

IMPORTANT DATES



- Dec 18 Report Cards
- Dec 18 Student Council To SPIRIT
- Dec 22 WEEK
- Dec 19 Pre-Loved Book Giveaway
- Dec 20 WES Winter Celebration Family Night
- Dec 22 Last day of school before Winter Break
- Jan 8 Return to School
- Grade 4-7 Panorama Ski Forms Due
- Jan 9 Hot Lunch
- Jan 12 Newsletter

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, January 15th
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"
DECEMBER 15, 2023**



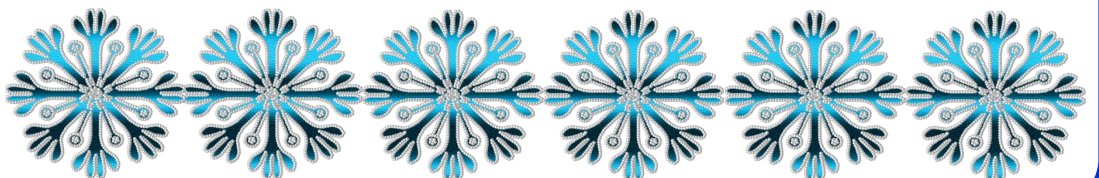
Happy Friday Windermere Elementary School families,

It has been a beautiful winter so far and I hope your weekend is filled with connection to family, friends and the outdoors! We are one week away from winter break and with report cards and student centered interviews out of the way, it is time to bring some school spirit to our last week of learning. Student Council has planned a Spirit Week for students to participate in. Please see attached schedule of themes for dressing up each day next week. On Tuesday, December 19th Student Council has planned a Giving Day. They have presented to classrooms about collecting canned food items over the next few days so that on Tuesday, each class can participate in a sculpture contest. Using the canned food items, students will create something spectacular as a class team. We will send pictures! These items will be donated to the Columbia Valley Food Bank, on behalf of WES staff and students.

Lastly, the WES team hopes to see all our families on Wednesday, December 20 from 6-7:30. Classrooms will be filled with crafts and activities led by WES teachers. There will be a dance in the gym and hot chocolate in the staff room as well.

Happy Holidays!

Keri Gust
Principal, Windermere Elementary School
SD6



STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES:



Monday, December 18	Dress Like a Snowman (SNOWMAN CONTEST AT RECESS)	
Tuesday, December 19	Red/Green Sweater Day Giving Day—Food Bank Sculptures	
Wednesday, December 20	Candy Cane Dress-up	
Thursday, December 21	Crazy Toque Day	
Friday, December 22	Whole School PJ Day	



Please join us on
Wednesday, December 20th for
**WES Winter Celebration
Family Night**



6:00-7:30

An evening of family fun!

- Games
- Crafts
- Activities
- Stories
- Dance
- Hot Chocolate

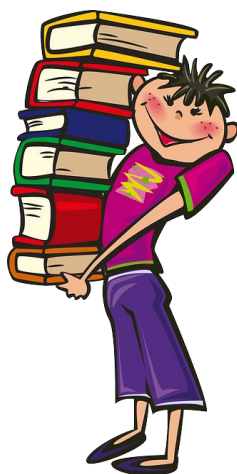


PRE-LOVED BOOK GIVEAWAY

On Tuesday, December 19th we will be hosting a
Pre-Loved Book Giveaway.

Every student will get the opportunity to "shop" for free books to keep and bring home to enjoy over the winter break.

If you have any gently used books you would like to donate, please send to the school before Monday, December 18th



Thank you,
Miss Patti



PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND

Any items not claimed before the Winter Break will be donated to the local Thrift Store



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/Board-Meetings)



Next hot lunch will be on Tuesday, January 9th:

BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH!

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!

**Monday, January 15, 2024
6:30pm @ WES**

December

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	WES Spirit Week					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	WINTER BREAK					

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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WINTER BREAK						
7	8 Students Return to School Panorama Ski Forms Due (Grade 4-7)	9 Hot Lunch	10	11	12 Newsletter	13
14	15 PAC Meeting 6:30pm	16 Grades 4-7 Panorama Ski Day 	17	18	19	20
21	22 Kindergarten Registration Opens for September 2024 	23 Grades 4-7 Panorama Ski Day 	24 Hot Lunch *please note date change*	25	26 Newsletter	27
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