

IMPORTANT DATES



- May 4 Ready, Set, Learn event at Pothole Park 9:30-11:30
- May 6 PAC Mtg 6:30
- May 7 Hot Lunch
- May 8 School-Wide Run 11:30
- May 10 Interim Reports
- May 15 School-Wide Run 11:30
- May 16 WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN 9:00-10:30
- May 17 Newsletter
WES Fun Run 12:00
- May 20 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day
- May 21 Hot Lunch
- May 24 Gr 6/7 hosts a MOVIE NIGHT
- May 28 WES Track Meet @ DTSS (Gr. 3-7)
- May 31 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, May 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

WINDERMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
A safe place to grow and learn
MAY 3, 2024

Dear Windermere Elementary School Families,

Spring is an action-packed time in our elementary school. We look forward to connecting with many of you as we showcase student learning and athleticism. Thank you in advance to volunteers and spectators who support us on upcoming class field trips and track and field events. Please mark these dates on your calendars and let a teacher know if you can join us. There is a calendar at the end of this newsletter, as well as online on our school website.

There are a couple of May opportunities for parents and community to share feedback on both district and school goals. The last online engagement meeting to find out more about the district's 2024-25 operational plan is on May 10th 1-2 pm. Please go to the district website for the link. On May 6th the WES PAC meeting will include an update on WES school goals and I welcome you to join us at 6:30 at the school to share your feedback.

Even though we still have two months left in the school year, we are also planning and preparing for next year. WES is a growing school, and we are adding a division next year to keep up with our enrollment. The new classroom will be in our previous Learning Support room which means we will be changing some of the small break out areas of our school to make space for our LST teacher. If you have any questions about planning for next year, don't hesitate to reach out.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Keri Gust,
Principal, Windermere Elementary School
SD6

Next hot lunch will be on Tuesday, May 7th

Vegetable Yakisoba (Japanese style vegetable chow mien)



PLEASE REMEMBER TO
SEND
HOT LUNCH DISHES!!

The Board of Education [meeting highlights](#) have been uploaded.

You can also access them at

[Board Meetings | Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 \(sd6.bc.ca\)](#)

TRACK AND FIELD



Our track and field program has begun. All grade 3 to 7 students will be participating during class time to practice their skills in running, jumping and throwing in preparation for our **school track meet** which will be held at the high school on Tuesday, May 28th. Students who qualify at this school meet will go on to compete at the **Zone Track Meet** at DTSS on Thursday, June 6th.

The grade 6/7 class invites you to join us for a family friendly **movie night** in the WES gym on May 24th! We will be watching Despicable Me. Doors open at 5:30 and the movie starts at 6:00. We are asking for donations at the door of \$2 per person as an entry to go towards our year end trip! Additionally, we will have a concession table with popcorn bags, canned pop, juice boxes, and candy bags for purchase, all proceeds going towards our grade 6/7 year end trip as well!

Please share this with other families and friends in the community, the more the merrier!



PAC MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024
6:30PM

CARNIVAL DISCUSSION AND PAC MEETING

All parents invited and welcome to attend!

Breakfast Program Update:

The last weeks have been great! Kids are hungry and lots are coming to the breakfast program which has been wonderful!!! A reminder that we encourage everyone to come and have a little something if they want! Also we got a pretty fancy blender thanks to all of your fundraising help and the kids LOVE smoothies.

The next two weeks menu:

Mon May 6th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit	Mon May 13 th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit
Tues May 7th - Hot Oatmeal and a fruit	Tues May 14 th - Yogurt and Granola
Wed May 8th - Breakfast Burritos and a fruit	Wed May 15 th - Breakfast Pizzas and a fruit
Thurs May 9th - Bagels and a fruit	Thurs May 16 th - Bagels and a fruit
Fri May 10th - Smoothies	Fri May 17th - Smoothies

Recipe of the week is: **Sunshine Muffins**

These muffins are fun to prepare and use up tons of ingredients in your fridge and are versatile! The recipe was inspired by muffins from Fraiche Living. They freeze great!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour (if you don't have sub with all purpose)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon and 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup toasted chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)
- 3/4 cup canola or olive oil
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs, well-beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup grated raw beets or zucchini, peeled (optional if you don't like it leave it out)
- 1 cup grated raw carrots, peeled
- 1/2 cup grated apple or pear (skin left on)
- 1 1/2 cups frozen blueberries or raisins (optional)

Instructions

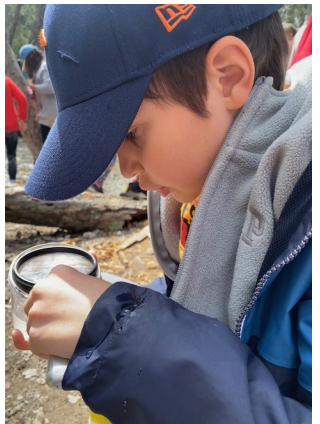
1. Preheat the oven to 375F and line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners
2. In a large bowl, mix together the oats, whole wheat flour, all-purpose flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, salt and nuts. Whisk together to combine.
3. In a separate medium bowl, combine the oil, maple syrup, vanilla, eggs, milk, beets, carrots, apple.
4. Stir the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, folding until incorporated (do not over mix).
5. Fold in the frozen blueberries, divide the batter among the muffin tins, and bake until they are golden brown around the edges and a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean, about 30-35 minutes. Place on a cooling rack and store at room temperature in a covered container for up to 5 days or in the freezer for up to 1 month. *Enjoy!*

Please reach out if you have any questions about breakfast program or need some more lunch or snack ideas!

Aldene Atkinson

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On Thursday, April 25, the grade 2 and 5/6 classes went on a field study to Windermere Creek. As part of the FINS program, the students walked down to the creek and met with Scott Cope (biologist), Jon Bisset, Olivia Boyer and Shelley Tardif to study our local stream habitat. After learning about the safety equipment needed to study in the field (fast moving creeks), the students were able to learn about the amazing creatures that live in our water. Students saw various stages of mayflies, stoneflies, and caddisflies. The biggest excitement of the day was finding a very large dragonfly nymph! After seeing how many species live in our creek, students now understand how important they are to the food chain.



TRACK & FIELD MEET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Parents and Guardians, please consider volunteering at our school and district track meets. Volunteers are essential to operate these fantastic athletic events for your children.

WES ATHLETES GRADES 3-7

WES MEET MAY 28

**DISTRICT MEET
JUNE 6**

Please email bridget.anakin@sd6.bc.ca if you can help on either (or both) of these dates!

**WES: A SAFE PLACE TO GROW
AND LEARN**

R S L

Ready, Set, Learn!



FAMILY FUN FEST



May 4, 2024

9:30AM - 11:30AM



Pothole Park

639 - 7th Ave. Athalmer (Invermere)

FREE Event!

FOOD!

GAMES!

FREE GIFT BAG!

ACCESS LOCAL SERVICES!

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 0-5 YEARS

Join other families and caregivers with pre-school aged children at a **FREE** Ministry of Education and Child Care funded family oriented event. Receive information about **FREE** local early learning programming and services available for you and your child!



Ministry of Education and Child Care



ROCKY MOUNTAIN School District #6

WES BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2024—2025

First Day (Sept 3) Bell Schedule

Monday to Thursday

Friday

8:25	Warning Bell	8:25	Warning Bell	8:25	Warning Bell
8:28	Classes Begin	8:28	Classes Begin	8:28	Classes Begin
9:30	Recess Begins	10:11	Recess Begins	10:35	Recess Begins
9:50	Recess Ends	10:30	Recess Ends	10:50	Recess Ends
10:45	Day Ends	12:00	Lunch Begins	12:40	Dismissal
		12:20	Lunch Ends		
		12:25	Recess Begins		
		12:45	Warning Bell		
		12:49	Classes Begin		
		2:40	Dismissal		



Parent Resource:

[Connecting with Kids - FamilySmart](#)



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2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY

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Canada Day - Jul 1 Instructional days 0

AUGUST

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Civic Holiday - Aug 5
Non-Instructional Days - Ministry Day, Pro-D
Aug 28 and 29 Instructional days 0

SEPTEMBER

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Labour Day - Sep 2 Back to School - Sep 3
Non-Instructional Day - Sep 23
Ntl. Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Sep 30
Instructional days 18

OCTOBER

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Thanksgiving - Oct 14
Non-Instructional Day (for Pro-D, PSA) - Oct 25
Instructional days 21

NOVEMBER

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Remembrance Day - Nov 11 Instructional days 20

DECEMBER

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Christmas/Boxing Day - Dec 25/26
Winter Break - Dec 23 - Jan 3 Instructional days 15

JANUARY

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New Year's Day - Jan 1 School Reopens - Jan 6
Instructional days 20

FEBRUARY

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Family Day - Feb 17
Non-Instructional Day (for Pro-D) - Feb 18
Instructional days 18

MARCH

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Spring Break - Mar 17-28
School Reopens - Mar 31 Instructional days 11

APRIL

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Good Friday - April 18 Easter Monday - April 21
Non-Instructional Day (for Pro-D, RSA) - Apr 28
Instructional days 19

MAY

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Victoria Day - May 19 Instructional days 21

JUNE

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Last day of school for students - Jun 26
Administrative Day - Jun 27 Instructional days 19

LEGEND:

- Instructional Days
- Non-Instructional Days
- Statutory Holidays

Hours of Instruction Offered:
Kindergarten: 853
Grades 1-7: 878
Grades 8-12: 952

Days of Instruction: 182
Non-Instructional Days: 7

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 School-Wide Running 11:30	2	3 <i>Newsletter</i>	4 Ready, Set, Learn -Pothole Park 9:30-11:30
5	6 PAC Mtg 6:30pm	7 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	8 School-Wide Running 11:30 K/I's Community Field Study—Radium	9	10 Interim Reports	11
12 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	13	14 K/I's Community Field Study— Invermere	15 School-Wide Running 11:30 Gr 7's St. Eugene's	16 <i>Welcome to Kindergarten 9:00-10:30</i>	17 <i>Newsletter</i> WES FUN RUN 12:00	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day	21 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	22 Gr 2 Trout Hatchery K/I's Community Field Study—Radium	23 Gr 6/7 Hoo- doos Trail	24 <i>Gr 6/7 hosts: MOVIE NIGHT</i> 	25
26	27	28 WES TRACK MEET (Gr 3-7) @ DTSS	29	30	31 <i>Newsletter</i>	