

Westerman Elementary

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

A MESSAGE FROM MR. MCQUARRIE, PRINCIPAL December has arrived and in just a couple of weeks Term #1 comes to a close and the winter break begins. When the New Year arrives, a couple of changes in the school will have taken place. First, after 3 and a half years at Westerman, the district has assigned our incredible Vice Principal, Mrs. Aulak, to a new position at Old Yale Road Elementary, effective January 1st. As many of you know, Mrs. Aulak is an incredibly kind, compassionate, energetic, and committed educator who has worked tirelessly to brighten the day for students, staff, and families alike. Old Yale Road is so fortunate to have you, Mrs. Aulak! Thank you for everything and best wishes at your new school! We hope you enjoy the rest of your time at Westerman!

With Mrs. Aulak leaving, many will be wondering who the new Vice Principal will be. Mrs. Aulak and I are both pleased to inform you that one of our current teachers, Mr. Zacharias, has been appointed as Acting Vice Principal for the rest of the school year. Congratulations, Mr. Zacharias, and welcome to this new role in the school! Mr. Zacharias will also start his position in the January.

ANNUAL SURREY FOOD BANK DRIVE The late Margaret Westerman, after whom our school was named, was awarded Surrey's Volunteer of the Year in 1997 in large part for her work supporting the city's most vulnerable citizens. Every week, she helped serve meals for those who were dealing with hunger. Our school is proud to carry on Mrs. Westerman's work through our annual Surrey Food Bank drive. If you and your child(ren) are in a position to make a cash, gift card, and/or food donation this year, your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration! (This year's drive runs until Dec. 10).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Many thanks to our librarian, Ms. Thomson, and her grade 7 volunteers, for putting on a terrific book fair last week! Happy reading, everyone!

TERM #1 REPORTS With the end of the term, many parents and students will likely be wondering about their report cards and marks. Teachers in Surrey have the option of sending home a paper report or posting comments online through "Freshgrade" or "Spaces" (your child's teacher will let you know which method they will be using).

If your child's teacher is using Freshgrade/Spaces, the report comments will be posted directly onto Freshgrade/Spaces, on or before, Tuesday, Dec. 14. Otherwise, a paper report will be sent home with your child on Dec. 14. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact your child's teachers to arrange an appointment.

In addition to this newsletter, the following documents have been emailed to parents:

- Updated Westerman Code of Conduct
- Updated Daily Health Check
- BC COVID 19 Vaccination Information for Children 5-11 years old



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Term 1 Reports sent home

Friday, Dec. 17

Pajama Day/Last day before the break

Dec. 18-Jan. 2

Winter Break

Monday, Jan. 3

First day back after break

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Early Dismissal (1:30 pm)

Monday, Feb. 21

Family Day (BC schools closed)

Friday, Feb. 25

Non-Instructional Day (No classes)

Tuesday, Mar. 8

Term #2 Reports sent home

Thursday, Mar. 10

Early Dismissal (1:30)-Conferencing

Friday, Mar. 11

Last day before Spring Break

March 12-27

Spring Break

PAC MEETING

If circumstances permit, we plan to host an "in-person" Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting sometime during the latter part of January. More information will be provided in the new year, once we have a better sense of what the Public Health guidelines are at that time.