



A GREAT PLACE TO GROW

# Westwood Word

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## December

by Donna Johnston, Principal

At this time of year we are constantly reminding our students of road safety as they make their way to and from school, particularly now as our snowfall amounts are accumulating and the snowbanks are growing to great heights! It is important to repeat the message to students when the streets and sidewalks are slippery and accidents can occur. As school principal, I ask that all parents driving to the school for picking up and dropping off children be mindful of road conditions and take an extra look at the 4-way stop at Mallard Cr and Westwood Dr before proceeding as snowbanks can restrict our vision of little people crossing at that busy crosswalk. As well, if your child is walking back and forth to school remind them not to be running out onto streets or sliding down snowbanks in case they slip into the path of an on-coming vehicle. Finally, for parents waiting in the loop to pick up children, please refrain from parking on both sides of our drive as this becomes a safety concern should we have an emergency.

We thank you for your involvement in keeping Westwood a safe place to come to everyday! May your holiday season be filled with peace and joy!



## Christmas Compassion Project

by Ms. Wilson, Grade 3 Teacher

Our class will create 2 Christmas bag donations for pets in need. One for a dog/puppy and one for a cat/kitten. These compassion donations will be distributed to **The Thompson Humane Society** in our community courtesy of the students and their families of Westwood School.

Please bring/send all of your new or gently used donations to room 126-Ms. Wilson's classroom, by **Wednesday Dec. 13th**. Ms. Wilson will supply the two gift bags.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and compassion.

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### Trades & Tech Olympics

Grade 6 students spent the morning at the TRCC participating in a hands-on learning opportunity.

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### Pep Rally

Students cheered as our Junior High volleyball players challenged staff to a rousing game for all to enjoy.

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# Month at a Glance

by Tricia Griffin, Vice Principal

November was Family Violence Prevention Month. Students were encouraged to wear purple in recognition.



## November highlights:

- Nov. 1 – Fall Photos
- Nov. 7 - PAC AGM (2nd attempt)
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day
- Nov. 15 - Student Led Conferences
- Nov. 15, Book Fair
- Nov. 18 – Craft Sale
- Nov. 24 – Pep Rally

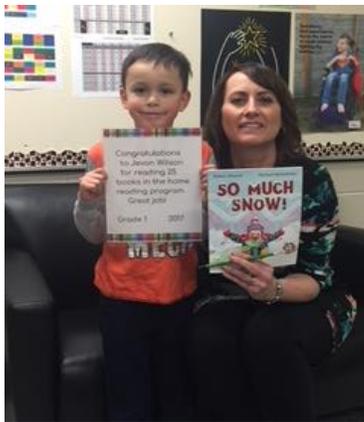


## Looking to December:

- Dec. 1 – World Aids Day Activities
- Dec. 1 - Report Writing (pm only)
- Dec. 6 – JH Cyber-Safety Presentations
- Dec. 12 – Christmas Concert
- Dec. 22 – Early dismissal (2:30pm)



Congratulations Jevon, for being the first to read 25 Home Reading books in Gr. 1R.



# Art Club

by Mrs. Janisch, Grade 4 Teacher



Grade 4 students learned a few painting techniques during the first session of Art Club. Great job Westwood Artists! The second session of Art Club will begin in the New Year.

## NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

91.2%

Congratulations to all of our regular attenders!

## Poetry

by Rits Fountain, IDEAL Teacher

Madison Dunn puts so much effort into practicing her Braille skills at school and at home every day. She recently received a big award from the Contest she entered last year AltLit Braille Creative Writing Contest sponsored by CNIB (altlit.ca)



Entry #9 Group 2 Poem  
Grade 4

## Madison

M is for Musical  
A is for Active  
D is for Dog lover  
I is for Impressive  
S is for Smart  
O is for Original  
N is for Nice

## WESTWOOD CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Westwood School will be holding its annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Letkeman Theatre. Students need to arrive at 6pm and the concert will commence at 6:30pm. Please stay for the entire show to support all our students.



## Trade &amp; Tech Olympics

by Cheryl Steeves

We had an amazing morning at the Grade 6 Trades and Technology Olympics, which took place at the TRCC on November 2, 2017. Westwood sent two Grade 6 teams of six students to compete. There were thirteen stations where the students were able to demonstrate and grow their abilities in co-operation while attempting new skills. Some of our favourite stations were with the special guests from Vale. These stations were very rich and specific in knowledge. The students were able to experience high tech equipment. Students from RDPC shared how they started learning some of these trade and technology skills in Grade 9 and continue to development their skills through Grade 12. The Rube Goldberg station gave the opportunity for the students to think creatively and show case their ability to implement their learning in practical applications. Our students displayed wonderful manners, total engagement, learned a multitude of new information and simply loved giving things a try.



## FUNDRAISERS

The annual Westwood Craft sale was once again a success. \$2000 was raised, from table rentals and donations at the door, which will be used to support school activities and resources. The IDEAL silent auction raised \$2040, as well. We appreciate your continued support of our school.

The Grade 7 class will be donating \$450 to the Thompson Humane Society through their sale of smencils and smens. Stock was sold out within roughly four days. Thank you to all for your support.

# JH Girls Volleyball

by Cora Grant, Coach



The Westwood junior high girls volleyball team, under the guidance of their coaches Ms. Grant and Mrs. Yuskow were undefeated this season! Ms. Grant and Mrs. Yuskow were especially pleased to see how well this team had come together. The girls were great at their bumps, sets, spikes and serves! Last weekend was the volleyball tournament at the high school. The girls team played with a lot of heart and hustle which allowed them to come in 1st place! We are very proud of our junior high girls volleyball team!

# Pep Rally Pics



# JH Boys Volleyball

by Sam Weigert, Coach



The Westwood Vikings Senior Boys' Volleyball team had a positive outing at the annual volleyball tournament. The boy's team split their round robin games with a record of 4 wins and 4 losses, clawing into the last playoff spot. The team displayed their competitive side in the playoffs, unfortunately falling 2-0 in sets to a very talented Riverside squad. Both Coaches are pleased with the effort and dedication the boys showed throughout the season. Well done, and good job giving it your best!

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