

IMPORTANT DATES



Jan 20 Kindergarten
Registration
Opens

Jan 28 Hot Lunch

Jan 29 Family Literacy
Day

Jan 31 Grade 6/7's
host a
Movie Night

**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, Feb 3
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.

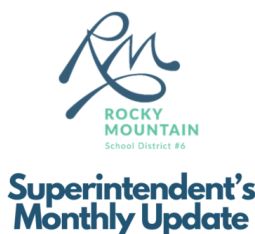
**WINDERMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, "Where Children Soar"
JANUARY 17, 2025**

Dear Windermere Elementary School Families,

I hope all our families are enjoying a happy new year! We have a lot going on at school this month as our students have many fun opportunities to learn from our amazing community experts. This month WES students have experienced gymnastics at Peak, dance lessons with Miss Kelly from Krush dance, and grade 3's started Nordic skiing with Coach Kim from Toby Creek Nordic club. All of us look forward to these new and exciting chances to showcase our students' strengths in activities that are outside the school curriculum. We also enjoy seeing how students love and appreciate learning new activities with their school peers. As always, these activities require support and help from our parent community. Thank you to PAC and parent volunteers who continue to support our staff and students with these special events and learning opportunities.

Best wishes for a wonderful rest of the month.

Sincerely,
Keri Gust
Principal, Windermere Elementary School
Rocky Mountain School District



Click [here](#) to access the Superintendent's
Monthly Update for January 2025 as shared
with the Board of Education at this week's
Regular meeting held virtually.

Our next Hot Lunch will be on:
Tuesday, January 28th

**One Pot Burrito with Nacho Chips
With Chocolate Chip Cookie**

Ms. Kelly from Krush Dance Starts this week!

Ms. Kelly Mykyte from Krush Dance will be joining us to work with all classes, thanks to the generous support of our school PAC! Ms. Kelly will be teaching students a fun and energetic hip hop routine that will be showcased at our upcoming Variety Show on February 26 at 6pm at the CV Center in Invermere. We can't wait to see our students perform and show off their hard work! Thank you for joining us, Ms. Kelly!



DPAC Looking for Members!

The SD6 DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) is looking for members. The role of the DPAC is to advise the board of education on matters relating to education in their school district. DPACs advocate for parental involvement in the education system and give input into the development of education policy as well as act as a collective voice for all the parents in SD6. Meetings are held virtually 3-4 times a year. If you are interested in hearing more about DPAC, please email our Windermere School PAC members at wespac@gmail.com.



MOVIE NIGHT

The grade 6/7 class invites you to join us for a family friendly **movie night** in the WES gym on January 31! We will be watching Wild Robot.

Doors open at 5:30 and the movie will start at 6:00. We are asking for donations at the door of \$1 to \$2 per person as an entry to go towards our year end trip!

Additionally, we will have a concession table with popcorn bags, chips, 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!

GRADE 3'S

TOBY CREEK NORDIC SKI CLUB—SKI S'KOOL PROGRAM

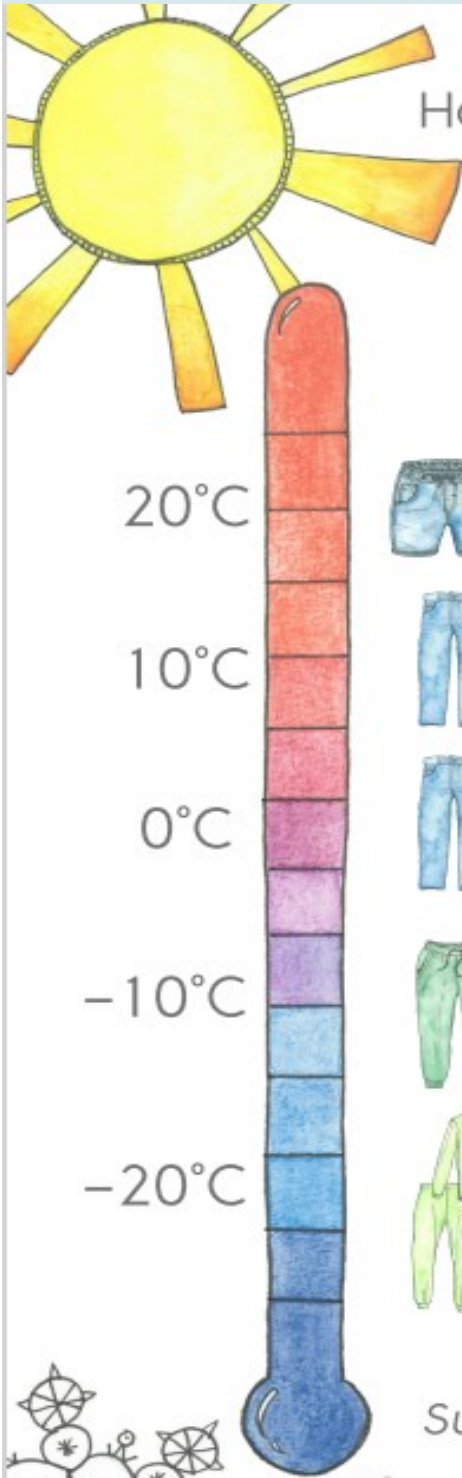


The Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club has returned to WES for our Grade 3 students to participate in six weekly ski lessons on the school field. Volunteer coaches accompany the cross-country ski equipment to our school and provide on-site facilitation and coaching. This also includes grooming and track setting in the school yard. Ski S'Kool is a great way to introduce cross-country skiing skills to kids in a fun, safe environment. Our students began their first session with pre-snow set up and fittings for boots and skis and continue their outdoor adventures in the school field every Wednesday.

Thank you very much to the Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club for bring this program to our school!

Colder weather is in the forecast....

A reminder to please make sure your child comes dressed prepared to be outside everyday.



How to Dress for the Weather Guide

Outdoor play is a great way to support healthy growth and development. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather provides children and adults with opportunities to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing for the season it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors. Get outside, be curious, let children lead and have fun!



Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round



www.getoutsideandplay.ca



www.befitforlife.ca

Show your school spirit! Order some WES gear!

We are offering the chance to order WES clothing again this year. Please see below for information and how to order. WES students and staff wear their blue WES gear to school on Fridays to show some fun school spirit. We hope you'll join us in representing our awesome school. Don't miss out on the opportunity to order yours!



Log into your [SchoolCash](#) account to place your order.

Orders due by January 31, 2025

Blue WES T-shirt	Youth sizes XS-XL Adult sizes S-6XL	\$22.00
Blue WES Crewneck Sweatshirt	Adult sizes S-4XL	\$33.00
Gray WES 1/4 Zip Sweatshirt with collar	Adult sizes S-4XL	\$50.00
Blue WES Full Zip Hoodie	Youth sizes S-XL Adult sizes S-4XL	\$45.00
Blue WES Hoodie	Youth sizes S-XL Adult sizes S-4XL	\$35.00
Trucker Hat		\$22.00
Toque		\$18.00

WES T Shirt Donations

If your child's blue school t-shirt has become too small, we would greatly appreciate it if you could consider donating it back to the school. These gently used shirts can be given/traded between students, ensuring that shirts are being worn and being put to use showing WES school spirit!

If you would like to donate, please send shirts to the school with your child, or drop off at the school office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



On Dec. 17th the grade two class participated in a virtual Scientist in the Schools presentation. Each student was given their very own science kit and completed several hands-on experiments. Students enjoyed using pipettes, cups, and stir sticks to test out various states of matter and their absorption properties. Highlights were the Great Liquid Race-Ketchup vs. Water- and dancing popcorn!



Breakfast Program Update:

It has been another great couple of weeks at the breakfast program! It is wonderful to see all the smiling faces each morning. **A reminder that everyone is welcome always!** We made some new recipes the last few weeks and the students have really loved them.

The next two weeks menu:

Mon Jan 20th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit

Tues Jan 21st - Cheese Buns and a Fruit

Wed Jan 22nd - Breakfast Burritos and a fruit

Thurs Jan 23rd - Bagels and a fruit

Fri Jan 24th - Homemade granola bars and a fruit

Mon Jan 27th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit

Tues Jan 28th - Hot Oatmeal and toppings

Wed Jan 29th - Yogurt tarts and a fruit

Thurs Jan 30th- Bagels and a fruit

Fri Jan 31st - Cheese Buns and a fruit

Recipe of the week:

Double Chocolate Banana Muffins

We made them last week and the students loved them! But of course, with a double chocolate treat at breakfast who wouldn't!

1.5 cups of flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of cocoa powder

2 tsp baking powder

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp of baking soda

1.25 cups of white sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp salt

1 cup of mashed bananas (about 3 bananas)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of buttermilk (room temp)

5 tbsp of butter melted

3 large eggs (room temp)

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup sour cream (room temp)

2 tsp vanilla

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of chocolate chips

Course sugar for topping (optional)

1. Heat oven to 375F.
2. Line 12-18 muffins liners or greased them.
3. In a large bowl whisk flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and baking soda and salt.
4. In a medium bowl whisk sugar, bananas, buttermilk, melted butter, eggs, sour cream, vanilla and until completely combined.
5. Add wet to dry and mix until slightly combined.
6. Add the chocolate chips and slightly mix.
7. Scoop into muffin pans, sprinkle with course sugar. (optional)
8. Bake for 18-22 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Aldene Atkinson

Celebrating Family Literacy Week

Family Literacy Week runs from January 26th to February 2nd, 2025. This is an excellent opportunity to make reading a fun, shared experience that supports your child's development.

Join us on Wednesday, January 29th, from 8:30-9:30 AM. There will be special literacy activities in each classroom. Pick up a passport from your teacher and try to get a stamp or sticker from each classroom. Several of the Columbia Valley Rockies hockey team players will be reading hockey stories to students in the gym. Each student will receive a ticket for a special morning snack to fuel their love of reading! Please note that there will not be a breakfast club that morning before school.

Why Reading Together Matters:

Reading with your child offers incredible benefits:

- Language Development: Exposure to new vocabulary and language structures helps children build communication skills.
- Cognitive Growth: Reading stimulates critical thinking and helps children make connections between stories and their own experiences.
- Emotional Bonding: Shared reading time creates a nurturing environment that strengthens family relationships.
- Lifelong Learning: Children who read regularly develop a genuine love for learning and are more likely to become lifelong readers





Family Literacy Day Honorary Chair, Barbara Reid invites families to Learn to be Green, Together!

Barbara Reid is a picture book illustrator and author whose award-winning artwork is created using modelling clay.



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1 Start an indoor garden

Learn about herbs and vegetables while growing your own food and reducing your carbon footprint.

2 Visit a little free library

Recycling books is a great way to reuse items and get books for free. You can leave books for others too.

3 Visit a national park or nature museum

Learn about the importance of preserving nature.

4 Shop local at a flea market

Not only can you help support local businesses, it's a great opportunity to practice your financial skills.

5 Visit the local library

Borrow books about the environment to learn more about climate change and what you can do to help.

6 Eat a meatless meal

Follow a recipe for a vegetarian meal and also boost your math and numeracy skills.

7 Make a craft from recycled items

Get creative and see what you can make using plastic bottles, used clothing, or recycled cardboard.

8 Go screen-free for the day

Play outside, read a book, or do a craft instead. Not only do these activities practice your learning skills, they also save electricity.

9 Buy something second-hand

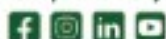
Buying used items instead of new is a great way to reduce waste and save money at the same time.

10 Go on a nature scavenger hunt

Make a list of commonly found outdoor items, then go on a walk together with your list and see if you can find all the items.

Find fun family activities at:
FamilyLiteracyDay.ca

#FamilyLiteracyDay



January 2025

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			1 Happy Newyear 	2	3	4
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