



VIRTUE

Empathy

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Dec 4 –
 Pizza Day

Dec 19 –
 French FUN Swim
 All French Classes
 11:00-12:00

Dec 20 –
 North Pole Day

Dec. 21 –
 PJ Day

Dec 22-Jan7
 Christmas Break
 NO SCHOOL

Dec
 Christmas Concerts
 Check newsletter

Fox News

from École Westlock Elementary School

**My Favorite Time of Year...**

Winter is upon us but notwithstanding the snow and ice, Christmas is my favorite winter holiday. And while the Christmas season is an exciting time of year for most; such is not the case for all. For some, this time of year is filled with more stress and worry than at any other time. With that in mind and with the virtue empathy as a focus, have a look around for those in need of support and consider extending a hand out or a hand up.

With the frenetic pace of family, functions, and festivities that December brings; it can be difficult to be “still” and enjoy what we **do** have. My hope for you is exactly that, in wishing you a safe, calm, and peaceful month of December.

Pierre Ouimet

COLD TEMPERATURES...BURRRR...

*Oh, the weather outside is frightful
 But the fire is so delightful
 And since we've no place to go
 Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow*

Cold/Inclement Weather: Have your child dress for the weather including proper winter footwear, headwear and gloves/mittens. And please put your child's name in their boots!

Whenever the temperature drops to -25 including wind chill our school will have an 'inside day'. Anything warmer and children are expected to be outside for morning, Noon, and afternoon recess.

Buses in PHRD normally run until the temperature drops to -40 degrees (not including wind chill). That being said, drivers have discretion not to drive if they feel conditions are unsafe. In the event that buses are not running, every effort will be made by your driver to contact you. On inclement weather days, parents are encouraged to check the WES and PHRD websites as well as radio and/or TV for up-to-date information on whether buses are operating or delayed, and the status of school operations.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SCHEDULE:

The official concert schedule is

Dec. 11 - 1K & 2C – 1:00 pm – WES Music Room
Dec. 12 – 1C & 2A - 1:00 pm – WES Music Room
Dec. 13 – 1L & 2A – 1:00 pm – WES Music Room
Dec. 14 – 1Ca & 2PR - 1:00 pm – WES Music Room
Dec. 20 – KG-MW – 1:00 - Library
Dec. 20 – KL-MW – 2:00 pm – Library
Dec. 21 – KG-TT – 1:00 pm – Library
Dec. 21 – KL-TT – 2:00 pm – Library



Dec. 6/7 – Gr. 3 & 4 & 4/5B - 7:00 pm @ CATS Theatre
Dec. 13/14 - Gr. 5/6 – 7:00 pm @ CATS Theatre

Reminder that Food Bank donations will be accepted at all Christmas performances.

TOONIES FOR TOYS

With a donation of \$606 from Pidsadowski's IDA Pharmacy, Westlock Elementary School raised over \$1200 to purchase Discovery Toys for Santa's Anonymous (FCSS). This is our third year for the Toonies for Toys fundraiser. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

Our National Anthem

We sing O Canada every morning at 9:00.

We ask that if you are in the building when our national anthem is being played over the intercom, that you respect it by removing your hat and standing at attention.

HYGENIC HOLIDAYS!.....

....thanks again to all those who donated soap, shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex, etc....to the WES School Council Hygienic Holidays giving project. Many less fortunate folks will benefit from your benevolence.

BREAKFAST IS SO IMPORTANT

Westlock Elementary School has operated a breakfast program for almost two decades. The program provides a nutritious snack to start the day and is available to ALL students between 8:30 – 8:50 every morning. Again this year parent volunteers are helping out every day. We extend a huge Thank you to Mrs. Sue Nickerson and Mrs. Kristie Cross for baking, preparing food, and volunteering every morning.

THE SURVEY SAYS...

PHPS will once again be contacting parents as part of the annual satisfaction survey. Expect a phone call from a district representative in the January 8 – 26 time frame. This person will ask you a variety of questions ranging from character education to extra-curricular programming and everything in between. This is an opportunity to provide feedback about Westlock Elementary School and influence the planning process.