

# IMPORTANT DATES



- Jan 28 Hot Lunch
- Jan 29 Family Literacy Day
- Jan 31 Grade 6/7's host a Movie Night
- Feb 3 PAC Meeting
- Feb 7 Newsletter
- Feb 10 100's Day - Cereal Box Challenge
- Feb 11 Hot Lunch
- Feb 17 NO SCHOOL Family Day
- Feb 18 NO SCHOOL Pro-D
- Feb 21 Newsletter
- Feb 25 Hot Lunch
- Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day Variety Show

## 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 3rd  
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 24, 2025

Dear Windermere Elementary School families,

I hope our WES newsletter finds you well and looking forward to a wonderful weekend. The end of January is approaching, and we are busy here at school! We have lots to share with you again this week. We hope to see you all at movie night next Friday!

Sincerely,

Keri Gust

### Kindergarten Registration for September 2025

Children whose fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31, 2025 (born in 2020) are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2025

Registrations will take place between January 20 to 31, 2025

Register online on our registration page:

<https://www.sd6.bc.ca/parents/student-registration>

More information about Kindergarten:

<https://www.sd6.bc.ca/early-learning/kindergarten>

Please circulate this information to any community families with a child who may be eligible to register.

### The 100th Day of School is coming up on Monday, February 10th!

All WES students are invited to bring in a 100s Day project to display in our school hallways on that day. Students will have time throughout the day to tour the projects and see our WES students' creativity.

Additionally, as a whole school 100s Day project, we will collect cereal boxes and create a cereal box domino set up from one end of the school to the other. All students from K-7 will watch the cereal box dominoes tumble down the hall!

Our goal is to collect more than 100 boxes of cereal (one per student!) and donate them to the Columbia Valley Food Bank. Send cereal boxes to school by Monday, February 10.



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

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

## 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!

### **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](mailto:wespac@gmail.com).

## 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.



Photo by: Ian Crysler Photographer

**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



## 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 XSM-XL Adult sizes S-6XL	\$22.00
Blue WES Crewneck Sweatshirt	Adult sizes S-4XL	\$33.00
Blue 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!

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