

# IMPORTANT DATES



Oct 29 Hot Lunch

Nov 4 PAC Meeting  
6:30pm

Picture  
Re-Takes

Nov 8 Remembrance  
Day Assembly

Newsletter

Nov 11 NO SCHOOL  
-Remembrance  
Day

Nov 22 Newsletter

**WE ARE A  
NUT FREE  
SCHOOL!**

Please do not  
send any food  
that may contain  
tree nuts to  
school with your  
child.



**NUT FREE**

## WES PAC NEWS:

Next PAC Meeting  
Monday, Nov 4th  
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 25, 2024**

Dear Windermere Elementary School families,

The end of October is near, and the weather is turning cooler. Staff and students have been together for almost two months and word is out! This is truly a fantastic group of students! We are looking forward to the rest of fall and it's crazy to think that holiday season is around the corner.

I want to take time to highlight our best school assembly yet which took place on Thursday, October 24. These assemblies are important to our WES culture. They are a special time when our entire school comes together to learn how to be the best we can be through our school pillars. We celebrate our staff and students to encourage school spirit and belonging. Mrs. Niddrie has taken on a leadership role with the Assembly crew who are a group of students who organize, plan, and facilitate monthly school assemblies. Our staff is very committed to creating opportunities for students to be leaders instead of adults running our events. It was really fun to hear from students on such topics as school news, Ktunaxa and Secwepemc language learning, Mme Anakin's awesome athletic accomplishments, and we ended the assembly by dancing together. Thanks to Mrs. Niddrie and her committee, Sawyer, Nora, Mateo, Haley, Tillie, Declan D, Kennedi and Lux. I already look forward to November's assembly!

Sincerely,

Keri Gust,  
Principal, Windermere Elementary School  
SD6

### Staffing Update

We have hired a grade 5/6 teacher, Mrs. Jill Pollock, who will remain with the students for the rest of the school year. This awesome group of students continued to give it their all throughout some teacher changes over the past two months and I am happy they get to relax into a long term relationship with their teacher. Mrs. Pollock thinks she has the best class ever!

We also have a new EA in grade 6/7. Miss Kennedy had to leave us, and we now have Mrs. Kayla supporting our students. Mrs. Kayla is a great fit for supporting students and we are glad to have her on staff!



**RETAKES**

Monday, November 4th, 2024

## Hot Lunch is Back!

Our hot lunch program is starting next week! Students will be offered a hot lunch twice per month with the schedule posted on our school website. Our wonderful PAC organizes and volunteers on hot lunch days and I would like to express appreciation on behalf of the WES school community for supporting this endeavor. The menu is full of wonderful options for children to try and enjoy together and we have a list of community partners to thank for providing meals for these days. Thank you to Rocky River Grill, From Scratch; A Mountain Kitchen, Sushi Sawa, Dairy Queen and Pizza Pizza!!

We know there are reasons why families do not order hot lunch, or only order some of the selections. We want families to continue to have the option to purchase those meals that their children will eat and enjoy. Please know that if your child did not order a meal on a hot lunch day, but would like to try it, please know that we always say yes, and no one is turned away due to not pre-purchasing. If you are finding that the hot lunch fees are high, please do not hesitate to reach out to me so we can ensure all of our students can enjoy hot lunch days.

To reduce waste, we ask that you send your child with a plate and cutlery on hot lunch days. We have extras if students forget!

Our first Hot Lunch of the year will be on:  
Tuesday, October 29

**Chicken Souvlaki and an Apple Spice Muffin**

**DON'T FORGET**

TO BRING YOUR OWN  
PLATE, BOWL AND CUTLERY!



**Superintendent's  
Monthly Update**

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Monthly Update for October 2024

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Student Accident Insurance

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## Breakfast Program Update:

Hello and happy Friday everyone. The Breakfast program has been very busy in the last two weeks! Kids have been enjoying breakfast wraps, quiches and lots and lots of fruit!

The next two weeks menu:

Mon Oct 28th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and fruit

Tues Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - Cheese Buns and a fruit

Wed Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Yogurt Tarts and a fruit

Thurs Oct 31st - Bagels and a fruit

Fri Nov 1st - Smoothies

Mon Nov 4th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit

Tues Nov 5th - Breakfast Wraps and a fruit

Wed Nov 6th - Homemade energy balls and bars and a fruit

Thurs Nov 7th - Bagels and a fruit

Fri Nov 8th - Smoothies

Recipe of the week is:

*Granola Bars - the recipe is from the White Water cookbooks, the author and chef is a wonderful woman who has cooked delicious food for a ski resort cafe in Nelson. She now has 5 cookbooks! If anyone ever wants to borrow one I have 4 of them to share.*

*1 cup butter*

*1 ½ cups sunflower seed butter (original recipe calls for peanut butter)*

*1 ½ tbsp vanilla*

*2 cups brown sugar (I am hoping to cut back the sugar to 1.5 cups next time)*

*1 cup corn syrup (I am hoping to try these with honey or maple syrup next time)*

*6 cups oats*

*1 cup coconut, toasted*

*1 cup sunflower seeds, toasted*

*1 cup sesame seeds, toasted*

*1 cup chocolate chips*

*1 cup raisins (or craisins)*

*In a skillet, toast coconut, sunflower seeds and sesame seeds and set aside to cool (this is very important!)*

*Preheat oven to 350.*

*In a large mixing bowl, cream together butter, seed or nut butter, vanilla and brown sugar. Add corn syrup and then mix in remaining ingredients. Press into greased 12- x 18-inch cookie sheet. Bake for approximately 20 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool slightly and cut while still warm.*

*Happy Baking!*

*-Aldene*



The grade 6/7 class visited the Windermere Fire Hall on October 14<sup>th</sup> to engage in some learning around fire fighting as a career. Students learned about the different kinds of equipment and vehicles used by fire fighters as well as the benefits and risks of being a fire fighter. Additionally, the students got engage in a few fun activities such as racing to put on the fire fighting gear, putting out fires using the simulator, and practicing saving a person from a burning building. Overall, it was a fun afternoon of hands-on learning!



# October

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# NOVEMBER

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