

IMPORTANT DATES



May 19 **NO SCHOOL**
Victoria Day

May 23 WES Fun Run

May 27 Hot Lunch

May 29 WES Track
Meet @ DTSS
(Gr 3-7)

May 30 Newsletter

School Dance
6:00-8:00pm

WES PAC NEWS:

Next PAC Meeting
Monday, June 2nd
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" MAY 16, 2025

Happy May Long Weekend WES families,

The long weekend has come fast, which shouldn't be a surprise to any of us as we know spring is a whirlwind of activities for families and school. I hope you all have a wonderful plan to enjoy the weekend with family and friends. Newsletters at this time of year are full of pictures of students and staff enjoying outdoor learning activities. It has been rewarding to see the growth of all of our students over the past 9 months!

There are two May activities that include families. Our Annual WES Fun Run happens at 9:30 on Friday, May 23 with a BBQ to follow an 11:00 assembly. Parents are welcome to come and run with our students! On Friday, May 30, WES will host a family dance from 6-8:00 pm. Kindergarten-Grade 7 students and families are invited to join us in our school gym. Invites have been sent home in planners as well as included in this newsletter. We hope to see you there.

Enjoy the newsletter and have a wonderful long weekend!

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.



NUT FREE

Next Hot Lunch
Tuesday, May 27th

Mini Pancakes & Sausages

Please remember your container with a lid!

✨ ✨ Blast Off into the Stars at the Windermere Elementary School Dance! ✨ ✨

Get ready to dance under the stars! Windermere Elementary School is hosting a **galactic night** you won't forget!

🕒 **When:**

Date: Friday May 30th

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

🚀 **Where:**

Windermere Elementary School Gymnasium

🎧 **Featuring:**

- **DJ Mr. Robb** spinning all the hits!
- A **galactic** Outer Space theme! 🌀

Lots of fun, lights, and dancing! ✍️

🎵 **We need your help!**

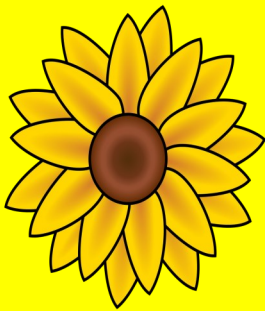
Each class will create a list of their favorite songs to be played during the dance. Have a song in mind that gets you moving? Let your teacher know!

Come dressed in your best space-inspired outfit! 🚀 👤 🚀 👤

This is going to be one stellar night full of fun, friends, and out-of-this-world tunes! ✨ We can't wait to see you there!

PAC Winderberry Flower Orders

PAC Flower orders will be ready for pickup next week.
Please pick up your order at Winderberry Nursery in the lower greenhouse.



Time for pick up:
Wednesday, May 21st
10:00am-5:00pm

If you are not able to pick your order up at this time, please arrange to have someone else pick it up for you. If your child sold to people outside of your household, please either pick up those orders and deliver them or let them know the pick-up time.

TRACK AND FIELD



Our track and field program has begun. All grade 3 to 7 students will be participating during class time to practice their skills in running, jumping and throwing in preparation for our **school track meet** which will be held at the high school on Thursday, May 29. Students who qualify at this school meet will go on to compete at the **Zone Track Meet** at DTSS on Thursday, June 12th.



WES

FUN RUN

3
km

May 23

**9:30 – 10:30
am**

**Windermere
Elementary
School**

All families are welcome to watch the competitors run or join non-competitors in a walk/run.

AWARDS: 10:50 am -11:20 am

Hot Dog BBQ to follow!

If you would like to volunteer at the timing table, please contact Mrs. Stimming at christa.stimming@sd6.bc.ca.



The grade twos celebrated the end of their poetry unit by having a poetry reading. Students showed off their ability to think creatively, and add adjectives and action verbs. Giving compliments while sipping tea and eating biscuits made it very official.



Salmon Chief Mark met WES students at the Windermere Creek to release our salmon. Gr. ½ and 2 students at WES have been raising these salmon from eggs in the classroom. It was an exciting time to experience a Secwepemc Salmon Release Ceremony and send off our fry into our waters.



Mrs. Kashuba's Grade 1/2 class and Mrs. Stimming's Grade 2 class had a "fishtastic" day at the Fish Hatchery!

Students had the opportunity to learn how to cast a fishing rod, properly handle a fish, and safely release it back into the water. After the lesson, they tried their luck at fishing—some even caught one! The day also included a guided tour of the facility, where students explored and learned more about the life cycle of fish and the importance of conservation.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who joined us and helped make this amazing experience possible!





SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (Rocky Mountain)

620 - 4th Street, P.O. Box 430
Invermere, B.C. V0A 1K0

Corporate Board Office

P: (250) 342-9243

F: (250) 342-6966

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Note: NIDs may change as they are subject to agreement by RMTA

JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Canada Day: Jul 1

Instructional Days: 0

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Civic Holiday - Aug 4

Instructional Days: 0

SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Labour Day: Sep 1; Admin Day: Sep 2; Back to School: Sep 3
Non-Instructional Day: Sep 22
Nil Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Sep 30

Instructional Days: 18

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Thanksgiving: Oct 13
Non-Instructional Day (PSA): Oct 24

Instructional Days: 21

NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Remembrance Day: Nov 11

Instructional Days: 19

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Christmas/Boxing Day - Dec 25&26
Winter Break: Dec 22 - Jan 5

Instructional Days: 15

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

New Year's Day: Jan 1; School Reopens: Jan 5
Non-Instructional Day: Jan 26

Instructional Days: 19

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Non-Instructional Day: Feb 17
Family Day: Feb 16

Instructional Days: 18

MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Spring Break: Mar 16 - 27; School Reopens: Mar 30
Non-Instructional Days: 12

APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Good Friday: April 3; Easter Monday: April 6
Non-Instructional Day (for Pro-D- RSA): Apr 20

Instructional Days: 19

MAY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Victoria Day - May 18

Instructional Days: 20

JUNE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Last Day of school for students: Jun 24
Non-Instructional Day: Jun 25
Administrative Day: Jun 26

Instructional days: 18

LEGEND:

Instructional Days

Non-Instructional Days

Statutory Holidays

Hours of Instruction Offered:

Kindergarten: 853

Grades 1-7: 878

Grades 8-12: 952

Days of Instruction: 179

Non-Instructional Days: 6

Ministry NID: 1 (June 25)

Admin Days: 2 (Sep 2 & Jun 26)

Please note a few key changes to next years' approved 2025-2025 School Calendar based on feedback received during the public calendar consultation period:

1. Wednesday, September 3, 2025, will be the first day of school for students and will be a full day of classes.
2. Wednesday, June 24, 2026, will be the last day of school for students and will be a full day of classes.

WES BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2025—2026

First Day Bell Schedule Wed, Sept 3, 2025

Monday to Thursday

Friday

8:25	Warning Bell	8:25	Warning Bell	8:25	Warning Bell
8:28	Classes Begin	8:28	Classes Begin	8:28	Classes Begin
10:11	Recess Begins	10:11	Recess Begins	10:34	Recess Begins
10:30	Recess Ends	10:30	Recess Ends	10:55	Recess Ends
12:00	Lunch Begins	12:00	Lunch Begins	12:45	Dismissal
12:20	Lunch Ends	12:20	Lunch Ends		
12:25	Recess Begins	12:25	Recess Begins		
12:45	Warning Bell	12:45	Warning Bell		
12:49	Classes Begin	12:49	Classes Begin		
2:45	Dismissal	2:45	Dismissal		





SUMMER "BEAT THE HEAT!" PLAY GROUP

@ COLUMBIA LAKE RECREATION CENTRE!

EVERY WEDNESDAY:

**INDOOR FUN FOR CAREGIVERS
& PRE-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
SOFT PLAY EQUIPMENT,
INFLATABLE BALL PIT, RIDE-ON
TOYS AND MUCH MORE!
HEALTHY FOODS & BEVERAGES
CONCESSION AREA OPEN**

1:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

To Register Phone: 250-342-0804
friends@columbialakerecentre.com



Invermere Public Library's

LEGO EXPO RETURNS!

To the Columbia Valley Centre

June 28, 2025

12-3 pm



Registration is now OPEN!

Call or email to register your own display booth!

250-342-6416 / publiclibrary@invermere.net

URGENT: HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Information about hosting:

- Host families can in all shapes and sizes from nuclear families with children to retired couples and single parents.
 - Host families receive \$1050 - \$1300 each month per student.
 - Weekend and/or vacation coverage is available.
 - Placements for September are finalized in May, so please contact us right away if you're interested in hosting.
- If you refer a new family by May 31, you can earn a referral bonus of \$500 for every new host family you refer who is approved and successfully completes at least one month of hosting. Here is the link to make a referral: <https://www.rminternational.ca/homestay2>

Information about the international students:

- The first student is a boy from Germany; he's a 5-month student; and he enjoys activities such as skiing, golf, volleyball, and fitness.
 - The second student is a girl from Germany; she's a 10-month student; and she enjoys activities such as skiing, climbing, swimming, hockey, soccer, and playing the ukelele.
 - The third student is a girl from Germany; she's a 5-month student; and she enjoys activities such as skiing, volleyball, playing the guitar, art and photography.
 - The fourth student is a girl from Spain; she's a 10-month student; and she enjoys activities such as skating, drawing, fitness, and listening to music. She loves animals.
- The fifth student is a girl from Germany; she's a 10-month student; and she enjoys activities such as basketball, skiing/snowboarding, tennis, and drawing. She is a Scouts member.

These students are in grades 10 or 11. They chose to live in Invermere because they love the outdoors and are active, and they want to meet new people and learn about Canadian culture.

Please help us find these students a home by contacting Andrea Tucac as soon as possible at 250-272-6040 or andrea.tucac@sd6.bc.ca.

Homestays Needed
For international students arriving in September 2025!

Offer extended
Refer a friend by May 31

REFER A NEW HOST FAMILY AND EARN \$250
\$500 REFERRAL BONUS
COMPLETE OUR REFERRAL FORM BY MAY 31ST

Scan to learn more:

Why host?

- Global connections
- Cultural enrichment
- Lifelong friendships
- Community support
- Receive \$1050-\$1300/month

SEE ALL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS ONLINE AT:
rminternational.ca/homestay

For more information, contact:
Monica De, Program Coordinator
monica.de@sd6.bc.ca
(250) 272-6694



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Art from the Heart class visits to Pynelogs	2 Newsletter	3
4	5 PAC Meeting 6:30pm	6 HOT LUNCH Kindergarten Orientation 9-11	7 Drumming Performance 2:00	8 Running Club 11:30	9 Interim Reports	10
11	12	13	14	15 Running Club 11:30	16 Newsletter	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day	20	21	22 Running Club 11:30	23 WES FUN RUN 9:30	24
25	26	27 HOT LUNCH	28	29 WES Track Meet @ DTSS (Gr 3-7)	30 Newsletter School Dance 6:00-8:00pm	31

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 PAC Mtg 6:30pm	3 Hot Lunch	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 District Track Meet @ DTSS	13 Newsletter	14
15	16	17 Hot Lunch	18	19	20 Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day	21
22	23	24 Hot Lunch Year End Assembly 9:00am	25	26 Last day of School	27 Staff Adminis- trative Day	28
29	30	<p>Have a great</p>  <p>Summer</p> <p>Vacation!</p>				