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WESTVIEW SCHOOL

**February/March
2018**

Westview School

Principal's Message

Only in Manitoba do we deal with -40° C and within the span of one short week, have it move to -20° C and people are talking about how happy they are that things are starting to warm up. Thank you to everyone for your efforts to get your children to school through the bitterly cold days and our icy conditions. Hopefully the majority of the really cold days are now behind us and we will shortly be looking forward to the signs of spring.

We have had a very busy start to the New Year as January saw the students working with local artist Annie Bergen to create two murals that will be displayed throughout the school. February and March will also be busy months at the school. Once again, at the end of February, teachers will be involved with the preparation of student report cards and there will be an opportunity to conference with parents in March. This term will be the first time you will be able to access the report cards via the Parent Portal. On Thursday, March 15th and Friday, March 16th we will be inviting you to join your child at the school for a Student-Led Learning Conference. Students will be sharing their learning of the term with you and together, you will be asked to set learning goals for the final term of the school year. Please watch for the conference information letter in early March.

Monday, March 5th is our first day of registration for the 2018-19 school year. If you are aware of any children who are ready to begin Kindergarten, please share this date with them. You will notice a section in this newsletter that outlines the various dates for Open Houses for students who are transitioning to a new level. Please take advantage of these information sessions if your son or daughter is at a transition point.

This month we have also been celebrating the Olympics with several Olympic theme-activities, one of which is our "Reading Olympics". Students are asked to read both at home and school and can enter to win prizes for themselves and their class. We are planning an Olympic-themed activity day on February 16th, and at the end of the month, our Grade 5 students will be involved in building robots, and culminating with a parent evening on March 1st in the gym.

Westview continues to be a busy environment that offers a wide variety of learning experiences for your children. Thank you for your ongoing support of both curricular and extra-curricular opportunities.

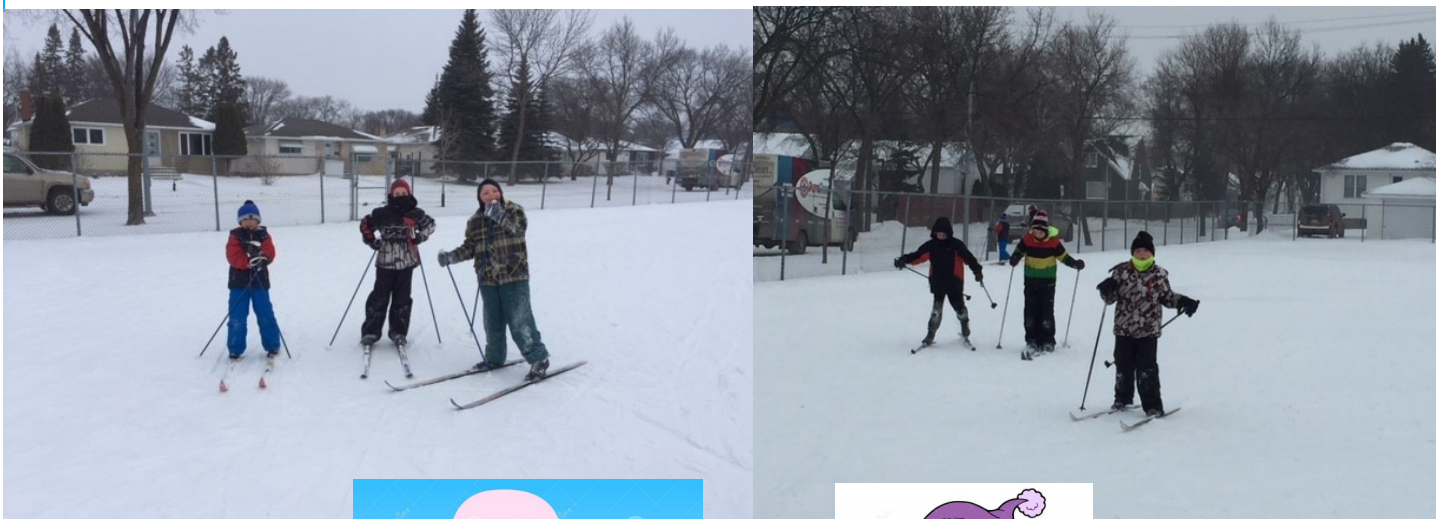
Mr. Chartier

Westview Cross Country Ski Club

Cross country ski club has begun here at Westview School and the kids are quickly getting the hang of how to move and glide on their skis. It is amazing to watch their progress! We have two clubs: lunch club on Mondays and Wednesdays, and after-school club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kids in Grades 4 and 5 were all given the opportunity to sign up and we've had a great turn out! Cross country skiing is an excellent way for families to get outdoors and enjoy the winter together. It is a sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and fitness levels and once you've learned the basics, and it's a skill that you'll have for your entire life. Not to mention, it's a great way to stay in shape!

Did you know that there are many trails within the city that are available for families to use? Harbourview and Windsor Nordic Center both rent skis and have groomed trails for you to try out the sport. If you have access to your own skis, you can also try out the many trails groomed within our parks. St. Vital Park, Kildonan Park, Crescent Drive Park and Bird's Hill Park all have well-groomed trails and access to most of the trails is free, aside from needing a provincial park pass to gain entrance into Bird's Hill.

Mrs. Unrau



It's chilly outside, so please remember to send your child with mitts, hats, scarves, ski pants and a warm coat. Please also label your child's clothing items as our Lost & Found fills up quickly!



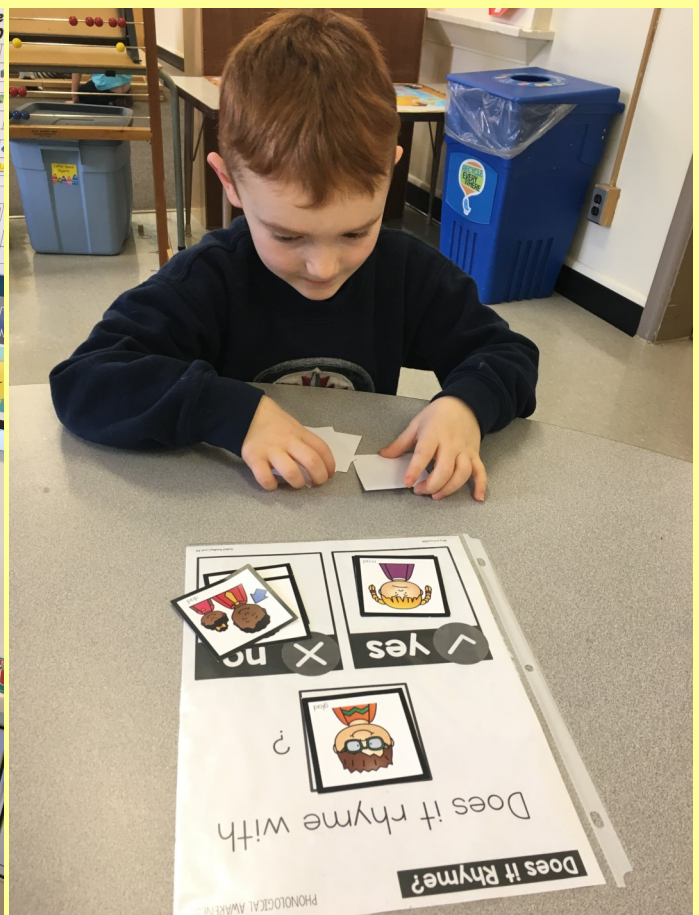
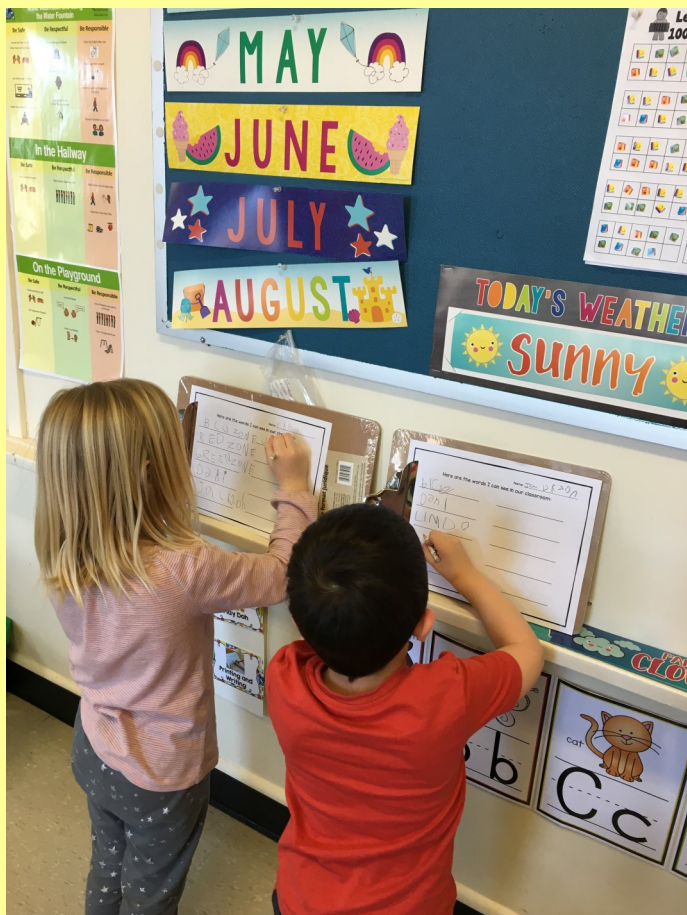
PM Kindergarten News

Can you believe that we are already going into our sixth month of school? The kindergarteners have been working so hard on their learning! We continued our focus on numbers, letters and responsibility throughout January. We love learning through hands-on activities. We explored what it means to sort and practiced explaining how we sorted our objects. We can sort by size, shape, colour and more!

We have been learning new sight words every week. We use them in our afternoon meeting, our journals and our writing. The kinders had the chance to explore words in our classroom. We realized that words are everywhere! It was so great to see students wandering the room with their clipboards finding words on every wall and every corner.

We are entering into February with a theme of "Love and Friendship". The kinders will be exploring writing lists about things that we love!

Mrs. Rempel



Library News

What an exciting time in our library! There are physical changes happening, including a new reading chair and a fantastic Lego wall that is newly installed and ready for creations! And, of course, we are anxiously awaiting the installation of the amazing mural the students completed with Annie Bergen. What a fantastic pop of colour and energy that will add to our space!



We also have some fantastic clubs running in the library, including Busy Builders, MYRCA and Typing Club. As well, Ms Borys is highlighting some of our Westview Writers. Everyone's enthusiasm is contagious!

Of course, it is I Love to Read month too! Such excitement! Westview is celebrating our love of reading through special dress-up days every Thursday, DEAR (drop everything and read), special story times in the library every Tuesday, and many guest readers throughout the month. Classes are participating in the great Westview Reading Olympics as well! Next time you are in the school, be sure to check our leaderboard for the medal counts! Of course, there are numerous opportunities for students to win prizes. Student participation in reading activities and celebrations can earn them a draw ticket. The home activity calendar is a way for you to be involved in the fun too! Please help your child complete as many of the activities as possible and return it (signed) on/by March 1. Thanks for sharing our love of reading!

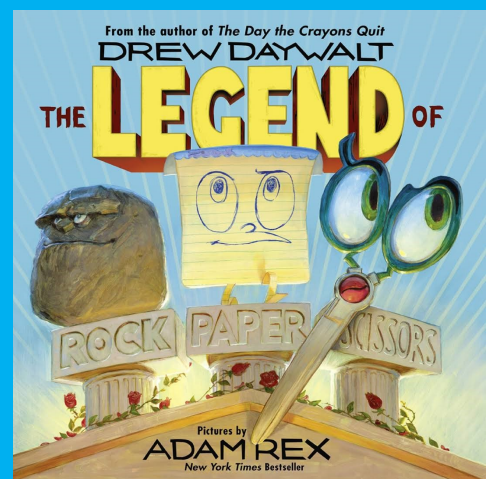
Happy reading!
Mrs. Card
Teacher-Librarian

News from Room 13

Mrs. Wilson's Grade 2/3 students have been working in the library with Mrs. Card doing a Mock Caldecott Project. We have looked at 12 different picture books from the Caldecott list and have judged them individually. We've looked at whether the illustration technique is well-done, if the illustrations match the mood and theme of the story, if the illustrations are critical to the understanding of the story, and if students would want to pick up and read the book.

The book our class has picked to win the Caldecott award is: *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors* by Drew Daywalt. Come check it out at the library soon!

Mrs. Wilson



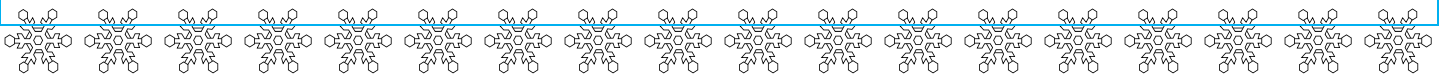
Project 11

On January 31st, Room 5 had the opportunity to attend the first ever Project 11 Wellness Summit in honour of former Manitoba Moose and Vancouver Canucks hockey player, Rick Rypien. Hosted by Ace Burpee, the students were able to listen to public figures such as Winnipeg Jets players Nikolaj Ehlers and Brian Little discuss mental wellness, strategies for coping, the importance of friendships, expressing one's feelings and listening to others. Sports entertainer Cameron Hughes, Olympic Bronze Medalist Desiree Scott and former Blue Bomber Shae Emry all spoke on the power of cheer, persevering, and overcoming difficulties. The students were excited to be part of the serious yet upbeat presentation and to receive loot bags consisting of toques, Jets hockey cards and stress balls, but they were also eager to talk and share about their feelings, their willingness to listen and to be there for their friends - which is what the day was all about :)

Ms. Buchanan

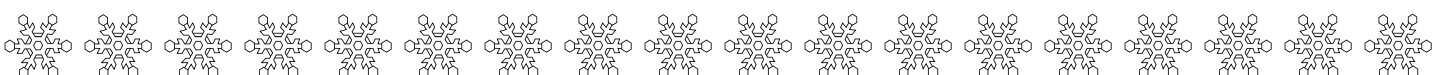


Let It Snow!



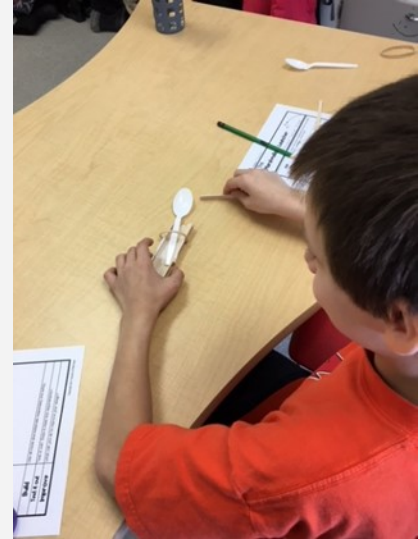
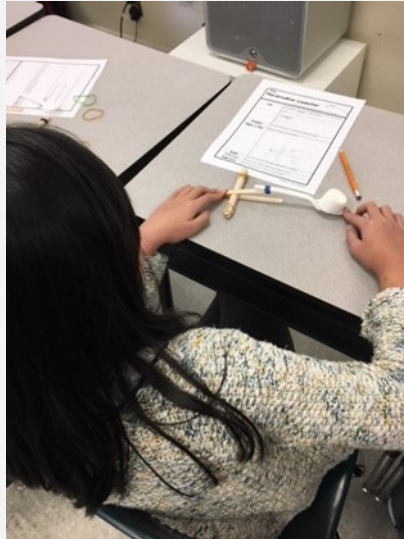
Let It Snow is a playtime for preschoolers which is best enjoyed by children ages 2 to 5. Let's celebrate the winter season through snowflakes, stories and a sing-along! During our time together, participants will learn about penguins and polar bears, and try a few winter science experiments with snow and ice. A healthy snack will be enjoyed by all. This program will be held in the warmth of our classroom. The class takes place Tuesdays: January 30 through March 6, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. at Westview School.

To register, call 204-669-4043 or email kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca.



News from Room 3

We are learning about simple machines in Science in Ms. Soroko's Grade 5 classroom. We will be learning over the next month about six different simple machines. We were able to learn more about levers by building marshmallow launchers. Each student was given a list of supplies to work with and made a plan for building a mini-catapult. The students then had an hour to create a catapult that would launch a marshmallow 30 cm. If the design didn't work, students went back to the drawing board to improve their design. By the end of the work period, all of the students had created a successful marshmallow launcher. Later this month, we will have a special guest come in to help us build robo critters!

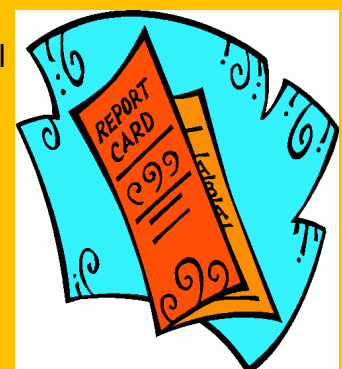


Term 2 Report Cards & the Parent Portal

The time for Term 2 report cards is quickly approaching! We would like to remind parents and guardians that, in a divisional effort to save paper, report cards will no longer be printed at the school unless specially requested. Report cards will now be located online on RETSD's secure Parent Portal. Westview's Term 2 reports will be available on March 9.

To get to the Parent Portal, follow the link at the top of either the divisional web page or Westview's web page. Enter your student's login information and passcode and then click on 'Passport'. Access credentials to the Parent Portal were provided with the Term 1 report card; if your child was not a student at Westview at that time, you should have received them on your child's first day of school.

If you require your login information again, please contact the school office. To ensure security, login information will only be given out in person or to the email address already on file—it will not be given out over the phone.



THESE EVENTS ARE FREE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER – SEE OTHER SIDE FOR INFO.

Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

Event schedule: The activities/screening stations take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

Radisson, Harold Hatcher,
Wayoata, École Margaret
Underhill

Radisson School
1105 Winona St.
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
2–6 p.m.

Bird's Hill, Dr. Hamilton, Maple
Leaf, Sun Valley, John Pritchard,
Donwood, Emerson

Bird's Hill School
3950 Raleigh St.
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
2–6 p.m.

Joseph Teres, Bernie Wolfe,
Westview, École Centrale

Joseph Teres School
131 Sanford Fleming Rd.
Wednesday, April 25, 2018
2–6 p.m.

Sherwood, Hampstead, John de
Graff, Salisbury Morse Place,
Bertrun E. Glavin

Bertrun E. Glavin Elementary
166 Antrim Rd.
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
2–6 p.m.

Princess Margaret, Lord
Wolseley, Neil Campbell,
Angus McKay, Springfield
Heights, Prince Edward, Polson

Neil Campbell School
845 Golspie St.
Thursday, May 10, 2018
2–6 p.m.

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Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

Is kindergarten just around the bend for your child? If so, we can help you stay ahead of the curve, learn a thing or two about what to expect, and have fun at the same time!

If your child will be attending kindergarten in our division in the year 2018, you are invited to attend one of our free Preschool Growing & Learning events this spring.

Get a taste of school and meet the friendly, helpful people you'll find in it. Kindergarten, resource and gym teachers will be on hand with all kinds of games and activities for you to enjoy.

Meet principals, vice-principals and student support staff, as well as clinicians, public health nurses and other community service providers who have helpful information for you. You can even get your child's hearing and vision screened. The activities/screening stations take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

Registration begins March 5, 2018

Call: 204.669.4043



E-mail: kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca

Visit: www.retsd.mb.ca

Dates and locations are listed on the reverse side of this handout.

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PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS 2018 (MIDDLE YEARS)

Arthur Day Middle School	Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Chief Peguis Junior High	Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.
École Regent Park School	Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.
John Henderson Junior High School	Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
John Pritchard School	Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
John W. Gunn Middle School	Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Munroe Junior High School	
Gr. 6 English, Late French Immersion	Feb. 7 at 6 p.m.
Robert Andrews School	Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Salisbury Morse Place School	Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Valley Gardens Middle School	Feb. 13 at 6 p.m.

By becoming better informed, parents can help their children make appropriate course selections that will lead to realistic and meaningful career choices.

2018-19 Registration

Registrations for Grade 5 students going into Grade 6 were sent home the week of February 5th and are due back to school by Friday, February 23rd.

Registration for the 2018-19 school year begins Monday, March 5, 2018 for in-division students. If you will be registering a new student for Kindergarten, please be prepared with your child's birth certificate as well as two pieces of ID with your current address; this may include driver's license, Manitoba Medical, offer to purchase, rental agreement, or any utility bill.

If you would like to register a student and you reside outside of the RETSD divisional boundaries, registration begins Tuesday, May 1st.

Westview's New Murals

In January, students at Westview school were involved in an 'Artist in the School' residency program. All the students in Westview worked alongside artist Annie Bergen to create two murals. One will be displayed at the entrance of the building while the other will be displayed in the library. The theme of the mural was 'Community' and students first worked in their classrooms exploring what community means to them. From there, students were asked to create their own individual works of art and submit it to the artist. Ms. Bergen then took all of the individual works of art and, working together with groups of students from Grades 3-5, they compiled the pictures and found common elements. Once this was done it was time to paint. The Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes started the project by painting the background colours. From there students started to add the details. Once it was completed, students were asked to add a decoupage element to the mural to add greater detail. In the end, the students did an amazing job and the mural they created will be a welcome addition to the school. A huge thank-you to the Artist in the School program and our Parent Council for contributing to the funding of this project.

Mr. Chartier



Cold Weather Guidelines

Periodically, guidelines are requested by schools regarding when students should remain indoors during extremely cold weather. The following guidelines have been developed to assist schools in making these decisions.

-17°C to -25°C: Normal winter clothing generally adequate. Pleasant conditions for most outdoor activities cease.

-25°C to -27°C: Warm winter clothing recommended. Most outdoor activities unpleasant without facial protection. Exposed flesh will freeze with prolonged exposure. Shortened recess period may be warranted.

NOTE: FOR WINDCHILLS LISTED BELOW, THE DECISION TO KEEP STUDENTS INDOORS IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL.

-27°C to -34°C: Warm clothing is essential. Facial protection is recommended. Outdoor activities are not recommended. Exposed skin will freeze in 10-15 minutes. Indoor recess advised.

Below -34°C: Facial protection essential. Extremely dangerous for outdoor activities or travel. Avoid going outdoors unaccompanied. Skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

Below -42°C: Conditions for outdoor travel such as walking becomes dangerous. Exposed skin areas will freeze in minutes.

News from Parent Council

Meetings...

Our next PAC meeting is Tuesday, February 13 @ 7:00 in Library, followed by another on Tuesday, March 13. Just a reminder that we will be having our elections for Executive positions at our April meeting. All are welcome.

Family Night...

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and families for joining us for our Family Movie Night. There was a lot of laughter and smiles in the gym as our families watched Captain Underpants together. We were even lucky enough to have a guest appearance of the Captain himself (thank you, Mr. C, for your sense of humor)!!

Our Family Beach Dance is on Thursday, April 19, 6:30-8:00 in the School Gym. More details to come!

Special Lunch ...

Our upcoming Special Lunch will be Thursday, February 22. It will be our annual Pancake Lunch. This is a free lunch provided by Parent Council that will include pancakes, pork sausage, drink, and fruit. If you can volunteer for this event, please contact the office. We need volunteers from 9:00—12:00 to assist with cooking, serving and clean-up.

Popcorn Day...

Our next popcorn days will be March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1, \$1.00/bag!

Fundraiser...

Our next fundraiser will be Kernels Popcorn; watch for details!

Contact Us...

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any of the above, please contact us by **Facebook** or Phone the school at **204-958-6412**, and leave a message at school office.

Important School Dates for 2017 - 2018

Feb. 1	PAC movie night	Apr. 2	First day back from Spring Break
Feb. 2	Co-ordinated Day - No School	Apr. 4	Early Dismissal - 2:45
Feb. 9	Popcorn day	Apr. 6	Popcorn day
Feb. 13	PAC meeting - 7:00 pm	Apr. 10	PAC meeting - 7:00 pm
Feb. 19	No School - Louis Riel Day	Apr. 19	PAC Beach Dance
Feb. 21	Early Dismissal - 2:45 pm	Apr. 20	RETSD Co-ordinated Day – No School
Feb. 22	Special Lunch	Apr. 27	Special Lunch
Feb. 23	No School in the PM		
Mar. 2	Popcorn Day	May 4	Popcorn Day
Mar. 12	Reports go home	May 8	PAC meeting - 7:00 pm
Mar. 13	PAC meeting - 7:00 pm	May 9	Early dismissal - 2:45 pm
Mar. 15	Special Lunch	May 21	No School - Victoria Day
Mar. 15	Student-Led Conferences (evening)	May 25	Special Lunch
Mar. 16	RETSD Coordinated Day–No Classes		
	Student-led conferences in the am		
Mar. 23	Last day of school before Spring Break	June 1	Popcorn Day
		June 8	No School- all day
		June 13	Field Day
		June 27	Kindergarten Farewell am
			Grade 5 farewell pm
		June 29	Reports go home
			Early Dismissal – 2:30 pm



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