

# IMPORTANT DATES



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 20, 2024**

Dear Windermere Elementary School families,

This is our last school newsletter for 2024! It has been a wonderful four months with students and though we are all ready for a break, soon enough we will be looking forward to welcoming everyone back. Some highlights of the month were seeing so many families at our Family night, sharing a delicious turkey meal together as a whole school, skating in Invermere and ending the month with an awesome Pillar Assembly. Staff, students and families are definitely rolling into this holiday season ready for a slower pace and more time with family and friends.

From all of us here at WES, best wishes for an awesome holiday break!

Sincerely,

**Keri Gust, Principal  
Windermere Elementary School**

**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

Please log on to your SchoolCash Online account to sign up!  
<https://sd6.schoolcashionline.com/>



Our next Hot Lunch will be on:  
Tuesday, January 14th

**Mini Burger Sliders & Mixed Green Salad with Ranch Dressing  
And Cookies**

Thank you to PAC and our amazing volunteers for the delicious turkey lunch that was provided to the whole school: students, staff and special guests.

Another big thank you to the many community businesses that donated to the lunch!



### WES Winter Celebration Family Night



**Superintendent's  
Monthly Update**

### [Superintendent's Monthly Update - December 2024](#)

Click [here](#) to access the Superintendent's Monthly Update for December 2024 as shared with the Board of Education at this week's public meeting held virtually....



# GRADE 2-4 HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE

Directions: Complete as many challenges listed below as you can. Color in each box as you complete it. Have fun and happy reading!

Read a book recommended by a friend or teacher.

Visit your local library to check out and read a new book.

Read an entire chapter aloud to a friend or family member.

Sketch a memorable scene from a book.

Read a book that has won an award.

Read a book in with a winter setting.

Read a nonfiction book about a winter sport or animal that lives in the snow.

Make a list of 5 books you want to read.

Read a book with a flashlight for 20 minutes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# Holiday Reading Challenge

for grade 5/6/7 students



<p><b>A Classic Novel</b></p> <p>Read a classic novel that has stood the test of time.</p>	<p><b>Around the World</b></p> <p>Choose a book set in a country you've never visited.</p>	<p><b>Translated Work</b></p> <p>Pick a book originally written in a language other than your own.</p>
<p><b>Non-Fiction That Fascinates</b></p> <p>Dive into a non-fiction book on a subject you know little about.</p>	<p><b>Debut Novel</b></p> <p>Read an author's first published novel.</p>	<p><b>Award-Winning Book</b></p> <p>Select a book that has won a prestigious literary award.</p>
<p><b>Diverse Voices</b></p> <p>Choose a book by an author from a marginalized or under-represented community.</p>	<p><b>A Book Your Friend Loves</b></p> <p>Read a book recommended by a friend.</p>	<p><b>A Book from Your Childhood</b></p> <p>Re-read a book you loved as a child.</p>

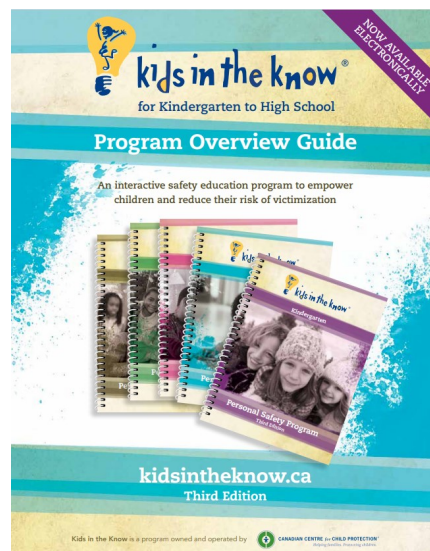
Complete all 9 challenges by January 6th and enter your name for a draw for a poster prize!

# Personal Safety Units for Primary Students Coming to WES in the New

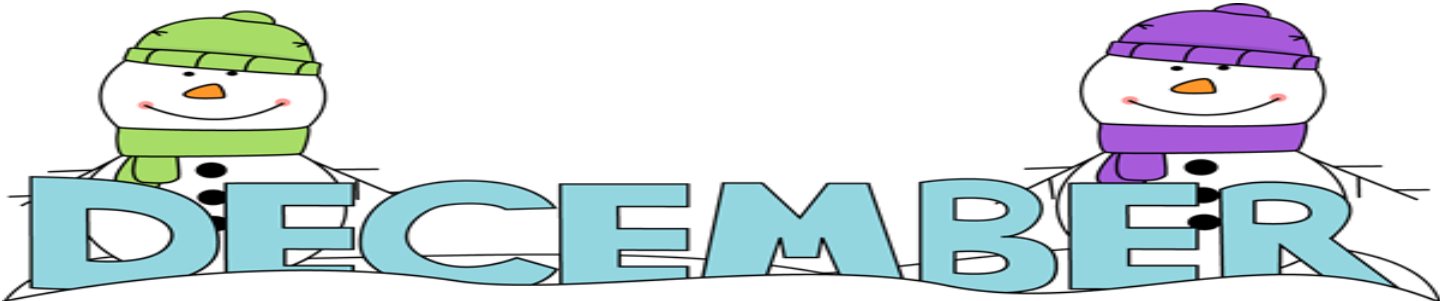
*Kids in the Know is the [Canadian Centre for Child Protection's](#) interactive safety education program for Kindergarten to High School students. **The program aims to help educators teach children and youth effective personal safety strategies in an engaging, age-appropriate and interactive way that builds resiliency skills and reduces their likelihood of victimization in the online and offline world.** It is research and evidence-based, balances empowerment with protection, communicates without value statements, builds from past experiences, involves activity-based learning, and facilitates essential discussions about personal safety without the use of fear.*

The program is used in thousands of schools across Canada and has received the nationally recognized Curriculum Services of Canada seal of approval. Lessons are matched to outcomes mandated by the Departments of Education in all jurisdictions across Canada. Topics include healthy relationships, safe and responsible use of technology, addressing high-risk behaviour, the public nature of the internet and loss of control of shared content, and building the capacity to handle difficult situations and knowing when to seek help.




In January, you will receive more information about this program and the topics your child will learn at school. You can preview the curricular content for your child's grade level in the overview guide.



[Kids in the Know Program Overview](#)



# DECEMBER

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WINTER BREAK						
29	30	31	WINTER BREAK			

# January 2025

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5	6 Back to School  PAC Mtg  <b>Peaks Gymnastics</b> -Godlien & Niddrie	7  <b>Peaks Gymnastics</b> -Kashuba & Stim- ming	8  <b>Peaks Gymnastics</b> -Habart & Green	9  <b>Peaks Gymnastics</b> -Pollock & Gretzmacher	10  <a href="#">Newsletter</a>	11
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19	20 Kindergarten Registration For September 2025 opens	21	22	23	24  <a href="#">Newsletter</a>  Grade 6/7 hosts A Movie Night	25
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