

IMPORTANT DATES



- Feb 27 Hot Lunch
- Feb 28 Pink Shirt Day
- Mar 4 PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- Mar 6 Early Dismissal 12:45
- Open House 1:00-3:00
- Mar 8 Newsletter
- Mar 11 Report Cards
- Mar 12 Hot Lunch
- Mar 16 **SPRING**
- To
- Apr 1 **BREAK**
- Apr 2 Return to School

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, March 4th
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" FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Hello Windermere Elementary School families,

From the look outside, it seems we will soon be in Spring! WES staff and students are wrapping up another term of learning and on March 6th we will be welcoming families into our school to showcase student learning at our Open House. We look forward to seeing you there! In light of upcoming report cards, I thought it may be useful to remember some of the reasons why we report the way we do in BC schools. Here is an excerpt from the [Reporting Resources for Parents and Families](#):

Why do report cards look different than they did when I went to school?

When you were in school, learning likely involved being asked to memorize information and repeat it on a test, only to forget it soon after. We now know good learning is not just memorizing – it's being able to use what we know in real-world settings. Universities, colleges, and employers now care more about how students think than how many facts they can memorize and recall.

This is why BC has changed what students are taught and is changing how they're assessed.

Parents and caregivers expect their child to learn the basics at school – reading, writing, and math. In the redesigned curriculum, these subjects remain important, but they aren't the only vital part of students' learning. BC's curriculum will continue to give your child a strong foundation in these important skills. It will also teach your child how to think, communicate, solve problems, and use their knowledge in ways that both matter in school and will matter in a rapidly changing future.

If you have any questions about how we assess and report at Windermere Elementary School, please don't hesitate to reach out so we can have a conversation. I always appreciate spending time with parents!

Sincerely,

Keri Gust
Principal

The Board of Education [meeting highlights](#) have been uploaded. You can also access them at [Board Meetings | Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 \(sd6.bc.ca\)](#)



Our school library is excited as we kick off our celebration of Black History Month this February. The shelves are filled with books that spotlight the rich history, accomplishments, and contributions of Black Canadians and others worldwide. Students are encouraged to immerse themselves in these insightful narratives, fostering a deeper understanding of the profound impact Black history has had on our society. Students can enter the Heritage Canada colouring contest and check out the bulletin board that proudly showcases the achievements of famous Black Canadians such as Drake, P.K. Subban, Viola Desmond and many other role models for all to admire. This month-long celebration promotes awareness, appreciation, and inclusivity, making it a dynamic and enriching experience for our students.

Bake Sale!



During the Open House on March 6, the grade 5/6 class will be hosting a bake sale!

Grade 5/6 students have been learning about global challenges such as: poverty, hunger, clean water, and access to education. To wrap up the unit, students have chosen to learn about and donate to a charitable organization that helps address some of these issues.

Please support these students by bringing some money on March 6 to support their bake sale.

Next hot lunch will be on Tuesday, February 27th

Pulled Pork Bun with Green Salad and a Cookie

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND
HOT LUNCH DISHES!!**



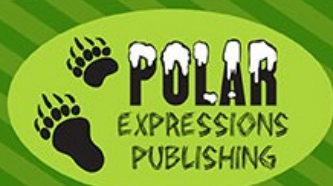
An important part of our hot lunch program is ensuring that students are bringing their own dishes. Our volunteers are here to set up and serve hot lunch, not to spend their afternoons washing plates and cutlery that we lend out to students who aren't bringing their own dishes.

Please do your best to make sure your child has their dishes for Hot Lunch day!

HUGE SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU TO
MAIN STREET FUN & GAMES
FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION OF
BOARD GAMES!!



Congratulations to Nora and Juliet Niddrie for their outstanding achievement in the Polar Expressions Publishing poetry competition. This national-level poetry and short story competition is for students from kindergarten to grade 12. Both poems were selected for publication and will now move forward to the final round of competition, with the chance to win one of the Polar Express cash prizes. I encourage other students to take inspiration from their success. Remember to keep copies of your poems and consider entering this fabulous contest next year. Well done, Nora and Juliet!



Encouraging Canadians to express themselves!

Since 2006

Breakfast Program Update

WOW another amazing 2 weeks at Breakfast Program. **A reminder that everyone is welcome always!** We served up strawberry banana smoothies on Feb 14th and served a record number of students which was SO exciting! I think over 60+ students came to enjoy a smoothie and connect before the day began!

The next two weeks menu:

Mon Feb 26th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit

Tues Feb 27th - Yogurt and Granola and a fruit

Wed Feb 28th - Smoothies!

Thurs Feb 29th - Breakfast Burritos and a fruit

Fri Mar 1st - PB and Jam Buns and a fruit

Mon Mar 2nd - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit

Tues Mar 3rd - Hot Oatmeal and toppings

Wed Mar 4th - Breakfast Quiches and a fruit

Thurs Mar 5th - Toasted Bagels and a fruit

Fri Mar 6th - Pb and Banana Buns and a fruit

Recipe of the week is a [Make Your Own Trail Mix](#)

I put these little baggies of trail mix out at the hungry students bowl at lunch time and they always go fast! They have lots of protein to keep students fuller longer and healthy fats to help with growth and brain development and kids love the assortment of foods in there!

- 1 cup of nuts of any kind (almonds, cashews, peanuts, etc)
- ½ cup of dried fruit (raisins, craisins, dried cherries, dried coconut)
- ½ cup of seeds (pumpkin, sunflower, or replace with more nuts)
- ¼ cup of something sweet (chocolate chips, m&ms, mini eggs etc)

Some of my favourite combos are:

- almonds, dried cherries, coconut flakes and dark chocolate chips
- peanuts, raisins, sunflower seeds and m&ms (classic!)
- Cashews and almonds, dried mangos, pumpkin seeds and white chocolate chips

I hope you have a great two weeks and talk to you soon. Please reach out if you have any questions about breakfast program or need some more lunch or snack ideas!

Aldene Atkinson

SD6 Presents


The White Hatter



Wed. Feb 28 | Parent/caregiver Presentation
(120 minutes)

Program: Supporting Youth Being Targeted by, Aggression, Cyberbullying, Threats, Hacks, and Violence

[Supporting Youth Being Targeted by, Aggression, Cyberbullying, Threats, Hacks, and Violence - The White Hatter](#)

 6:30 - 8:30 pm

 **Presentation Link**

PW: 9568

[2024-02-28 Rocky Mountain School District - Supporting Youth Being Targeted By Aggression Parents Presentation \(sli.do\)](#)



All that parents/caregivers need to do is click on the link and enter the password. They will be granted access to the platform where we will be hosting our live event. It is strongly recommended that parents/caregivers sign into the event 10 minutes prior to the scheduled event going live.

FEBRUARY 2024

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MARCH

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3	4 PAC MTG 6:30pm	5	6 Early Dismissal 12:45pm OPEN HOUSE 1:00-3:00	7	8 <i>Newsletter</i>	9
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