



School District of Mystery Lake

WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY

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December 2022

December's Attendance – 72.3 %



Winter Wonderland 2022

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Upcoming in January:

- Jan. 5th – Classes Resume
- Jan. 11th - Math on the Land Camp for Gr. 1
- Jan. 27th - Mental Health & Wellness Day (AM)
- Jan. 31st - Awards Assembly at 1:05pm



In and Around Westwood School:

- Westwood staff would like to say congratulations to Ms. Thompson on her retirement. You will be missed!
- We would also like to say farewell to Mrs. Johnson from grade 6
- Christmas door decorating contest
- Holiday sock-hop
- Christmas concert
- Giving hallway – collecting donations for various local organizations
- Cree language club began
- Students designed bags for use at the liquor store
- JR high district-wide volleyball tournament
- Hat day fundraiser
- Spirit week
- Westwood winter wonderland display
- JR high badminton began
- December awards assembly
- Gr8's attended the science exhibit at the TRCC
- Grade 5 McCartney went to the Anne Frank exhibit at RDPC



COVID-19 Screening Tool

In order to determine if you should contact **Health Links – Info Santé** ([204-788-8200](tel:204-788-8200) or toll-free at [1-888-315-9257](tel:1-888-315-9257)) or seek other medical advice, you will be asked to respond to a few questions.

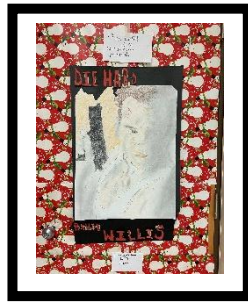
Public health officials also strongly urge anyone who has cold or flu-like symptoms, **such as a cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, headache**, or any of the symptoms listed in the screening tool to isolate and get tested for COVID-19. By getting tested, you are helping to keep your family and community healthy.

Important Reminders

- ❖ Please remember to send your child to school with the proper school supplies &/or the correct amount of school supply money (receipts will be issued), to be turned into the homeroom teacher.
- ❖ Please do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well. We recommend you have a plan in place, in the event they become ill during school hours.
- ❖ We will have Rapid Antigen Test Kits available upon your request.
- ❖ With the cold weather here, please make sure your children are properly dressed for the weather. Students go outside for recess everyday unless the temperature, combined with the wind chill reaches -30 degrees.
- ❖ The entrance bells are at 8:50am and 12:55pm, please do not send your children to school early as there is NO supervision during these times.
- ❖ Please update your child(ren) personal and emergency contact information through parent connect. If you need assistance please contact the office.
- ❖ Our monthly newsletter will continue to go out along with our weekly memos. Also check us out on Facebook page, **Westwood Elementary: Thompson, Manitoba**.
- ❖ We welcome all **volunteers** at Westwood. If interested, please ensure you are able to produce a current Child Abuse Registry Check from the RCMP. You must also complete a Volunteer Confirmation form and a PHIA Pledge of Confidentiality form, which are located in the main office. You are also now required to complete Respect in School certification at https://mbedschool.respectgroupinc.com/koala_final/.



Door Decorating Contest



Congratulations to all the award winners for the month of December



Ms. McCartney's grade 5 class designed and wrote out their job resumes for their "If I were an Elf" project. Super funny and creative job requirements!



S.A.L.T News Letter

Hello again, it's me, Mya, writing the December newsletter! Our SALT team has been very busy...here's a bit of a recap.

In November, our student council team helped out with our annual Craft Sale, to fundraise for our school. We also distributed feminine hygiene products in all of our bathrooms. This is very important because it is a human need. Having accessible menstrual products is a health need and reduces poverty barriers (period poverty) and helps with equity in our school population. Did you know... "4 in 5 teens reported either have missed class time or knew a classmate who missed class time because they did not have access to period products" (<https://allianceforperiodsupplies.org/period-products-in-schools/> Retrieved on Dec. 19, 2022). Our SALT team wants to help ensure that every student has their needs met.

In December, we held a door decorating contest for our students! First prize went to: 8 Grant, 6 Johnson, 1 Rindall, and Mr. Ziemanski. The doors were judged and the winners were awarded depending on what their class decided to do to celebrate their festive doors. Merry Christmas to everybody and a happy new year! The SALT team hopes you have a great time off and see everybody in January!

We also had an outdoor clothing and toy drive (toys were donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Thompson!). Lastly, we held one Christmas dance for our students. We held one due to the amount of sick people, hopefully all of you will get better for the holidays. We sold many Christmas toys at the dance and sold the rest at recesses for the kids. We also held a raffle at the Christmas Concert. Money raised is being used for prizes (door decorating contest) and families in need this holiday season.

Merry Christmas to everybody and a happy new year! The SALT team hopes you have a great time off and see everybody in



Hat Day Fundraiser

Grade 7's hosted a Hat Day Fundraiser on Friday, December 9th. For a minimum donation of \$1.00 student could break the school rule, and wear a hat all day. The money raised went to *Northern Manitoba Paws in Need* to help with their vet bills.

Pet Food & Supply Drive

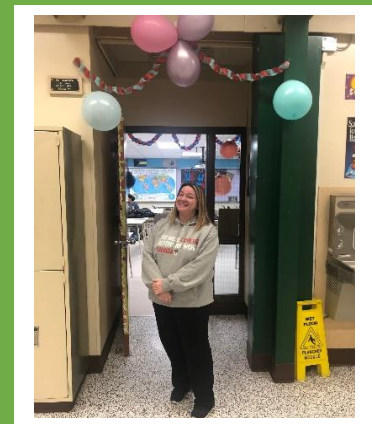
From November 28th - December 16th grade 7s hosted a pet food and supply drive.

The school community came through and **we were able to collect 90 lbs of dog and cat food**, as well as toys, leashes, collars, and other supplies! These generous donations were split between the Thompson Humane Society, and Northern Manitoba Paws in Need.

Thanks again to the Westwood community for the amazing support!



A big congratulations goes out to Ms. Thompson on her retirement! The staff & students at Westwood School wish her all the best in her future endeavours.



This month the kindness reindeer appeared in 4 Bettess. The students name it Ginger. Ginger wrote them a note daily with a kindness task to do so they could spread kindness. Some of the tasks included; writing thank you cards to our classroom EAs and admin, making Christmas cards for the Northern Manor, designing bags to promote safe holidays at MLC, colouring kindness bookmarks and many other kind acts. The students had fun while promotina kindness.

