

# WEST ROUGE WEEKLY

Week of January 22 – 26, 2024



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## Information & Announcements

### Principal's Message

Thank-you parents for joining School Council for the Fun Fair Kick-Off. We appreciate everyone's support to volunteer their services for this special endeavour. Funds raised contribute directly to student achievement initiatives in our school. If you still wish to volunteer, please contact the school and we will connect you with our Chair Ms. Martin.

Please be reminded that tomorrow, January 19<sup>th</sup>, is a P.A. Day. Staff will be engaged in Assessment and Evaluation in preparation for our Term 1 Report Cards. School will be closed on Friday. Next week, we celebrate Family Literacy Day on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. in our gym. We will be engaging in buddy reading and enjoying storytelling by StoryValues. Parents are welcome to attend. The stories will be told with student participation!

This month, we have been celebrating Tamil Heritage Month. We hope those who celebrated Thai Pongal enjoyed all the best with family and friends this week. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, our students will be engaged in a Bharatanatyam Dance workshop! Bharatanatyam is one of the oldest forms of Indian classical dance originating from Tamil Nadu in Southern India. It is known for its many different hand gestures, facial expressions, and intricate foot patterns. In this style, students will explore ways of storytelling with just their bodies.

### Parking Lot

Thank-you to everyone who has been helping to move safely in the parking lot. Please be mindful not to stop in the flow of traffic in the round about to pick up or drop off your children. Children are not aware or expect oncoming vehicles. This is a safety risk. Please park in a designated parking spot or out on the street only and

walk up to meet your children at the school yard. Parking in the emergency route is prohibited. Please also refrain from parking in the staff parking lot and accessible spots as these are for permit users only.

### Winter Weather

We remind students to please wear their full gear of winter clothing as temperatures have entered the seasonal lows. With -23 with the wind chill we need students to wear their gloves, hats, coats, snow pants and boots to enjoy outdoor play time. We also remind students to remain off the icy patches in our back field. With the rainy days of last week, and the sudden drop in temperature, we have large ice patches that have formed. Excessive salt cannot be used on the frozen grassy areas, as this will damage growth in the spring. Let's be safe and play on the snowy ground instead.

### Attendance

Just a reminder that all student absences must be either entered through the school messenger app or called in. Please continue to advise the office of any upcoming vacations. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and accounted for.

### 17th Annual Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Conference

The 17th Annual PIAC Conference is on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School. The PIAC Conference is a unique opportunity to deepen understanding of the educational landscape, connect with fellow parents/guardians/caregivers and staff, and contribute to the continued success of our community. More information: '

[www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences](http://www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences) and review our [conference flyer](#).

## Week at a glance....

<b>Monday, January 22nd</b> DAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Trialonis in the office</li> <li>• Gr. 6 students on Ski Trip to Lakeridge</li> <li>• Boomerang Lunches begin this week (make your lunch and snacks litter free!); Eco Club thanks students for their participation!</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></b> DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. McAleese in the office</li> <li>• Jr Boys Basketball practice at 11:30am</li> <li>• Girls Volleyball Practice at 3:15 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, January 24th</b> DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. McAleese in the office</li> <li>• Gr. 5/6 boys exhibition game at Walter Perry (Leaving at 1:30 p.m. and returning at 4:00p.m.)</li> <li>• Jr Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00 a.m.</li> <li>• Eco Club meets at 11:30 a.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup></b> DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Trialonis in the office</li> <li>• Jr Boys Basketball practice at 11:30am</li> <li>• "Makers Club" meets at 11:30 a.m. in room 18 (Gr. 4 to 6); please bring your crochet needles</li> </ul>

**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

DAY 4

- Ms. Trialonis in the office
- Girls Volleyball at 11:30 a.m.
- Pizza Lunch
- Family Literacy Day Storytelling Presentation 10:15 to 11:15 in the Gym; K – 6; We welcome StoryValues to West Rouge! Buddy Reading in the afternoon;

### **SAVE THE DATE...LOOKING AHEAD**

January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 5/6 trip to Legislature
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>17th Annual Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Conference - The Saturday, February 3, 2024</b> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School.
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ski Day for Grade 6's – Lakeridge Ski Resort
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interview Evening
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	PA Day – Parent/Teacher Morning Interviews
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday - Family Day; School is Closed

**REMINDER:** We are a nut free facility. Please do not send any nut products to school. Thank you.

## **GREAT THINGS HAPPENING @ WEST ROUGE!**

### **Message from our ECO Team!**

This coming week we challenge all students to bring Boomerang Lunches to school. They are called Boomerang lunches because whatever you bring to school goes right back home with you, like a boomerang! We are trying to reduce the amount of garbage around our school. We will do this by asking you to bring all your lunch garbage back home.

Whatever you bring in your lunch bag, please take it back with you. That includes leftover food, snack packaging and juice boxes.

We want to reduce food waste and garbage! If you don't like the idea of taking home lots of plastic, try a reusable container instead! If lots of food is coming home, consider bringing a little less or bringing something different. Have a conversation with your family about healthy foods you like to eat! Maybe help pack your own lunch!

We are excited to reduce garbage here at West Rouge!

### **It's January and our Lost and Found looks like this...**

Classes have been visiting our lost and found to claim lost items, but we still have these items that need to be found by their owners. Please encourage your children to pick up possible lost items at school. These items will be donated following the conclusion of our parent/teacher interviews on Feb. 16.

