

Westfield P.S.

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From the Office:

As always, December has started as a busy month with many dates to remember. These dates to remember come from students and staff as they are planning many ways to share and give to the school and the community before and during the holidays. We are all thankful to be part of such a great community.

Recently we have sent home many messages through email to all families to keep everyone informed and up to date. We apologize for the number of emails being sent. Many of these messages have circled around the topic of Covid-19. I know we are all doing our best to follow the guidelines from Southwest Public Health. As these guidelines keep changing, it is difficult to keep up but please know that we are following guidelines at school in order to ensure that all students are safe while at school.

As Westfield continues to change and develop into a more amazing place each day, one component stays the same. That constant is that the staff here are providing a very high-quality education. Hopefully, sometime soon we can invite families back into the building to see this firsthand. Until then, if you have any questions about the daily events in the school please reach out to your child's teacher or feel free to give us a call at the office.

We hope you have a great day
I. Dyck



DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

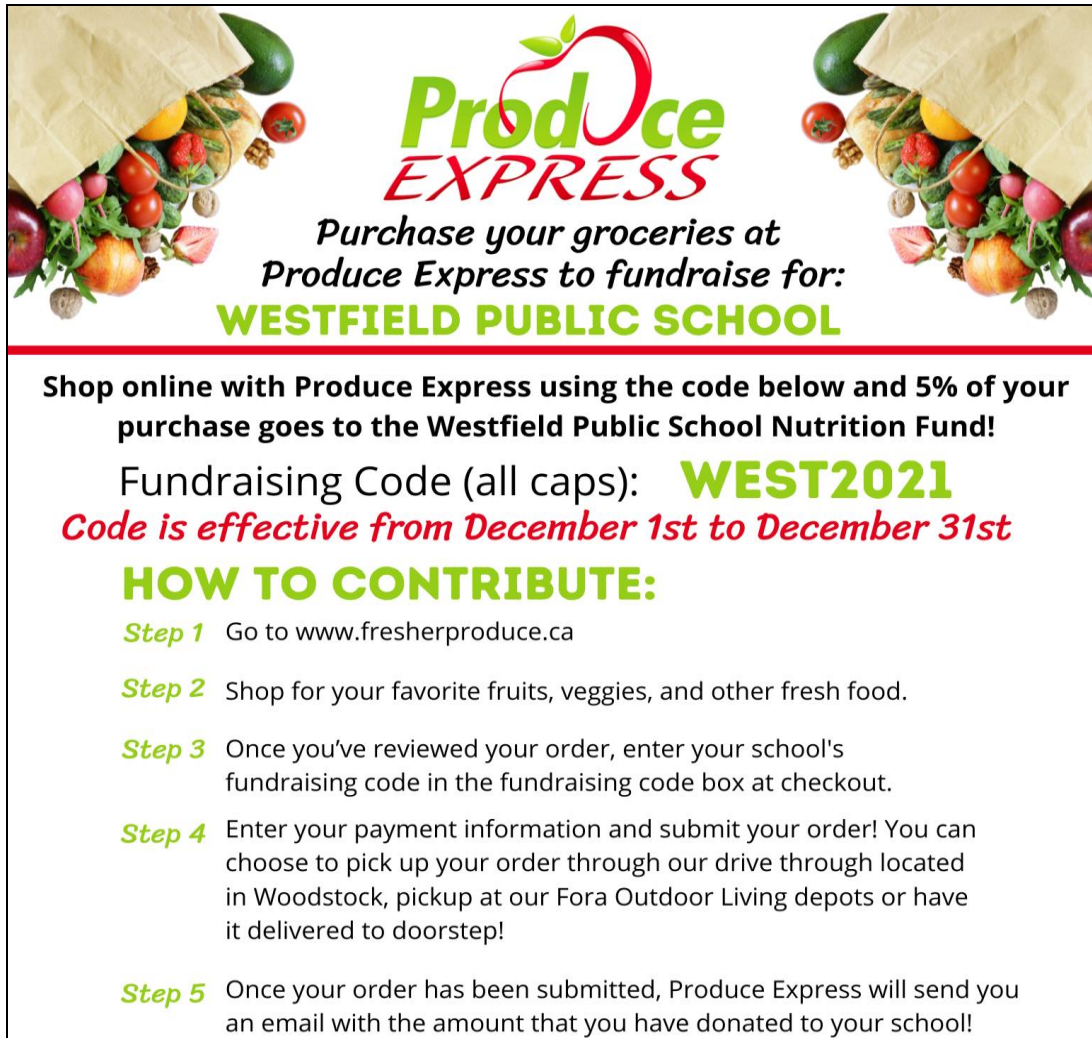
Here's a quick look at the Westfield Spirit Days and events happening at Westfield this month.



- Monday, Dec. 6 – School Council meeting
- Dec. 6-9 – Winter Carnival
- Friday, Dec. 10 – P.J. Day
- Monday, Dec. 13 – Ugly Sweater/Xmas Shirt Day
- Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Christmas Character Day
- Wednesday, Dec. 15 – Snowman/Snowflake Day
- Wednesday, Dec. 15 – Turkey Lunch Day
- Thursday, Dec. 16 – Holiday Hats
- Friday, Dec. 17 – Red and Green Day
- Dec. 20 – 31 – Winter Break

PRODUCE EXPRESS FUNDRAISER

Our snack program is hosting a fundraiser with Produce Express for the entire month of December. To take part in the fundraiser, simply go to www.fresherproduce.ca and shop for your favourite fruits, veggies and other fresh foods. Enter the code WEST2021 and 5% of your purchase goes directly to Westfield's snack program. Produce Express conveniently delivers to your doorstep or you can pick up your order as well. Please share with friends and family!



Produce EXPRESS

*Purchase your groceries at
Produce Express to fundraise for:*

WESTFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Shop online with Produce Express using the code below and 5% of your purchase goes to the Westfield Public School Nutrition Fund!

Fundraising Code (all caps): **WEST2021**

Code is effective from December 1st to December 31st

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:

Step 1 Go to www.fresherproduce.ca

Step 2 Shop for your favorite fruits, veggies, and other fresh food.

Step 3 Once you've reviewed your order, enter your school's fundraising code in the fundraising code box at checkout.

Step 4 Enter your payment information and submit your order! You can choose to pick up your order through our drive through located in Woodstock, pickup at our Fora Outdoor Living depots or have it delivered to doorstep!

Step 5 Once your order has been submitted, Produce Express will send you an email with the amount that you have donated to your school!

EXTRA CLOTHES AND EXTRA MASKS

Winter weather is here and that can also mean wet, soggy clothes! Please send additional clothes (labelled) with your child, including: a change of clothes, extra socks, mitts/gloves and a hat.



We also ask that you send extra masks. We are limited in the amount of masks we can supply to students and ask our students to **please ensure that they are bringing their mask – and a back-up – each day.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD A SUCCESS!



Thank you to the Westfield community for your amazing support of our Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box program. As a result of your generous donations, we were able to send over 150 shoeboxes to children around the world. Way to go Westfield! Thanks to Mr. Hopson for organizing our shoebox drive.

Westfield PS's Learning Agenda



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Home Connections in Mathematics

Seasonal Math

Involving your child in using numbers to solve problems is an easy and simple way to improve their number sense.

- Determine the amount of plates and cutlery needed for a family dinner.
- "We are doubling this recipe. How much of each ingredient will we need?"
- One store is selling the game you want for 20% off of \$20.00. Another store is selling the same game for \$15.00. Where should we buy the game?
- How many lights do you think are on the tree? On a string?
- How many chocolates are in the box of chocolates? How many will we each get?
- How many cookies will we have if we bake 4 dozen?
- How many days/hours until December Break?
- How long will it take to cook the turkey if it takes 20 minutes per kilogram to cook?
- It takes 10 minutes to shovel a quarter of the driveway, how long will it take to shovel it all?
- Will one cup of snow equal one cup of water when it melts?
- How many candy canes does it take to go around the table? Cover the table surface?

Which One Doesn't Belong?

Mathematical reasoning involves classifying objects and justifying that classification. Children can be asked which item in a set does not belong. There are no right or wrong answers as long as your child is able to justify their choice.

Mathematical justification for the images below might include references to shape and size, types of angles, number vertices, faces, etc.

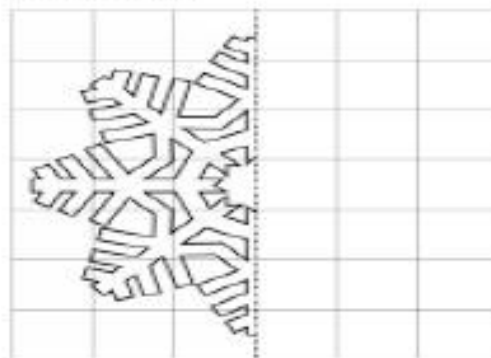


Decoration Symmetry/Art

Making decorations, such as snowflakes, from folding and cutting paper and investigating symmetry is easy, enjoyable and promotes spatial reasoning in your child.

Snowflake Symmetry

Complete the snowflake



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Activity
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see: <https://www.math-salamanders.com/symmetry-activities.html> for more activities

ONLINE SCREENING STARTS MONDAY

Starting on Monday, Dec. 6, Thames Valley District School Board is asking families to complete the daily COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Confirmation Form using your child's unique username and password (their GOTVDSB email and password).

A blue TVDSB Student COVID-19 Screening sticker will be coming home with your student on Monday (pictured to the right). To find out your child's TVDSB username, see the instructions below:



Students GOTVDSB Username: First four letters of last name, first four letters of first name, last 3 digits of student number (e.g. John Smith 123456789 = smitjohn789). The default password is 12345678

The COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Confirmation Form can be accessed the following ways:

1. Use the camera app on your cellular phone to view the QR code located on the sticker. You will be prompted to open a webpage that will lead you to the confirmation questions.
2. Access the TVDSB [Parent Portal](#). The link to the Screening Confirmation Form is located at the top of the page.
3. Open a browser and go to www.tvdsb.ca/Screening.

Thank you for ensuring the daily COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Confirmation Form is completed and that the directions provided from the screener are followed.

12 DAYS OF CARING

Westfield's annual 12 Days of Caring is in full swing. In order to instill a sense of caring in our students, each class or grade has come up with a way to show others they care. Students will hear about each day's caring act on the morning announcements and witness Westfield's awesomeness firsthand during the 12 Days of Caring slideshow featuring all 12 days of caring. Teachers will also be sending home information regarding the caring act for their class.

WINTER CARNIVAL IS NEXT WEEK

Miss Liadis' grade 6 class has teamed up with the Tillsonburg Salvation Army to gather donations for local families in need this holiday season. We are looking for a variety of donations to help these families such as: used winter coats in good condition (men's, women's and children's), hats and mittens, nonperishable food items and new unwrapped toys.

To bring joy to the Westfield school community, the grade 6 class will be hosting a winter carnival for all students. It will be an outdoor event following all COVID safety protocols, including mask wearing. We ask that your child bring in their donation on their classes' designated day to attend the Winter Carnival as an entry fee. Donations are not required but highly encouraged. Homeroom teachers will inform you of your child's day to attend and donations will be accepted until Dec. 10.

Miss Liadis' class thanks you in advance for your kind heartedness this holiday season.

School Council News:

TURKEY LUNCH IS BACK!

School Council is very excited to announce that our annual Turkey Lunch is back again this year on Wednesday, Dec. 15! The pre-packaged lunch will be catered by Chrissy's Catering and includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, a bun, gravy and a package of utensils. More details will be coming early next week!

JOIN US AT THE NEXT MEETING



Interested in what's happening with Westfield's School Council? The next date is Monday, Dec. 6. Meetings take place via Zoom. Look for the link to be sent out via School Messenger closer to the date,

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**