

# IMPORTANT DATES



Mar 9 Daylight Savings

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

Winderberry  
PAC Fundraiser  
Order Forms  
Due

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, April 7th  
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" MARCH 7, 2025

Dear Windermere Elementary School families,

I hope the beginning week of March has been a good one for you and your family. Though we are all excited about spring, WES students are gearing up for our Snow Days next week. Intermediate students will be on the mountain Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Primary Students will join on Wednesday for a whole school snow day. This year we have added a wilderness camp experience. We are happy to add this activity so that our Snow Days can be inclusive and appreciated by all our students at all different ages and levels of experience. These days are important to WES learning culture as we value learning outdoors. We believe that experiencing learning outside the classroom supports learner outcomes from the physical education, science, social studies, and language arts curriculum and we really have thought of something for everyone! We look forward to seeing students grow in their abilities to ski, snowboard, Nordic ski, hike and learn more about mountain wilderness. Thank you to our WES volunteers who are essential in us organizing these student field trips!

Best wishes for a wonderful March!

Sincerely,

Keri Gust, Principal  
Windermere Elementary School  
Rocky Mountain School District



## 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



# WINDERBERRY FUNDRAISER

Spring 2025



Fruit Cocktail



Sweet Melody



Sky's The Limit



Mixed Dahlia Planter



Sunflower Planter



6-Pack Herbs



Gift Certificate

# WINDERBERRY PAC FUNDRAISER

Order forms due Thursday, March 13, 2025



# PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND

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

Here is the plan for the next week of school before spring break starts!  
It has been a whirlwind and time is going fast these days! I hope you all have a wonderful spring break and we will see everyone on March 31st!

Menu for the coming week:

Mon Mar 10th - Marvelous Muffin Monday and a fruit  
Tues Mar 11th - Hot Oatmeal and a Fruit  
Wed Mar 12th - Breakfast Quiches and a fruit  
Thurs Mar 13th- Bagels and a fruit  
Fri Mar 14th - Smoothies

### Recipe of the Week:

OK keep this recipe and PLEASE try it because it is delicious! Everyone needs a dairy free and gluten free cake in their recipe pile to pull out when needed - especially a delicious one that you can't tell is GF and DF!! A student and I made this cake last week to celebrate one of the EA's last day and it was a hit - Enjoy!

### *"Delicious I bet you can't just take one bite Chocolate Cake"*

(GF and DF) Adapted from the Sweet Tooth Cookbook

4 tbsp flax seed meal (ground flax seed)  
¾ cup water  
3 cups of gluten free flour (I used Bob's Red Mill 1 to 1 Baking Flour)  
2 ⅔ cups white sugar  
1 cup dutch-processed cocoa powder (I used Fry's)  
1 tbsp baking powder  
2 ¼ tsp baking soda  
1 ½ tsp of salt  
1 ½ cups of oat milk (or any dairy free milk)  
1 cup veggie oil  
1 tbsp vanilla extract  
¾ cup of hot strongly brewed coffee

For the Frosting:

1 ½ cups of margarine (I used Earths Balance vegan spread) room temperature  
1 ½ cups of cocoa powder  
½ cup of oat milk (warmed)  
3 tbsp of corn syrup  
2 tsp of vanilla extract  
4 ½ cups icing sugar  
¾ tsp of salt

Directions:

To make the cake:

- Preheat oven to 350F
- Line 3 - 8 cake pans or 2 - 10" cake pans or 1 cookie sheet pan. (grease them and line the bottom with parchment paper)
- In a small bowl mix ground flax seeds and water together with a fork and let sit for 5 minutes until thickened
- In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk together the milk, veggie oil, vanilla extract and thickened flax mixture. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and whisk until no lumps remain. Pour in the hot coffee and whisk until just combined.
- Divide the batter amongst the cake pans and bake until cake has risen and a tooth pick comes out clean. About 20-25 minutes depending on cake pan size.

Allow cake to cool completely before icing.

To make the icing:

- In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, add the margarine, cocoa powder, and beat on low speed until combined. About 20 seconds.
- Add the warm "milk", corn syrup, and vanilla extract and beat on low speed until combined. Scraping down sides as needed. Add the icing sugar and salt and beat until well combined.

Decorate the cake:

Add icing in between layers and all over the sides and top! Top with sprinkles - optional but highly recommended!

Enjoy and happy baking everyone!

As always please reach out if you have any questions or need some ideas on what to do for school lunches!!

-Aldene



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!

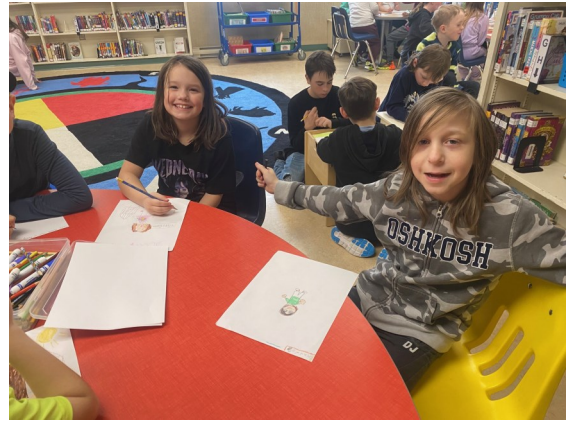
Please reach out to Kaisha Gretzmacher if you have any questions ([kaisha.gretzmacher@sd6.bc.ca](mailto:kaisha.gretzmacher@sd6.bc.ca))

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Gretzmacher and the WES grade 7 students



# INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY VISIT



# 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**



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# MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 PAC Mtg 6:30pm	4 <b>HOT LUNCH</b>	5 Early Dismissal 12:40 <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> 1:15—3:30	6	7 Newsletter	8
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30	31 Back to School					

# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Newsletter	5
6	7 PAC MEETING	8 HOT LUNCH	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Newsletter	18 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	19
20	21 NO SCHOOL Easter Monday	22 HOT LUNCH	23	24	25	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Day	29	30			