

Westerman Elementary

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

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS One of greatest strengths of Westerman Elementary is the diversity of the school community, and the amazing ability of our children and adults to come together every day to learn, play, and work in an atmosphere of respect and understanding. Almost every continent and close to 30 languages are represented in our school!

Ensuring that Westerman continues to be a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable place for all requires a real commitment to openness, education, understanding, and acceptance. This month, a number of things have aligned that allow us to pay particular attention to learning more about ourselves and each other.

Over the past few days, school district Aboriginal Cultural Facilitators have been sharing their knowledge of Canada's First Peoples, upon whose shared, unceded territory we work, learn, and play.

February is also the time in which Canada celebrates Black History month and Pink Shirt Day. During the week of Feb. 22-24, Westerman students will be involved in our annual Multicultural Week. Additionally, most classes have also participated in Anti-Racism workshops led by the school's Anti-Racism lead teacher, Ms. Mondair.

The hope is that everyone in our school community will embrace the opportunities provided to deepen their knowledge, understanding, respect, and appreciation for themselves and each other. Ultimately, the expectation is that by doing so, Westerman will be an even better place to work, learn, and play than it already is 😊 Thank you, parents, for any support you can provide at home, as well.

STUDENT PROGRESS As most are aware, parents/guardians can monitor their child's progress through 1st, 2nd, and 3rd term report cards, or through online Freshgrade posts (if your child's teacher uses this platform). Also, from time to time, a parent may wish to discuss progress with their child's teacher. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher at any point during the year, please contact the teacher *in advance* to arrange a meeting time. For your awareness, Term #2 reports will be sent home on Tuesday, March 8th (Freshgrade comments are not sent home during the year, but are instead posted online on or before March 8th). Thursday, March 10th is an early dismissal day (1:30), so that Parent/Student/Teacher conferences can take place. More information on how to make a conference appointment will be shared in the coming weeks.



Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb. 14

Red/White/Pink Spirit Day

Monday, Feb. 21

Family Day (BC schools closed)

Feb. 22-24

Multicultural Week

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Pink Shirt Day

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

Our Parent Advisory Committee is working on a date for its next meeting. Information will be sent to all parents as soon as the date and time are confirmed. The next meeting will be online.