

# 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** Mrs. Aulak (Vice Principal) and I, on behalf of the entire staff, would like to thank all of you, parents and students, for your support, flexibility and understanding during this very unusual school year. Despite all of the challenges, we consider ourselves very fortunate to be part of a school community that has worked so hard to "weather the storm" together in a calm and kind manner. If everyone continues to do their part this summer, we should be able to enjoy a school year that is closer to normal in September 😊

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students, who are now ready to make the transition to high school! You have made a very positive difference to our school over the years and you will be missed. We wish you the very best in the years to come! You will always be Wildcats!

A very special acknowledgement goes to our terrific office staff and our custodians who, as you know, are critical to the effective and safe functioning of the school. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To staff, students, and/or parents who are leaving our school community and moving on to new homes, jobs, or otherwise starting new chapters in their lives, thank you for your contribution to Westerman, and best wishes!

Finally, to our PAC and all those who plan to return to Westerman next school year, thanks for everything, and have a safe and happy summer!

**PARENT INPUT** Over the course of the year, your child's teachers have worked hard to develop a deep understanding of your child's learning strengths and needs, and this knowledge helps the school to make careful, thoughtful decisions when assigning students to their classes in September.

As a parent, you have an opportunity to share any additional information about your child's learning and/or social and emotional needs before we begin the class organization process. If there is important information that you would like the school to be aware of, or to be reminded of, that would help in our planning, please email Mr. McQuarrie, Principal, anytime between now and Friday, September 3, 2021. [Mcquarrie\\_t@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Mcquarrie_t@surreyschools.ca)

**Important: Please note that, for a number of reasons, we are not able to accept requests for specific teachers or types of classes (eg., combined or straight grades). Thank you for your understanding.**



## Upcoming Events

### Monday, June 21

Indigenous Peoples' Day

### Thursday, June 24

- Grade 7 Farewell
- Final reports sent home
- Early dismissal (1:30 p.m.)
- **Last Day of School**

### Friday, June 25

Last day that our office is open

### Monday, August 30

School Office Re-opens

### Tuesday, September 7

First Day of School (10:00-11:00 am)

### Wednesday, September 8

First full day of school for grades 1-7

## Bell Schedule for 2021/2022 (beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 4)

<b>8:25</b>	<b>Welcome Bell</b>
8:30	Classes in Session
10:10	Start of Recess
10:25	End of Recess
11:45	Start of lunch
12:30	End of Lunch
2:30	Dismissal

## DEPARTING STAFF

We extend best wishes to a number of staff members who, for a variety of reasons, will be leaving Westerman at the end of June. Each staff member, in their own way, has contributed greatly to our school community, and each will be missed.

**Going On Parental Leave:** Ms. Dosanjh, Ms. Peters, and Ms. Randhawa

**Staff with Assignments at Westerman that End on June 25th:**

**Teachers:** Ms. Rolston, Ms. Gill, Ms. Quach, Ms. M. Sharma, Ms. C. Sharma, Ms. K. Peters, Ms. Dhir, Ms. Macdonald, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Harding, Ms. Bains, Ms. De La Vega, Ms. Sereduik, Ms. George

**Support Staff:** Ms. Chahal, Ms. McLean, Ms. Jeffrey, Ms. Madyan, Ms. Manchanda, Ms. Puri, Ms. Sidhu, Ms. Whitrow, Ms. Wong, Ms. Dulai, Ms. Robertson, and Ms. Johnson (who was an Education Assistant and who is now a Teacher in the district).

And, to each of the above, thank you for everything, and all the best in the year ahead!

*(Note: At this time, we are unable to confirm all of our teaching assignments for September. More information regarding this will be sent home with your child during the first week of school in September.)*

## FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL

- If your child will be attending another school in September (other than a secondary school), please let our office staff know as soon as possible.
- Students will be asked to bring most of their school work home with them next week. Please take some time to sort through their work and supplies to decide what to keep and what to discard (recycle).
- Report cards will be sent home on the final day of school. Any reports not picked up by Friday will be retained in the office for the summer and can be picked up when the office re-opens on Monday, August 30. We do not mail report cards home.

## FIRST DAY BACK IN SEPTEMBER

The first day back to school for all students is Tuesday, September 7th, at 10:00 am. Although this is a short school day (10:00-11:00 am), it is extremely important that all students enrolled at the school attend on that day. *If a student is away on that day and the office has not been informed, it is possible that the student will lose their spot in the school.* Thank you for making sure your child attends on this day! The first full day of school for students in Grades 1-7 will be Wednesday, September 8.

## NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Families with children entering Kindergarten in September are reminded that they need to be here on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (10:00-11:00), during which time we will take attendance, confirm enrolment, and hold a special Welcome to Kindergarten event.

Please remember that Kindergarten students follow a gradual entry schedule during the first two weeks of school and will not attend full-time until Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. More information regarding gradual entry will be forwarded to parents of new kindergarten students before June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## OFFICE RE-OPENS

The school office will close for the summer at the end of the day, on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. However, it will re-open again on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

