

IMPORTANT DATES



- Oct 9 **NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving
- Oct 17 Picture
Re-takes
- Oct 20 **NO SCHOOL**
Non-
Instructional
Day
- Oct 25 Early Dismissal
12:45pm
- Oct 27 Interim Reports

NUT AWARE



**Tree nut items/
foods are permitted
at the school at
this point.**

**This practice could
suddenly change.**

**In the event that it
does, the school will
communicate this to
let parents/
guardians know.**

WES PAC NEWS:

Next PAC Meeting
Monday, November 6
6:30pm
@ WES

*All parents welcome and
invited to attend!



WES PILLARS

*Look after yourself.
Look after each other.
Look after this place.
Be a respectful listener
and a powerful speaker.*

WINDERMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, "Where Children Soar" OCTOBER 6, 2023

Dear Windermere Elementary School families,

Happy Thanksgiving weekend! I hope you have plans to relax, get outside, eat good food and overall, appreciate time with friends and family. October is a busy month in our school. Over the next few weeks, teachers will be collecting assessment information from students in reading, writing, and number sense. We use this information, in combination with classroom assessments and observational data, to create an informal interim report which will be communicated to you at the end of the month. This gives us an understanding of where to support students and allows us to better plan for learning activities and assessments throughout the school year. Our first report card will go out to families mid-December in a formal report card document. As always, please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We know that when parents and teachers work together to support our young people to achieve their goals, they are set up for success in learning and growing throughout their school years.

WES staff support students in their social emotional learning as well as with academics. The Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need in order to engage in deep, lifelong learning. Along with literacy and numeracy foundations, they are central to British Columbia's K-12 curriculum and assessment system and directly support students in their growth as educated citizens. Before students enter school, development of Core Competencies begins at home and then continues throughout their life. Students encounter opportunities to develop their competence in formal and informal settings. They move from demonstrating competence in relatively simple and highly supported situations, to demonstrating independence in more complex and varied contexts. As a staff, we are focusing on supporting students in developing independence in using a toolkit of strategies to help diffuse conflict situations with peers during recess and unstructured times. Over the past two weeks, K-7 teachers used teachable moments within classroom learning to highlight some strategies for students on a common theme: when fun games turn to frustration. You may hear some of this from your child and we appreciate your partnership in supporting the message of using such strategies as: walking away, saying stop, not continuing to play the game, telling an adult and remaining calm. If you wish to explore this part of the BC curriculum, here is where you can find that information: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>. As always, I look forward to conversations and feedback from parents. If you wish to connect about the Core Competencies or anything else concerning your child's experiences at WES, please call or email so we can find time to talk.

Wishing you a wonderful long weekend,

Keri Gust
Principal, Windermere Elementary School
SD6



Hot Lunch order forms were sent home today.
Please have them returned to the school
by **Friday, October 13th.**

Our first hot lunch will be on Tuesday, October 31st
Bangers & Roasted Potatoes
with veggie sticks and a spiced apple muffin.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN
PLATE, BOWL AND CUTLERY!

LEGO Robotics

I am excited to announce that WES will soon be starting a LEGO robotics club!

Who? The club is open to all students in grades 4 through 7.

When? Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:45.

*Please note that families must arrange students' transportation home at 4:45.

An informational meeting will take place in the
WES library at lunch on Wednesday, October 11.
The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 17.

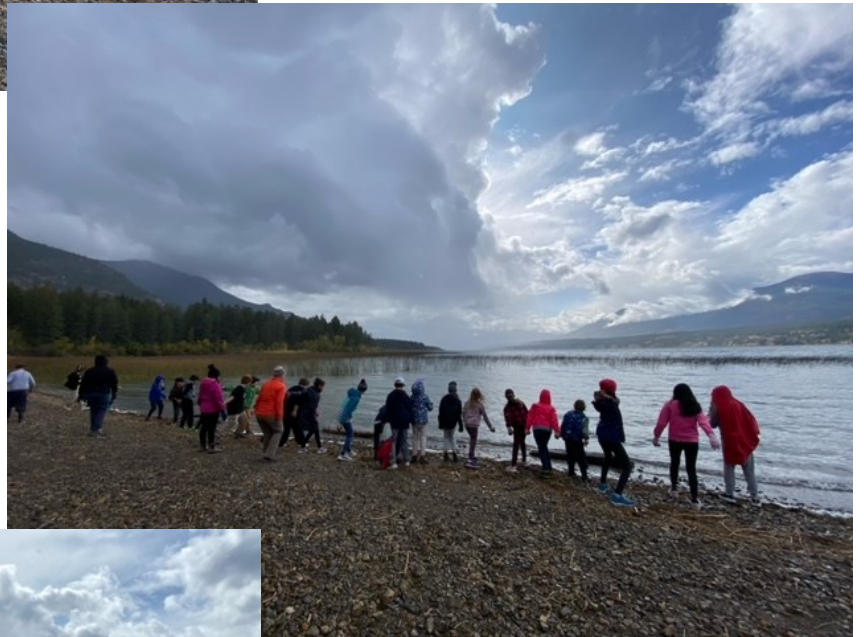
Where? WES- Meet in Ms. Aspevig's room

Why? Because it's fun and students learn great skills!

Willing to help? I need casual parent volunteers and an assistant coach.
Please email Amber Aspevig at amber.aspevig@sd6.bc.ca if you are interested.

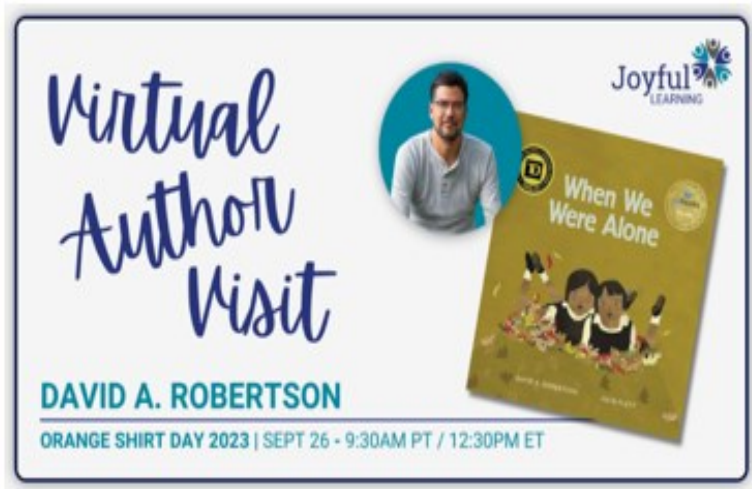


WES enjoyed a whole school field trip to Spirit Trail on September 28th.



October Library Newsletter Items:

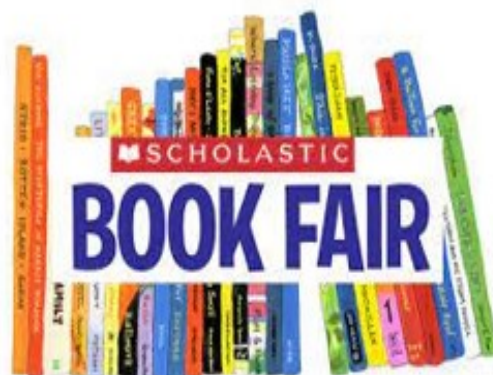
On Tuesday, September 26, K- grade four students participated in a virtual author visit with David A. Robertson. He read our students his award-winning book, *When We Were Alone* and described why he used the Cree language in his book: to learn and reclaim his culture and language. David Robertson writes all types of genres of books for all ages. His books were on display in the library this September!



Attention all avid readers! The WES library wants you to share one of your most recent favourite reads. Print off a selfie holding your favourite book and bring it to the library to display to others!



The WES library is holding its first book fair of the year, November 6-8th. Volunteers are needed to make this special event happen. Please email bridget.anakin@sd6.bc.ca if you can spare a few hours before, during or after school to help.



OCTOBER 2023

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