 2 with Mrs. Peterson this year will leaving however, we are hoping she will apply for the new grade 2 position (the extra division). Mrs. Peterson is recuperating well although we do not expect her to return until after Christmas so there will be a new face in her grade 2 class at the beginning of the school year.
- Ms. Eaton, our enthusiastic French teacher has her fingers crossed (as do we), in hopes of returning again in September.
- Hours have not been finalized for our superb education assistants therefore, we do not know who will continue here and who will not be back in September.
- Lastly, Mrs. Rebiffe, one of our secretaries moved schools a few weeks ago and we are in the process of acquiring a replacement.

As you can see, there are many changes and a number of uncertainties. Thank goodness, we have all learned to be adaptable/flexible!



## School Calendar 2014 – 2015

September 2, 2014	Schools Open
September 22, 2014	Non-instructional day – no school
October 13, 2014	Thanksgiving Day – no school
October 24, 2014	Non-instructional day – no school
November 10, 2014	Non-instructional day – no school****
November 11, 2014	Remembrance Day – no school
December 19, 2014	Schools Close for winter break
December 22 , 2014 – January 2, 2015	Winter Break
January 5, 2015	Schools reopen after winter break
February 9, 2015	Family Day – no school
February 20, 2015	Non-instructional day – no school****
March 6, 2015	Schools close for spring break
March 9 – March 13, 2015	School closure days
March 16 – March 20, 2015	Spring break
March 23, 2015	Schools reopen after spring break
April 3, 2015	Good Friday – no school
April 6, 2015	Easter Monday – no school
May 1, 2015	Non-instructional day – no school
May 18, 2015	Victoria Day – no school
May 25, 2015	Non-instructional day – no school
June 25, 2015	Last of School for students
June 26, 2015	Administrative Day – no school
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