



WESTON SCHOOL

September 2022

Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Weston School! We are thrilled to be part of such a friendly and supportive school community that works together to provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

This year we welcome back many familiar faces among our staff as well as some new additions. I am pleased to welcome to our team:

- David Shannon- Physical Education
- Thuy Vo- Grade 5/6 Room 15
- Chantell Joviet- EA

Ms. Sue has moved on to a new school and we will be welcoming a new secretary in the office in the coming weeks.

Thank you to our school custodians who have prepared the school for another year of learning. In addition to the usual summer cleaning schedule, the team has gone above and beyond to ensure the building is safe for the student and staff return. They have exceeded expectations! We are very appreciative of their hard work and dedication to the school.

Our teachers have been working hard throughout the summer months to make sure everything is ready for our students. The excitement can be felt in the air! We are looking forward to spending a great learning year with the students and families of our community. We are so glad to have your children back in our school (I am guessing you are as well). The staff at Weston school are here to assist, guide, and encourage your children's learning. They are an amazing and hardworking team! We invite you to continue to be part of this learning partnership with the school. We look forward to another successful and rewarding year!

Lisa Richardson
Principal, Weston School





Weston School Day

Nursery/Kindergarten (1/2 day)

AM students 8:55 am-11:30 am

PM students 12:55 pm - 3:30 pm

Nursery and Kindergarten students need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian and can be dropped off after 8:45 am and 12:55 pm outside the school at the main door on Logan

Grades 1-6

8:55 am - Start of day

10:30-10:45 am - Recess

12:00 pm - Lunch

12:55 pm - Afternoon arrival

2:00 - 2:15 pm - Recess

3:30 - School Dismissal

The playground supervision both on the hard top and the field doors begins at 8:45 am (until 8:55 am) in the morning and after lunch from 12:55 pm - 1:00 pm.

Students are asked to arrive after 8:45 am or after 12:55 pm as this is when the outdoor supervision begins.

We are very fortunate at Weston School to have a very dedicated and committed staff that work very hard for the students and community.

This year the teacher team is made up of:

Lisa Richardson Principal

B. Pruden	Nursery/Kindergarten AM/PM
G. Mallari	Nursery/Kindergarten AM
J. Ketcheson	grade 1/2
J. Horst	grade 1/2
K. Storey	grade 2/3
H. Van Ginkel	grade 3/4
C. Tokarz	grade 3/4
J. Massey	grade 4/5
S. Parisian	grade 5/6
T. Vo	grade 5/6
D. Shannon	Physical Education
A. Neufeld	Music
L. Hentig	I.E.R.T
D. Eppert	Math Support Teacher
T. Goncalves	Literacy Support Teacher
L. Klippenstein	EA
D. Miller	EA
A. Smith	EA
I. Que	EA
C. Jolivet	EA
S. Basaraba	EA

I also want to pass along a tremendous bravo and bouquet to our wonderful, hard working custodial team; Mr. Joe, Mr. Yuriy, and Mr. Sean for helping prepare the school for the year ahead. Their attention to having the school ready in great condition is truly appreciated. The school looks amazing!

Arrival at School

Students in rooms 7, ,10, 11, 14 & 15 will enter through the doors located at the big field. Students in rooms 5, 6 & 8 will enter through the doors located at the back of the school by the small play structure. Supervision at these doors will begin at 8:45 am and 12:55 pm.

Nursery and Kindergarten students need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian and will enter through the main doors located on Logan. They should arrive at 8:50 a.m. and 12:55 p.m.



Crossing Guards

Weston School has an Adult Crossing Guard assist student crossing at Logan Ave and Quelsh at the following times:

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

11:55 - 12:10 p.m.

12:45 - 1:00 p.m.

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Student patrols assist at Quelsh Ave and Alexander Ave (15 minutes before and after dismissals). Times are adjusted according to weather conditions.

Dismissal from School

Students in Rooms 7, 10 & 11 will be dismissed at the doors located at Logan and Quelch. Students in rooms 14 & 15 will be dismissed at the doors located on Alexander and Quelch. Students in rooms 5, 6 and 8 will be dismissed at the doors located at the back of the school by the small play structure.

Students in rooms 5, 6 and 8 must be picked up by someone who is listed as an authorized pick up person for that child.

Safe Arrival Program

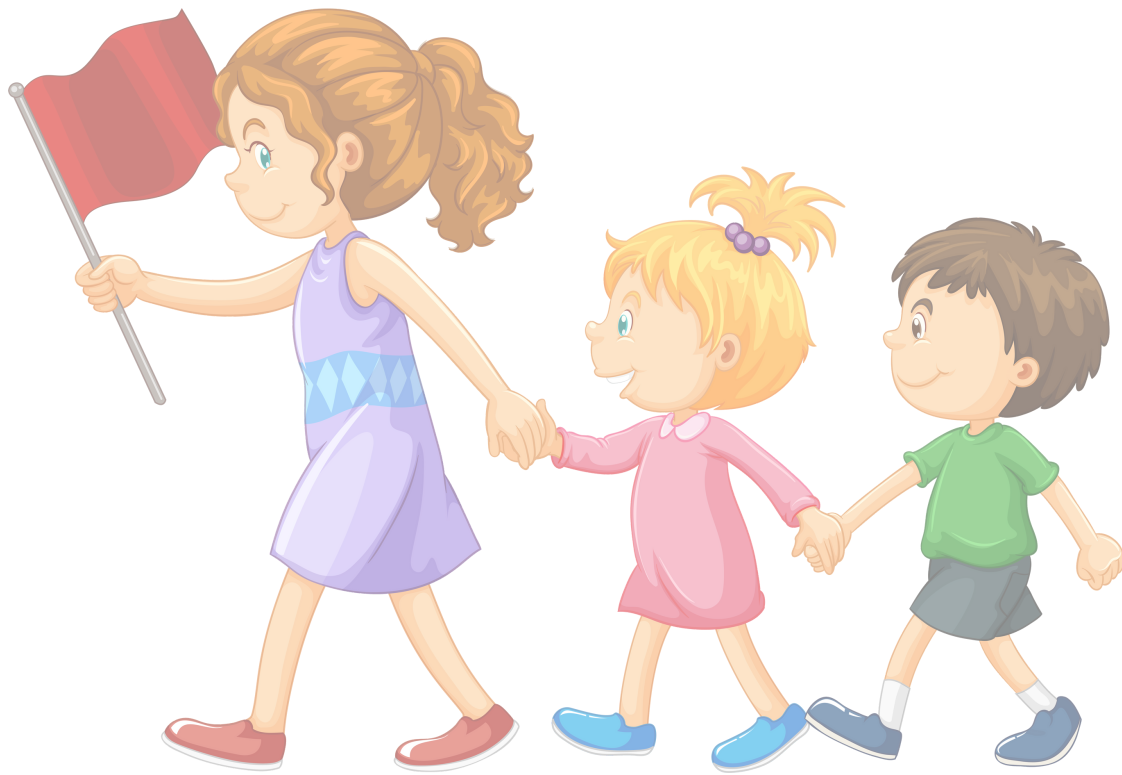


Child safety is the main purpose for the SafeArrival Program. If a student has not arrived at school for the day and the SafeArrival program has not received a report explaining that the child will be away, SafeArrival calls will be made to the current listed as lives with contacts in our student information system. Please make sure you have updated your most current phone number and email address.

With Safe Arrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- 1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- 2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- 3. Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.



NEW PROGRAM

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

We heard you Weston parents! We are beginning a new program this year called the Walking School Bus.

If you have students grades 2-6 who need some extra supervision on their walk to school...sign up for the WALKING SCHOOL BUS.

Staff will be picking up student from 3 different stops:

- **Blake and Smart St. - 8:40 am**
- **Alexander and Worth - 8:45 am**
- **Alexander and Cecil - 8:50 am**

Student must be at the designated stops on time, staff will not wait for late students.

To sign up please see the school office for a registration form.

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program is available to any Weston student and operates each morning. Students are provided with a nutritious meal.

Breakfast will be served directly to students in classrooms at 8:55 am until approximately 9:15 am.

Breakfast items will be served directly to students by means of individually wrapped items and will be enjoyed at their desks in classrooms.



Lunch Program News

Weston School Lunch Program is currently at full capacity. To be placed on our wait list, you must fill out an application. Forms are available in the office. Parents/guardians must be either working or attending school for their child to qualify for the program. Otherwise, students are expected to go home for lunch.

Fees for Lunch Program are:

\$35/month for first student

\$15/month for each additional student from the same household.

A Message from Public Health

For those of you who do not know me, I am Laura. I am your Public Health Nurse and I work mainly in the Weston community. My office is located at 785 Keewatin Street at Access NorWest. Some of you may know me as the nurse who does immunizations at the school. I have many other roles in the community including following new moms who are discharged from the hospital with their babies. I can provide you information on any community resources as well. A few things I had wanted to tell you about are:



- There is a walk-in-clinic at 785 Keewatin Street. Hours are Monday through Friday 12:00pm-7:30pm, Saturdays & Sundays 9:00am-4:30pm
- If you are a parent with children under 5 years, please check out Bright Start, any Thursday at the Weston Community Center, 1625 Logan Ave, from 09:30-am-11:30am. There is free breakfast every week, a nurse practitioner and more!
- I will be doing the grade 6 immunizations at Weston School on October 4, 2022 in the morning, please watch for information regarding the consent forms from the school. If you have any questions, please call me @ 2046120963.

As the school year gets underway, if there you have any questions regarding head lice, please feel free to call me! Head lice is frustrating. It is spread from person to person. I can go over treatment options with you and answer any questions.

If you require any immunization records for yourself, a family member please contact the Inkster Area Immunization Clerk, Roselle at 2049385924.

Have a great year ahead and I look forward to meeting you.

Picture Day is Coming!

**Mark your Calendar for our
School Picture Day on
Tuesday, October 7th, 2022**

Picture Day order forms will be sent home with all students. To order pictures, please return your order form and payment to the school with your child on Picture Day.

Please send exact money owing, the office cannot provide change. All students will be photographed for school service products.

For Tips on preparing for photo day visit **lifetouch.ca**

For any questions call Lifetouch at 1-866-457-8212 or email: guestservices@lifetouch.ca



Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting of the year will be held **Monday, September 28th at 5:00 p.m. in person**. We will be meeting in our conference room and all parents can come through the front door.

All parents are welcome to attend, so please join us.

The meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- **Wednesday, October 26th**
- **Thursday, November 23rd**
- **Wednesday, January 25th**
- **Wednesday, February 15th**
- **Wednesday, March 22th**
- **Wednesday, April 26th**
- **Wednesday, May, 24th**

Office Notes:

We do not keep cash in the school, so it is very helpful if you bring exact change to make any payments. Please note the school does not accept cheques.

We encourage parents and students to make any after school arrangements ahead of time, to reduce the number of phone calls and traffic in the office.

Please send lunches and any supplies your child needs for the day with them in the **morning** in a **clearly marked envelope** with the child or children's name, room number and amount in the envelope.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission ran from 2008 to 2015 and provided those directly or indirectly affected by the legacy of the residential schools policy with an opportunity to share their stories and experiences. The Commission released its final report detailing 94 calls to action. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a direct response to Call to Action 80, which called for a federal statutory day of commemoration.

There were 140 federally run residential schools in Canada that operated between 1831 and 1998. The last school closed less than 25 years ago. Survivors advocated for recognition and reparations and demanded accountability for the intergenerational impacts of harms caused.

EVERY
CHILD
MATTERS


Wear Orange

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30. In schools we will observe this day on September 29th.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 29 & 30, we encourage everyone to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

September 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	Day 1 6	Day 2 7 First Day of Classes	Day 3 8	Day 4 9
Day 5 12	Day 6 13	Day 1 14	Day 2 15	Day 3 16
Day 4 19 No Classes	Day 5 20	Day 6 21 Meet the Teacher BBQ 4:30-6:00	Day 1 22	Day 2 23
Day 3 26	Day 4 27	Day 5 28	Day 6 29 Orange Shirt Day 	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 30 No School

Important Dates at a Glance

October 10 - Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

October 11 - Picture Day

October 21 - No Classes

November 9 - Picture retakes

November 10 - Remembrance Day Service

November 11 - Remembrance Day - School Closed

November 17 Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30-7:00)

November 18 Parent Teacher Conferences (1:00-3:30)

December 15 - Winter Concert

December 21 - Last Day of school

January 5 - School Resumes