

WESTFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

MAD Science- January 10th and 17th

January 14th-25th is Winter Safety

January 15th – EYE –DA testing for all new kindergarten students starting Sept. 2013

Movie Night January 25th at 7pm

Skating Program starts February 5th

Mission: Together we learn.

Vision: “Our vision at Westfield School is to provide all students with an education in a safe and supportive environment, becoming motivated lifelong learner.”

Enrichment

Mrs. Lacey has started another Enrichment Cluster for 10 grade 3/4 students called “All About Australia”. They meet for one hour a week for 6 weeks and will produce a Notebook 10 presentation. Watch for their Westfield Blue News in the River Valley News too.

Classroom News

Mrs. Lacey's grade 2 class enjoyed learning about all the "Festivals of Light" in the darkest month of the year. They opened an interactive calendar every morning to read and discuss how other places around the world celebrate Christmas and other festivals in December. They also learned that "Gift Givers" are different for other children. They borrowed the Hanukkah kit from the Jewish Museum and enjoyed playing driedels. The students now have a collection of guided writing about what they learned in their writing portfolios.

Mrs. Boudreau's grade one class made snowflakes for the Sandy Hook students in Connecticut. The dimpled bottoms of plastic pop bottles were used, painted inside and designed with glitter on the outside. Students were excited to participate in this activity!!

Mrs. Boudreau's grade one class challenged her class to raise funds for medical and school supplies for those in need through World Vision, since December was the season of giving. Monies were raised with a penny drive and earned through good classroom behaviours. The goal of \$150.00 was met, donated for the medical and school supplies and thank you cards with details received that were shared with the class. This project was a wonderful experience for the class.

MOVIE NIGHT
“Hotel Transylvania”
January 25th at 7pm



Intramurals

Boys Ball Hockey:

The Grade 5 Boys Ball Hockey intramurals organized by M. Lavoie are over and the winning team is the Ducks. The members of the Ducks were: Tyler Worden, Owen Chisholm, Edward McMillan, Colin O'Brien, Daniel Bond and Cole Ring. Congratulation to the winners and to all the participants on a job well done!

Girls Ball Hockey:

The Grade 5 Girls Ball Hockey intramurals will be played after the Christmas Holidays.

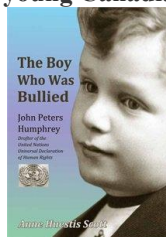
Mixed Ball Hockey:

The Grade 5 Mixed Ball Hockey intramurals will start during the week of January 14th. Again this year we have a team of teachers/parents/PALS partners in it. If you are interested in playing let M. Lavoie know steve.lavoie@nbed.nb.ca. If you win you get to bring the cup home for one day.

Guest Speaker: Anne Scott- January 17th

Anne Scott, author of “The Boy who was Bullied” is coming to talk to our students from grade 3-5 on January 17th. The book is about John Humphrey a boy who came from a small town, Hampton, New Brunswick, but nonetheless went on to make a contribution to all of humanity.

“The Boy Who Was Bullied, the story about the life of John Peters Humphrey, can serve as a source of inspiration to young Canadians and a source of pride to all Canadians.”



Writer's in School Workshop- January 15th



K.V. Johansen (born 1968) is a Canadian fantasy, science fiction, and children's author. Born in Kingston, Ontario, Johansen holds Master's degrees in Medieval Studies and English literature. She lives in Sackville, New Brunswick. She will be working with our grade 3 and 4 students on how she writes and the process.

Helping Others...

Snowflakes for Sandy Hook School-

Our students got creative and made snowflakes for Sandy Hook School. This was our way of helping them have a winter wonderland at their new school. These were sent to Connecticut so the hallways of their new school can be decorated with snowflakes.

Delaney Coleman, a grade 4 student donated 8 inches of her hair to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths. They make wigs for people who lost their hair due to cancer treatments. It takes at least 6 donations to make 1 wig.



Westfield's Got Talent! Coming April 2013.

If your child has a talent (dancing, singing, playing an instrument, etc...), have them start practicing so they can audition in February for the school talent show.



Reading Tip for Parents:

What's "Just Right"? Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are "just right." But how do you find a "just right" book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he/she cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful.



Westfield presents the "Terminators"

The "Terminators" are a group of students from grade 3-5 who work with Mrs. Lofstrom (Guidance) to plan an activity a month for the students and to be proactive and prevent Bullying. Members of the Terminators are: Liam Johnson, Patrick Gosse, Samantha Cobham, Kylie Burry, Maddie Allaby, Elaina Hatfield and Owen Chisholm.



Skating program- Our school will be having our 4 week skating program again this year. Students will be bused from the school to River Valley Rink and back. All students must have a helmet (hockey or bike helmet) and a bag to carry their skates in. If your child needs skates, please call the school as we have some that were donated. Skating dates: February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.