

## Westerman Elementary

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*\*Westerman Elementary is located on the shared traditional territories of the Katzie, Semiahmoo, and other Coast Salish Peoples.*



### Upcoming Events

#### Mon., Sept. 20

- First full day for Kindergarten
- Federal election (Westerman will be a polling station that day)

#### Mon., Sept. 27

Non-Instructional Day  
(No classes for students)

#### Wed., Sept. 29

Orange Shirt Day

#### Thurs., Sept. 30 (NEW)

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  
(All schools closed)

#### Mon., Oct. 11

Thanksgiving Day  
(All schools closed)

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE** On behalf of the entire Westerman staff, Mrs. Aulak (Vice Principal) and I would like to welcome you and your children back to Westerman! It has been great to see everyone over the past couple of days, and we are looking forward to working together with you and your children in the coming weeks and months. As parents, you have an important role to play in helping to shape your child's experience in school, and we very much value your input. If, at any time, you have questions or concerns about your child's experiences at school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet and discuss. We have a wonderful staff at Westerman, and they are always willing to work with you to ensure your child has a successful year at school.

**HAVE A GREAT YEAR, WILDCATS!!**

### PLACING STUDENTS IN CLASSES FOR THE YEAR

For the first few days of school, your child will be placed in temporary teachers and grade groupings while we work through the class organization process. **Please note that these groupings are not permanent and are only in place until the class placements have been finalized.** For a variety of reasons outside of the school's control, the process will take longer than normal this year and we will not be able to confirm your child's placement until sometime next week.

We do understand that this process may cause some anxiety for parents and students, but it is our experience that students adjust successfully within a day or two to their new teachers and classmates. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

**Note:** Please do not send a complete package of school supplies until the classes have been set and your child's new teacher asks that they be brought in. Thank you for your cooperation☺

### ALLERGY AWARENESS

**Please inform the school office if your child has any severe life-threatening allergies** so we can ensure appropriate forms are completed and safety procedures are in place. *Parents of students with existing allergies are asked to update their medical information in the office.*

Also, a number of students in the school have life-threatening nut allergies. We kindly ask that parents and students avoid bringing any items to school that may contain nuts. Thank you, sincerely, for your consideration.

### WEATHER REMINDERS

As a staff, we believe fresh air and outside playtime are important for the health and well-being of our students. Children will be expected to play outside at recess, even on days that may be a bit rainy, snowy, and cool. Parents, please remind your child(ren) to wear clothing appropriate for the day's weather. When the forecast calls for rain, please ensure your child brings a *warm, waterproof* coat, with *hoods and boots* to school. Thanks for your help with this!

### DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

Please remember to do a daily health with your child(ren) every morning. If they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID 19, or are otherwise not feeling well, please do not send them to school. **Note:** We are anticipating an updated Daily Health Checklist and will forward a copy to you as soon as we are able.

Also, if your child will be away from school for any reason, please contact the office (604-572-4054) to let us know. Thanks!

### PAC Meeting

TBD