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## **Ecole Westlock Elementary School**

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Principal: Amber Monteath

Associate Principal: Robert Weiss

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

March:

- 1- Last day to order Hotdogs **Online through Powerschool** Parent Portal. -Basketball Game @ BES. Return 5 pm
- 2-6J skating 2 pm
- 3- No school for students PD Day
- 7- Hot Dog Day 1C swim- 1 pm
- 9- Basketball Tournament @ Spirit Center 9:00-2:45
- 10- Gr. 6 Heritage Classic 1:30 pm- 2:45 pm
- 16- School Council Meeting 5:30 pm
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March is a busy month! On March 1st, Grade Five & Six students will be learning about Cyberbullying from Corporal Schram. We look forward to having a local RCMP member come in and talk with our students.

March kicks off our reading month and the building has been turned into an underwater ocean theme. Students are already getting excited about the activities that are planned and being able to have the opportunity to dunk staff members. The dunking tank will arrive sometime at the end of April when we can be outside. Thank you to those businesses and community members who donated to cover the cost.

Just like most schools in the division, we are now moving toward signing student permission forms and paying fees or ordering special hot lunch days online through Powerschool Parent Portal. We understand that this is a big change for everyone. Parents have shared that it is a very simple and quick process once you have signed in. If you have difficulty logging in or not sure where to go, please call Mrs. Fifield or Mrs. Kallal at the school.

I hope everyone has a great Spring Break. School is closed the week of March 27-31. We will see you on April 3!

Sincerely,

Amber Monteath

#### Kindergarten Registration is now open for 2023-2024...

We are now accepting Kindergarten registration for English and French Kindergarten!

All registrations are online.

# Who can register for Kindergarten?

Any child who will be 5 by December 31/23.



### Discover Kindergarten with us!

Register online for English or French Kindergarten at Westlock Elementary School





Go to <u>www.westlockelementary.ca</u> Click on the post OR Click on "Student and Parent Info" Click on "New Student Registration"

Parents who already have kids in school need to login to <u>PowerSchool</u> and once in SchoolEngage they create the New Student there. Brand new parents will use our <u>SchoolEngage login</u> to create their parent account and then a New Student. All New Students in SchoolEngage will be able to see the new student registration form.



#### Kindergarten Open House is April 20.

Please call the school (780-349-3385) to sign up for your time slot. 4:00-4:45 pm

5:00-5:45 pm 6:00-6:45 pm

Students and parents will have the opportunity to visit every classroom, speak to the teachers and have fun!

#### March Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Conferences...

Gr. 1-6 Parent Teacher Conferences are Tues. March 21 and Wed. March 22. Our online booking system will be open Mon. March 13 at 9 am.

Go to our school website and click on School Appointments Online. Any issues with the booking system please call the school.

**Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conferences are March 15/16** and your child's teacher will be in contact with you to sign up.

Kindergarten Progress Reports will go out on March 13 & 14. Gr. 1-6 Progress reports will be sent home Thursday, March 16.

#### "Dive into Reading" for the month of March...

"Dive into Reading" is our literacy theme this year! Check out our calendar with all of our fun activities planned!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Dive into Reading Art & Literature	2 Commotion in the Ocean. (pollution)	3 No School
6 Mystery Reader	7	8 Gone Fishin' Search the school to find the fish.	9 Build a Bookmark!	10 Genre Day Match the book to genre
13 "SPLASH" into onomatopoeias	14	15 Guess the book title	16 ANGLER FISH (Flashlight Reading)	17 No School St Patricks' Day
20 DAY AT THE BEACH Bring a towel and read!	21 Evening – PT Interviews	22 SHARK DAY Reading is JAWSOME Evening – PT Interviews	23 Exploring Turtle Island	24 DRESS AS YOUR FAVE BOOK CHARACTER DAY
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As a school we have one big goal we are trying to achieve. If we can reach a total in-class reading time of 8000 minutes staff have volunteered to get dunked by students. When students enter the school they will find a bulletin board, where we will be tracking how close we are getting to our goal.

#### French Immersion News...

Students enjoyed our French Carnaval that took place in the middle of February. A big thank you to Canadian Parents for French for their generous donation towards the event, the French Immersion students from RF Staples who came to help run stations and to the parents who took the afternoon to come and help out! We look forward to the return of the event next year!







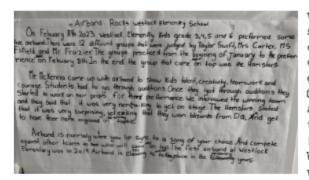
#### Airband Rocks...

Students in Mme Wolff's class learned how to write newspaper articles. In small groups, they were tasked to write an article about our airband competition. This was voted best written by the class.

Airband Rocks Westlock Elementary School Written by Presley Visser, Andie Schmidt,

Rhys Hebert and Reid Baier.

On February 8th, 2023, Westlock Elementary kids grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 performed some live airbands. There were 12 different groups that were judged by Taylor Swift, Mrs. Carter, Ms Fifield and Mr. Fraser. The students practice from the beginning of January until the performance date of February 8th. In the end, the group that came out on top was the Hamsters.



Mr. McKenna came up with the air band to show kids' talent, creativity, teamwork and courage. Students had to go through auditions. Once they got through auditions, they started to work on their props for their performance. We interviewed the winning team, and they said that it was very

nerve-racking to get on stage. The Hamsters stated that it was very surprising, yet exciting that they won Blizzards from DQ and get to have their names engraved on the winning trophy.

Airband is normally where you lip sync to a song of your choice, and compete against other teams to see who will come out on top. The first airband at Westlock Elementary was in 2019. Airband is set to continue taking place in the years.





