

IMPORTANT DATES



Feb 25 Hot Lunch

Feb 26 **Pink Shirt Day**

Variety Show
6:00pm

Mar 3 PAC Mtg
6:30pm

Mar 4 Hot Lunch

Mar 5 Early Dismissal
12:40

OPEN HOUSE
1:15-3:30

Mar 7 Newsletter

Mar 10 Report Cards

Panorama Ski
Day for Gr 4-7

Mar 11 Panorama Ski
Day for Gr 4-7

Mar 12 Panorama Ski
Day for Gr 4-7

Nordic Ski @
Panorama for
Gr 3

Outdoor Day @
Panorama for
Gr K-2

Mar 13 Miss Patti's
Book Giveaway

Mar 14 Last day of
School before
Spring Break

Mar 15 **SPRING**
To

Mar 30 **BREAK**

Mar 31 Back to School

WES PAC NEWS:

Next PAC Meeting
Monday, March 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" FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Dear Windermere Elementary School families,

Spring break is fast approaching but we still have lots going on at WES before we can head into the break. I hope all our families are able to join us next Wednesday for our 3rd Annual WES Variety Show at the Columbia Valley Centre. This event is such a great celebration of student leadership and initiative. Students will be running every aspect of the show and I think you will be proud of our student leaders when you see the end result!

We have a couple of staff changes coming up before spring break. We will be saying farewell to Miss Patti, Kindergarten EA, and wishing her an amazing retirement. Miss Patti's last day is March 14 and we will miss her! Miss Kayla, Grade 6/7 EA, will also be leaving us at the end of February as she gets ready to welcome a new addition to her family! Both of these wonderful educators will be missed by staff and students, but we feel lucky to have had these kind, generous, hard working in our school!

Please enjoy this week's newsletter which is full of information, celebration and upcoming activities! Best wishes for an awesome weekend and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open!

Sincerely,

Keri Gust, Principal
Windermere Elementary School
Rocky Mountain School District

An Intensive French Family Information Evening will be held on
Tuesday, February 25 at 6 pm in the J. A. Laird library.

All current grade 5 students and their families are welcome to attend, as we share information about the program, and provide the opportunity to hear from current Intensive French students. Coffee, tea, juice and donuts provided!



Check out the [Superintendent's Monthly Update for February 2025](#)! This report was shared with the Board of Education at the regular meeting held on February 11, 2025.



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL!

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



PRE-LOVED BOOK GIVEAWAY

On Thursday, March 13th we will be hosting a Pre-Loved Book Giveaway.

Every student will get the opportunity to "shop" for free books to keep and bring home to enjoy over the Spring Break.

If you have any gently used books you would like to donate, please send to the school before Wednesday, March 12th

Thank you,
Miss Patti



Thank you to all who donated cereal for our 100s Day Cereal Dominoes Challenge!

We had great fun building our domino creation and watching it tumble together!

Thanks to a generous donation from No Frills grocery store (The Uchman Family), we were able to donate 177 boxes of cereal to the Columbia Valley Food Bank!



PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND

Any items not claimed before Spring Break will be donated to the local Thrift Store

Hot Lunch Changes!!!

Bring a Container with a Lid!!!

In an effort to limit food waste and ensure all students receive equal portions of hot lunch, PAC is asking students to bring a container with a lid as their hot lunch dish.

Students will be served a full serving of hot lunch in the container. When finished, they will cover any leftovers with the lid and bring it home.

Thank you for your support with
our hot lunch program!

Our next Hot Lunch will be on:

Tuesday, February 25th

**Lasagna & Caesar Salad
With Assorted Cake Squares**

SAVE THE DATE



WES is excited to be hosting our
3rd Annual Variety Show



With the generous support of PAC,
we will be performing at the
Columbia Valley Centre
in Invermere on

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025
6:00pm**

Concession run by our Student Council
and Silver Collection at the door

**Don't forget to purchase your tickets for
a chance to win:
Best Seat in the House
and
Best Parking Spot!**

Draw will be made Tuesday, February 25th

This year WES students are adding an artistic twist to the Variety show. Students in grades 2-7 have been busy creating visual works of art for you to admire. On Wednesday, please make sure to take a walk through our foyer gallery and in lieu of upcoming spring, please enjoy our artistic garden!

Additionally, we will be selling copies of our "Kootenay Kids" coloring book, 100% student created and selling for only \$8. All proceeds will go to an art experience!



Hi Families,

The grade 6/7 class is still working on raising more money for our year end class trip to the Golden Skybridge! We have decided to partner with Purdy's again, but this time for Easter themed chocolates.

You can now view the campaign and catalogue as well as place your orders:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1851534-126984>

Orders must be placed by midnight on March 24th, 2025.

Orders should be ready for pick up starting April 9th, 2025.

Once again, we appreciate your support and look forward to supplying you with delicious chocolates!

**Please reach out to Kaisha Gretzmacher if you have any questions
(kaisha.gretzmacher@sd6.bc.ca)**

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Gretzmacher and the WES grade 7 students



The Breakfast Program has been running well the last few weeks. A touch slow with all the sickness around the school but a nice spot to warm up and say good morning to everyone.

Menu for the coming weeks:

Mon Feb 24th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit

Tues Feb 25th - Hot Oatmeal and a Fruit

Wed Feb 26th - Breakfast Quiches and a fruit

Thurs Feb 27th- Bagels and a fruit

Fri Feb 28th - Smoothies

Mon Mar 3rd - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit

Tues Mar 4th - Bircher Musli - (Swiss Style Overnight Oats)

Wed Mar 5th - Breakfast Wraps and a fruit

Thurs Mar 6th- Bagels and a fruit

Fri Mar 7th - WES Granola Bars and a fruit

Recipe of the Week:

Life these days has been wild. Between school and after curricular activities I have been struggling to get dinner on the table on time! With a culinary background I sometimes tend to over complicate things and make from scratch items even if I don't have time. Which causes everyone to get over hungry, eat snacks and then not be hungry when dinner is ready. Fun right !?!

Long story short I wanted to share with you a quick dinner meal that I made up last week that went over really well. I threw everything in the slow cooker, headed to the ski hill and when we got home had a yummy dinner waiting for us!

Slow Cooker Meatballs:

- one box of frozen precooked meatballs (or homemade meatballs cooked)
- one jar of tomato sauce
- 1/3 of the tomato jar filled with water to clean out the jar and add a touch more liquid to the pot.
- one onion peeled and cut in half
- one garlic clove peeled

Place everything in the slow cooker and cook on low for 6-8 hours or high for 3-4 hours. Serve with spaghetti noodles or on a fresh bun with lots of parmesan cheese!

Happy Cooking!

-Aldene

BASKETBALL NEWS!

DTSS LAKERS

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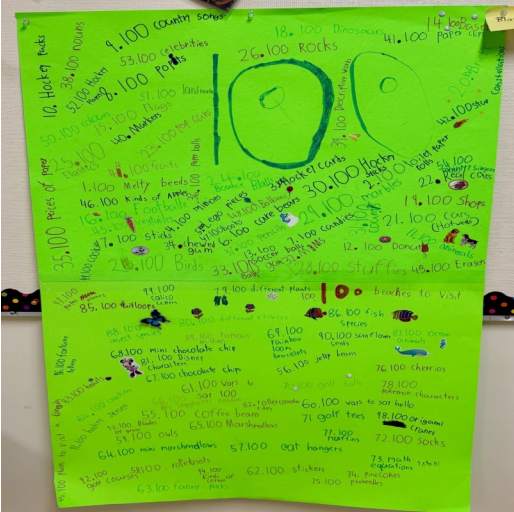
WES HAWKS

The last afterschool basketball session will take place on Monday 24th. All students in grade 5-7 are welcome to attend. The final basketball session will take place on Monday, March 3 over the lunch hour. The DTSS Lakers players are coming to play with our students so they can learn some new drills and challenge them in fun shooting competitions. Please see Mme. Anakin if you wish to attend.

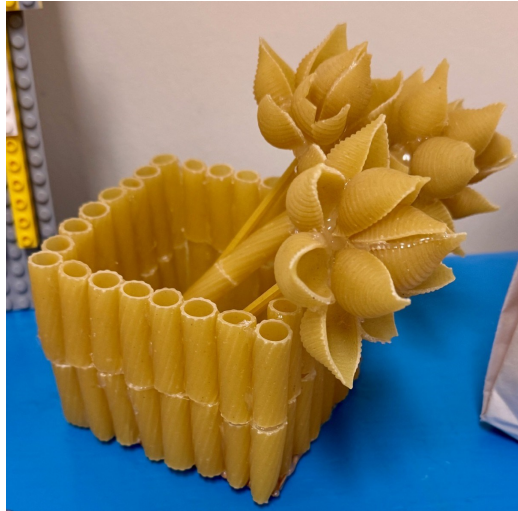
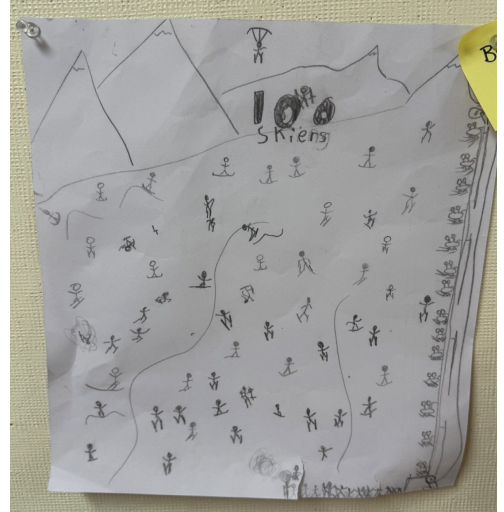


Mrs. Kashuba's grade 1/2 class celebrated 100s day by creating an ice chain with 100 ice cubes. With warmer weather on the way, how long do you think the ice cubes will last?





100's DAY



School Food Program

PANEL DISCUSSION

Hosted by the
Eileen Madson Primary,
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

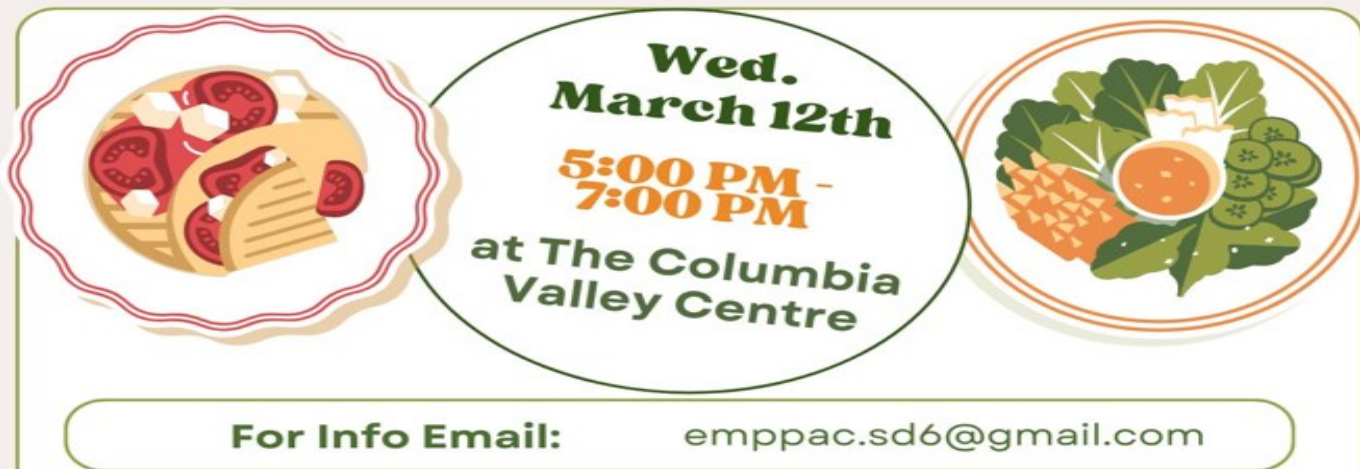


With Special Guests:

Eric Larocque, School Food Coordinator, SD6
Quentin Randall, Regional Coordinator, Farm to School BC

Learn about regional school food programming initiatives,
and how PAC's in the Windermere Zone
run their school lunch programs.

Connection - Collaboration - Collective Impact



**Wed.
March 12th**
**5:00 PM -
7:00 PM**
at The Columbia
Valley Centre

For Info Email: emppac.sd6@gmail.com

You are invited to a School Food Program, Panel Discussion,
hosted by the Eileen Madson Primary School, Parent Advisory Council.

WHEN - Wednesday, March 12

WHERE - The Columbia Valley Centre

TIME - 5:00 to 7:00pm


This event is an opportunity for development of collective impact strategies across the Windermere Zone, to strengthen school food programming for the long term.

Our panelists include:

- Eric Larocque, School Food Program Coordinator with SD6,
- Quentin Randall, Regional Coordinator (Interior) with Farm to School BC
- School lunch coordinators from various PAC's in the Windermere Zone

This conversation will allow for knowledge sharing to identify overlaps, common challenges, opportunities, available funding and capacity building strategies between PAC's, SD6 and Farm to School BC priorities, caterers and community food organizations in the valley.

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