



Nov 21 Hot Lunch

Nov 30 Community Care Fair  
6:00pm-7:30pm

### 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, December 4  
6:30pm  
@ WES

\*All parents welcome and invited



### 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"  
November 17, 2023**

Hello Windermere Elementary School families,

I hope our school newsletter finds you happy, healthy and looking forward to a great weekend. There is a lot of information in this edition and if there are any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

I hope to see families at the WES Community Care Fair on November 30! I will be there and I will have information on digital citizenship and responsible use of social media. Stop in for a visit if you can! Our Student Council students will be babysitting your little ones in the library with puzzles, reading and coloring while you check out the supports and resources in our community.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Keri Gust  
Principal,  
Windermere Elementary School

*I would like to acknowledge that School District 6 is on the traditional land of the Secwepemc and Ktunaxa People. My honour and duty are to bring Truth and Reconciliation and the Calls to Action to life in SD6 in partnership with the local First Nations and Metis communities.*

The Board of Education [meeting highlights](#) have been uploaded.  
You can also access them at

[Board Meetings | Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 \(sd6.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd6.bc.ca/BoardMeetings)

# **New PAC Members Needed!!!**

WES PAC is seeking new members! Our WES PAC meets the first Monday of every month at 6:30 PM in the WES staff room. Currently, we have very few parents attending meetings. PAC is able to provide many experiences/enrichments that benefit our whole student population, but we need help from more members.

## **What happens at a PAC Meeting?**

At every meeting, the school principal gives a report and some updates about things going on at the school. This may include important dates, new opportunities for students/classes, information about assessment and/or school goals, etc.

A teacher representative also gives a report about some of the learning and activities happening in classrooms. If the teachers would like to request something or have questions or ideas for PAC members, the teacher rep brings those forward for discussion, too.

PAC members also have the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas regarding any of the things they see and hear about happening at the school!

Other business such as fundraising ideas, hot lunch updates, and other PAC initiatives are also discussed and reviewed at every meeting.

## **Why do our members come to meetings?**

As a group, here are some the things members had to say at the last meeting:

“I love being involved in my child’s education! Why wouldn’t you want that?!”

“I like coming to be informed about my child’s school and I love it when the teachers bring activities and lessons to show us.”

“I like having a voice to ensure that our kids get some extra fun activities and experiences like music performances, sports events and the carnival!”

“I think being on PAC helps build a positive WES community. When more parents are involved and get to know each other, we can all help to support each other, our students and our school staff.”

“I like that it fosters a positive home and school connection. I like knowing more about what my child spends the bulk of their time doing. When I know more, I can ask more questions and extend learning at home.”

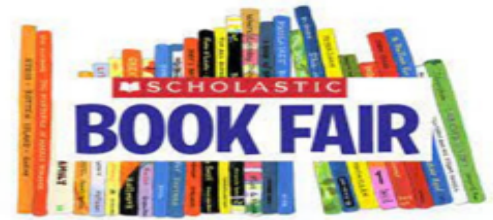
“I like being able to ask questions and have discussions about why and how teachers and schools do things.”

**You do not have to commit to anything extra or sign up to volunteer for things when you come to meetings. The more parent voices and larger parent community we have caring about WES student experiences, the better!**

**We hope to see you at the next meeting!**

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# WES LIBRARY UPDATES



## OUR MONSTER MASH BOOK FAIR

Many thanks to our parent volunteers who helped make our book fair successful. From our excellent sales, our school received almost 100 new books for our library. Special thanks to our parent volunteers coordinator Krista Goldsmith and her helpers: Jen C, Elinor F, Kim V, Jacinda H, Lana O, Stella S, Joanne G, Nadine and James R, Janine D, and Louise W.

The Invermere Public Library (IPL) is visiting WES for a second Thursday, November 23. All students have been sent home the yellow IPL membership card forms. The IPL books can be returned to the Invermere or WES libraries. Membership cards are free for all students and, of course, their family members too!



**The LEGO Robotics club will be put on hold for the time being.**

Hopefully, technical issues will be resolved soon and we can start up again soon.

The LEGO Robotics club is also in need of an assistant coach in order to continue long-term. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please have them contact the school. A background in robotics isn't necessary, just a willingness to learn.



The first couple of weeks of the Breakfast Program have been very successful. The students coming each morning seem to be increasing day by day! Reminder that this is a free program for all students at the school. Everybody is welcome! Our goal is to provide a nutritious and delicious breakfast for students that involves a protein (to keep them fuller longer) a fruit and a carbohydrate!

M - Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit

Tu - Nov 21<sup>st</sup> - Ham and Cheese Quiches with a fruit

W - Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - Oatmeal Bar with a fruit

Th - Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> - Toast and Fruit

F - Nov 24<sup>th</sup> - PB and Jam buns with a Fruit

M - Nov 27<sup>th</sup> - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit

Tu - Nov 28<sup>th</sup> - Yogurt and Granola and a fruit

W - Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast Wraps with a fruit

Th - Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Toasted Bagels with Cream Cheese and a fruit

F - Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - Muffin and a Fruit

Here is a fun Friday snack idea that you could make with your children at home!

Mini Naan Bread Pizzas:

- a pack of mini naan breads from the grocery store
  - pizza sauce
  - shredded cheese
  - your favourite pizza toppings
1. Heat Oven to 400F.
  2. Line a baking pan with parchment paper (or a little oil so the naan breads don't stick!).
  3. Lay out the naan breads on the pan.
  4. Spoon a small scoop of pizza sauce on each naan bread.
  5. Top with shredded cheese and your favourite pizza toppings.
  6. Bake for 12-15 min or until cheese is melted and golden brown.

Let cool and enjoy!



**PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND**

Next hot lunch will be on Tuesday, November 21st:  
**Beef Shepherd's Pie with Coleslaw and Apple Crisp**

**DON'T FORGET**

**TO BRING YOUR OWN  
PLATE, BOWL AND CUTLERY!**





# Community Care Fair

Connecting local families of school-aged  
children with  
Health & Wellness resources

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER  
30th**

**WINDERMERE  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

**6-  
7:30pm**

Childcare provided by the Windermere Elementary  
Student Council

**Door prizes and refreshments!**



Windermere Elementary School is hosting its first Community Care Fair on Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm. Our goal is to connect local families with school aged children to various Health and Wellness resources. There will be booths with a representative from various community agencies to answer any questions you may have about what they offer and the services they provide. This evening is about community connection and broadening our understanding of local resources.

Childcare is available onsite by the Windermere Elementary Student Council. There will be door prizes and refreshments!

We hope to see you there, and please feel free to share.



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive a \$1,200 training and education savings grant.

Children are eligible if:

- The parent or guardian, and the child, are BC residents.
- The child's birth year is listed below, and the deadline has not passed:

BIRTH YEAR	APPLY BEFORE
2014	Apply before 9 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 2023
2015	Apply before 9 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 2024
2016	Apply before 9 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 2025
2017	Start applying on 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 2023

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), the Government of British Columbia will deposit a \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant into the RESP for your child. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university.

**Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP for your child to receive the \$1,200.**

**Step 1:** Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> or call **1-800-622-6232** to find out how.



**Step 2:** Make an appointment with a financial organization that offers RESPs. Bring the **SINs for you and your child** and say:

**“I want to open an RESP and get the BC Training Education Savings grant for my child.”**

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Learn more: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> Contact: [BCTESG@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca) Your child may also be eligible for other, federal incentives, see: [canada.ca/education-savings](http://canada.ca/education-savings).

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