



December



Westway News

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in my life but it will be with genuine regret that I leave Westway. Thank you for all your support over the past six and half years.

Mitten Tree – Each year Westway decorates our Christmas tree with warm mittens and hats. Please bring in warm, colourful outdoor gear to decorate our tree.

Principal's Message



- *Amarjit Parmar*

Westway will be closed for the holiday break from Monday, December 21, 2015 through Friday, January 1, 2016. School will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016. On behalf of Westway's entire staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy holiday and a wonderful year in 2016. I would also like to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas to everyone who celebrates.

Benchball at Westway – Seventy five students in grades one and two are participating in The Westway Benchball League. The league ran for the entire month of November and will be continuing into December. Games are played every day at first recess. Special thanks to Mr.Wawrow who coached, organized and supervised the league.



Wintry Weather – December is here and winter's just around the corner. In the event of a serious winter storm, listen to local radio stations or television stations or go on the TDSB web site at: www.tdsb.on.ca

This new year will bring change to Westway. The appointment of a new principal is always an exciting time in the life of a school community and I know that all of you will join me in welcoming and extending best wishes to your new principal. I have loved being your principal and I am justifiably proud of the many accomplishments we have achieved together. Westway serves a wonderful community and whoever is appointed to serve as your principal is fortunate indeed. I am very much looking forward to this next chapter



Food Drive – Again this year Westway staff and students will be supporting Toronto Food Banks to help those in our community who need a helping hand. Remember that food banks particularly need high protein foods such as canned fish or meat as well as infant formula and diapers. The last day to bring in contributions will be Monday, December 14, 2015.

to learn about any bussing cancellations, delays or school closures. Should schools during the school day or transportation schedules change, announcements will be broadcast on local radio stations by 12 noon and posted on the TDSB website. If there is no announcement and posting about schools closing before 12 noon, the schools will remain open for the day. Please ensure that the school has up to date emergency numbers so that we are able to contact you or a responsible adult to whom you are willing to entrust the care of your child.

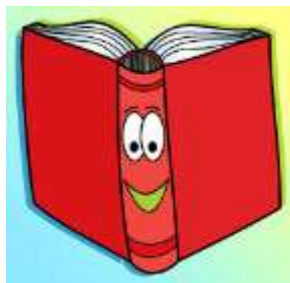


Skating Starts in January –

Westway students in grades one through five will be skating every Friday morning in January and February. Many thanks to the wonderful parent volunteers who are presently fitting all the students who do not own their own equipment with skates and helmets.

Thank-You – Many thanks for the ongoing efforts of the School Council members who regularly volunteer their time and expertise to make our school better. Thanks also to all those parents who have supported the Council's fund raising efforts by allowing their children to purchase cookies and by supporting our Dance-A-Thon. Every dollar you contribute goes directly to enriching the lives of students at Westway. School Council upgrades technology, pays for Scientists in The School, subsidizes certain school trips and dramatic performances and purchases gym equipment. The next meeting of your School Council will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in room 9.

Silver Birch Express – Again this year, Mrs. Schilling has signed our school up to participate in the Silver Birch Express Reading program for students in grades three through five. Westway teachers will be reading the titles over their Christmas Break to prepare for book talks with students in January. If your child would like to get a head start on the reading list, just take them to your local branch of the public library. Every Toronto library will have copies of the books (and the booklists) available for eager little readers to borrow in December.



Blue Spruce – Westway students in grades JK through grade two will be participating in the Blue Spruce Reading program when they visit the library over the winter months. At the end of the program students will be asked to vote for their favourite book.

French Immersion – This is the final reminder that December 3, 2015 is the last date to apply on-line for early French Immersion programs in the T.D.S.B.



Holiday Sing-A-Long Schedule

– Over the final week of school before the holidays, Westway students will celebrate the season with festive sing-alongs in the gym. Friends and family are welcome to join us:

Mon., Dec. 14 - 9:15 a.m.
Tues., Dec. 15 - 1:00 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 16 - 9:15 a.m.
Thurs., Dec. 17 - 1:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 18 - 9:15 a.m.

On Friday morning the last sing-along will be extended for as Westway students say farewell to Mrs. Parmar. Parents and community members are welcome!



A Christmas Carol – On Monday December 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. all Westway students will be treated to an interactive performance put on by the (nearly) world famous Dufflebag Theatre. Their performances are always a treat and everyone is looking forward to their interpretation of Dicken's classic tale.