



Dec 16 Report Cards

Dec 17 PAC Turkey Lunch

Dec 18 WES Winter Celebration  
6:00-7:30

Dec 19 Skating Field Trips

Dec 20 Last day of School before Winter Break

Dec 21 WINTER to Jan 5 BREAK

Jan 6 Back to School

Jan 13 PAC Mtg 6:30

**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, Jan 13  
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"  
DECEMBER 6, 2024**

Dear Windermere Elementary School families,

I hope December has been good to you so far. I appreciated seeing many of you in our building as you conferenced with teachers about your child's progress in first term. Report cards will be out soon and we are now looking forward to the next two weeks with our students before we all leave for winter break.

**Save the Date:** Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 pm.

The WES Variety Show is an exciting annual school event that takes place in February. Planning and practices will begin next week. If your child is interesting in showcasing a talent, please encourage them to attend our Monday recess practices starting Monday, December 9. We will meet in December on Mondays and practices will continue throughout January and February to be prepared for the performance on February 27<sup>th</sup>. All WES students will have the opportunity to perform as classes will be working with dance instructor, Miss Kelly from Krush Dance, to perform a class dance for the show. We are proud that this is a student run event, and we look forward to another successful evening of showcasing WES student talent.

**Attendance Update:**

WES staff believe that regular and consistent school attendance is one of the foundations for school success and student wellbeing. We are lucky to have such an active, involved group of parents and we know that family holidays and other reasons for students not attending school are important and valuable. Student illness has also hit our school hard over the past three months. We are not questioning family choices, only wishing to highlight where we are at as a learning community to keep you in the loop. Our current absenteeism statistics: 58% of our students have missed 10% and 33% of our students have missed 20% or more so far this school year. I will continue to include this information for parents.

As always, if you wish to chat with me about anything such as attendance, please let me know!

Best wishes for a fantastic December!

Sincerely,

Keri Gust  
Principal, Windermere Elementary School  
SD6

Please join us on  
Wednesday, December 18th for



## WES Winter Celebration Family Night



6:00-7:30



The Grade 6/7 class alongside our very talented art teacher, Mrs. Stankovski have created a beautiful colouring book. (It was been professionally printed at Palliser printing.) Each student designed a page for the book.

The books are a wonderful winter activity for everyone to enjoy. They are \$8.00 each and the proceeds will be given to the art program here at our school.

They are being sold online (link below) as well as at our *Winter Celebration Night* on December 18th. Sales start Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

The Grade 6/7's and the WES Art program



Please log on to your SchoolCash Online to purchase.

<https://sd6.schoolcashionline.com/>

Our next Hot Lunch will be on:  
Tuesday, December 17

**WES PAC Turkey Lunch  
For Students & Staff**



Thank  
You!

**Thank You to Our Book Fair Volunteers!**

We sincerely thank all the volunteers for making this November's book fair a success. Your dedication helped promote a love of reading in our school community. Special thanks to Krista Goldsmith and Colleen Mannheimer.

We appreciate your invaluable contributions and look forward to seeing you again as we continue this wonderful tradition!

From the WES Staff



T-Shirt

**Coming in January.....  
WES Clothing will be  
available to order**

**Watch your emails and child's planner  
for more information in the New  
Year**

Used WED Clothing Collection:

If your child has outgrown their WES clothing and it is still in good shape, consider donating it back to PAC. They would like to set up a trade system in the future. Drop your shirts off to Mrs. Nelson at the office.

**PAC is very excited to introduce a *NEW* after-school program at WES.**

Our first program will be a **MUSICAL THEATRE** with Bryant Olender. He is a talented musician who is currently conducting the Valley Voices and has worked with many various artists such as Michael Buble.

This is an 8-week program on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30pm starting on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and running until February 26<sup>th</sup> with a final performance TBA. The cost will be \$100.00 per student. This program will be offered to students in grades 3-7 and there are only 25 spots available.

You can sign up your student starting on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> using the link below! First Come First Serve. If there are financial barriers, please reach out to Ms. Gust and together you can come up with a plan.

We look forward to seeing how this goes and offering other opportunities in the future.

Sincerely,

The WES PAC

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WINDERMERE SCHOOL IS GOING...

# ICE SKATING!

We're thrilled to announce a fun-filled morning of skating for all students on Thursday, December 19! This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy outdoor winter activities together as a school community.

- **Date:** Thursday, December 19
- **Location:** Eddie Mountain Memorial Arena
- Permission forms will be coming home on Monday.

**Requirements:** All participants (students and adults) must wear **helmets** and **skates** on ice. **No boots or other footwear** are allowed on the ice surface.

Please send skates in a bag for safe transporting on the school bus.

If your child does not have skates, please inform their classroom teacher as soon as possible. We'll do our best to find skates for them to borrow for this special event. We also need parent volunteers to make this trip possible. If you can help, please inform your child's classroom teacher. There is **no cost** to families for this event.



## Breakfast Program Update:

Hello and happy Friday everyone! We have been really enjoying our time at Breakfast Program. Students are coming in to warm up and have a little bite before the day begins. We sampled some fun melons last week – Canary and Santa Claus Melon from Brazil! Students were very open and brave to trying new things!

The next two weeks menu:

Mon Dec 9th – Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit  
Tues Dec 10th - Cheese Buns and a fruit  
Wed Dec 11th – Breakfast Quiches and a fruit  
Thurs Dec 12th – Homemade Energy Bars and a fruit  
Fri Dec 13th – Croissants and fruit

Mon Dec 16th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit  
Tues Dec 17th – Cheese Buns and a fruit  
Wed Dec 18th – Breakfast Wraps  
Thurs Dec 19th - Homemade energy bars and a fruit  
Fri Dec 20th – Hot Chocolate and a treat to celebrate the last day of school for the holidays!

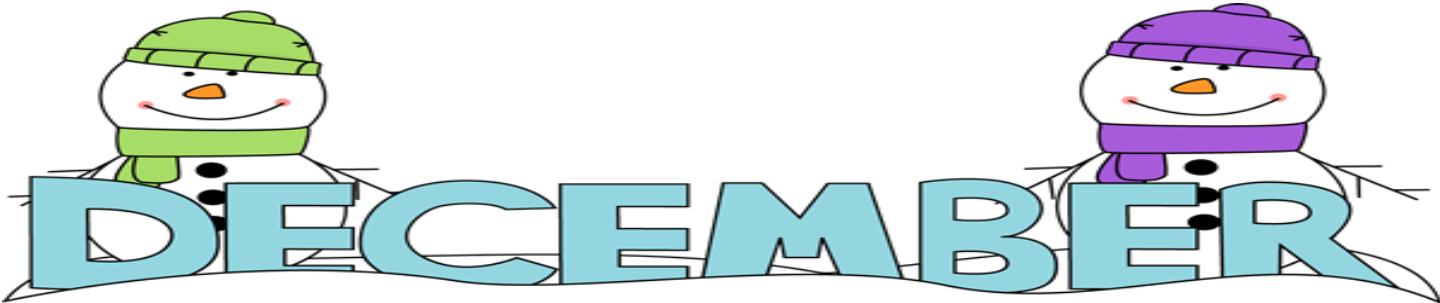
## Recipe of the week:

A super fun snack for lunches or after school! I have made them with a few students around the school and they seemed to really enjoy them. And the best part is they were fast to make!



### French Toast Wraps:

Soft Tortilla Wraps  
Egg, beaten well  
Cinnamon and Sugar for sprinkling

Dip a soft tortilla wrap in the egg mixture. Place on a greased heated pan. Pan fry until done on one side, flip cook the other side. Take off pan, sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar, roll it up and enjoy!



# DECEMBER

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