

FOX NEWS

Ecole Westlock Elementary School

780-349-3385 10515 106A st T7P 2E7 Facebook: Westlock Elementary School
Website: www.westlockelementary.ca

Principal: Amber Monteath

Associate Principal: Robert Weiss

IMPORTANT DATES:

March:

- 1: PD Day- no school
- 4: Gr. 5 Ski trip
- 5: Hot Dog Day
- 6: 1L swimming 1-2 pm
- 7: 1C skating 12:30-1:30pm
- 8: 6B skating 12:15-1:45 pm
- 13: DQ Snack Wrap order
Due
K-6 Parent Teacher
Conferences
- 14: K-6 Parent Teacher
Conferences
Gr. 3 swim 10 am
Gr. 4 & 3/4 FI swim 1 pm
- 15: PD Day- no school
- 20: DQ Wrap Day
Gr. 6 & 5/6 FI swim 1 pm
- 21: 1C & 1H swim 1 pm
- 22: Gr. 5 swim 10 am

Dear Parents & Guardians,

March is a busy month! Progress reports will be sent home Mar. 11 and our final round of Parent Teacher Interviews are March 13 & 14.

Please book a time to come meet with your child's teacher. If the two evenings do not work for you, please reach out to your child's teacher to arrange a different day and time.

March kicks off our reading month and the building has been turned into a Jungle theme. Students are already getting excited about the activities that are planned and being able to have the opportunity to see zoo animals if our reading goal is met.

A **huge thank you** to School Council for purchasing 24 new hockey helmets for our students to use! This gives an opportunity for those students who do not own one to borrow and go skating with their class.

On Mar. 18, Corporal Sutherland will be presenting to our Gr. 4-6 students around the topic of internet safety.

Please make sure your child brings appropriate winter gear to school. Even on the cold days we may end up going outside for a shortened recess.

I hope everyone has a great Spring Break and Easter! School is closed the week of March 25- April 1. We will see you on April 2!

Sincerely,

Amber Monteath

SafeArrival...

With **SafeArrival**, you can report your child's absence **in advance, 24 hours/day, 7 days a week**, using these 3 options:

1. **SchoolMessenger App** **Recommended** – Using your mobile device, download and install the SM Home app (NOT 'SchoolMessenger') from the **Apple** or **Google Play** Stores - <https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/>.
 - The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account.
 - Make sure you select 'Canada' and use the email address your school has on file.
 - Select **Attendance (at the bottom of the screen)** and then **Report an Absence.**
2. **SafeArrival website** – <https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/>.
 - The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account.
 - Make sure you select 'Canada' and use the email address your school has on file.
 - Select **Attendance** and then **Report an Absence.**
3. **Call 1-833-568-2538 (toll-free)** to report an absence using the automated phone system (follow the prompts).

**If you create an account on the app, the same login can be used on the website and vice-versa. If you previously had the 'SchoolMessenger' App, please download the 'SM Home' app.*

Absence Notifications

We will use the **SchoolMessenger automated notification system** to contact you when your child is absent *and their absence was not reported*. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is provided for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

2024-2025 Kindergarten registration opens March 4/24...

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

All registrations are online.



**Discover
Kindergarten
with us!**

Register online for
English or French Kindergarten
at Westlock Elementary School

Who can register for Kindergarten?

Any child who will be 5 by December 31/24.



Go to www.westlockelementary.ca

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 [PowerSchool](#) and once in SchoolEngage they create the New Student there.

****WPREP Students will receive a registration form through your Parent Parent (Powerschool).**



Kindergarten Open House April 18

Please call the school (780-349-3385) to sign up.

4-6:30 pm

Students and parents will have the opportunity to visit both classrooms, speak to the teachers and have fun!

March Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Conferences...

Gr. 1-6 Parent Teacher Conferences are Wed. March 13 and Thurs. March 14 4-7 pm.

Our online booking system will be open Mon. March 4 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 13/14 and your child's teacher will be in contact with you to sign up. These conferences are held during the school day.



K-6 Progress Reports will be sent home Mon. March 11.

Reading month “Welcome to the Jungle...Get Lost in a Book”

Check out our calendar with all of our fun activities planned!

In School Reading GOAL:

We take our reading very seriously and really want to GET LOST IN reading.

With our theme of all things jungle we are hoping to bring the ZOO to US, if students read **8000 minutes** we will bring 12 zoo animals to Westlock Elementary.

In school reading will earn students bananas, these bananas will earn students meet and greet with Zoo Animals!

WELCOME to the jungle

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 Swinging into the Jungle School Read Aloud	5 Can you hear that noise...? (onomatopoeia)	6 Butterflies and Beetles, My OH my! (Insects and plants of the jungle)	7 Mystery PUPPET Readers	8 Animal Art (Thumb Print Creations)
11 Adventure gone WRONG (teacher swap)	12 Dress like a jungle animal (Descriptive Writing Fun)	13 Monkeying Around Animal Yoga Goal Setting Meeting PM	14 Pi Day Genre Day Goal Setting Meeting PM	15 No School PD DAY
18 NonFiction Animal Investigations	19 Take a bite out of reading! (crocodiles)	20 Mystery Message – Search and Find	21 Slow like a Sloth Day (Curl up and read- bring a blanket!)	22 Rhyme Without Reason Day
25 MARCH BREAK – NO SCHOOL				





School Council news...

Thank you for supporting our hot lunches! This month we are partnering up with Dairy Queen. Proceeds go toward School Council or Gr. 6 Outdoor Ed Field Trip.

Staff Appreciation Brunch March 13. To show our appreciation for what the school staff do, we would like to make brunch for them. **Please click on the link below to sign up and bring in an item or dish.**

[Staff Appreciation Brunch Link](#)



Friends of Westlock Elementary School had a successful casino fundraiser on February 4 and 5. They are very thankful for those who volunteered!

Next School Council Meeting- Thurs. March 7 in the library at 5 pm.

French Immersion News...

K-6 FI students had a great time participating in French Carnaval! A huge thank you to RF Staples Jr. High French Immersion students who came to help run stations and to the parents who took the afternoon to come and help out! Students enjoyed curling, sledding, La Tire, Ski Fou Fou, Hot Chocolate etc.

