

WESTMOUNT AVE P.S

HOME OF THE WIZARDS

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR DECEMBER

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IMPORTANT DATES!

Wednesdays are Quiznos Sub Day

Fridays are Great Lakes Pizza Day

Dec. 7 – Gr. ½ & Gr. 2 to Beauty & the Beast

Dec. 19 & 20 – Drop off baking & gift basket
Items.

Dec. 20 – Dress Rehearsal 9:00 – 10:00

Dec. 21 – Christmas Concert – 2 Performances
9:30 AM & 1:15 PM

Dec. 22 – Wear your PJs and Games Day

Dec. 22 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
NO EARLY DISMISSAL

HAPPY HOLIDAYS - SEE YOU JANUARY 8, 2018

In an effort to reduce paper and avoid duplication, we will no longer send a second calendar. All important dates are listed on the front page of the newsletter.

Bake Sale

We will hold a Bake Sale the day of the Christmas Concert, Dec. 21, so please feel free to send in baked goods on Dec 19 and 20. Bring in your spare change on Dec 21 (the day of the concert) to purchase those scrumptious baked goods and avoid all that holiday baking. All proceeds go to help offset the cost of student excursions and special activities. We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

Basket Sale

We will have three gift baskets; a craft basket, movie night basket and baking basket as well as a donated Sony Personal Audio System to raffle at our Christmas Concert. Please send all donations to school by Dec. 20 as we need to package them up for the raffle on Dec. 21. Tickets will be available at the concert for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Winners will be contacted by the end of day on Dec. 21.

Craft Basket: Both Kindergarten classes

Movie Night Basket: Gr. 1 and Gr. 1/2

Baking Basket: Gr. 2

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The **dress rehearsal** will be December 20 from 9:00 to 10:00 and the **concert** will be Dec. 21 with two performances at 9:30 & 1:15. We ask that you leave your child at school on December 21 for the full day as they are needed to perform in both shows. Parents who wish to take their child home after the second performance will be asked to remain seated in the gym to allow better traffic flow in our halls.

The office will not be calling classes for pickup so be sure to send a note ahead of time to advise the classroom teacher or sign them out on the sign out sheet in the gym. Students will be sent down to the gym once they gather their things. We must comply with fire code regulations regarding our capacity, so we are asking to please limit the number of guests you will be bringing.

WEATHER ALERT!

Rainbow District School Board reminds parents and students to listen to the radio or go online at

The Student Services Consortium

<http://www.businfo.ca>

for School Bus Cancellations due to Inclement Weather.

Parents need to know that during periods of severe weather conditions busses may be cancelled.

Busses will **not** be cancelled midday unless there is **extreme** weather. Please make sure your emergency contact numbers at school are current.

Popcorn Sale

We continue to have popcorn for sale every Friday. \$2.00 per bag. All proceeds go to offset the cost of student excursions and special activities. Flavours available are dill, butter and white cheddar.

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BINGO

A big **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers who have worked our bingos in the past. Also, a big **THANK YOU** to our new volunteers who will be working our December bingos. We still need 2 volunteers for the bingo on December 28 at 10:30 AM. If you can help us out, please call the school to let us know. Thank you for your support!

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

If you have concerns to discuss with your child's teacher, please write a note in the agenda or call the office to set an appointment.

If you are picking your child up after school and have not written in the agenda that you are doing so, please call the office before 2:30. If you get the answering machine, please leave a message.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Kindergarten Information

All Kindergarten students have bus information tags on their backpacks. Please check this information and please do not remove the tag. If the tag is missing or information has changed please call the school immediately for a replacement.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

The clothing drive was a big success. The Rainbow District School Board was able to collect 5816 clothing items. We are proud of our school for participating in this event. Thank you for your generosity and support.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The playground equipment is now out of bounds during the cold weather months. Winter boots and mitts make it too difficult to properly balance and get a good grip. The children will spend their recess playing collaborative games.

PLEASE LABEL CHILD'S CLOTHING

With so many boots, ski pants and jackets the same colour and size; please put your child's name inside them. We still have our ongoing label fundraiser with "Oliver's Label. www.oliverslabels.com/products/.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE HEALTH UNIT

'TIS THE SEASON.....FOR ASTHMA

Does your child's asthma seem to get worse on those cold and blustery days? How about when nestled up beside the fire or trimming the holiday tree?

Asthma triggers don't take a holiday in the winter season, in fact many of the activities we enjoy during the winter can cause problems for those with asthma. That doesn't mean you can't do some of these same activities...you may just need to make a few easy modifications.

Follow these tips to keep asthma in control this winter:

- Ensure your child has a scarf or neck warmer covering their mouth and nose. This will help to add warmth and moisture to cold dry air that can trigger asthma.
- Smoke from a candle or wood-burning fire can also trigger asthma. Opt for a gas fireplace or heater to keep you warm on cold nights.
- Decorating a holiday tree in the winter can leave some children coughing and wheezing. Artificial trees are a great alternative.
- Be aware of strong smells from candles, pot pourri and other decorations.
- When entertaining use serving utensils for bowls of nuts and candy to help prevent the spread of cold and flu bugs.
- And of course, as always, wash hands frequently!

**Have a happy and asthma-free winter season!
If your child has asthma, please inform the school.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017/2018

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Please keep in touch.

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