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Weather Zone: 8

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Attendance

All children are expected to attend school every day unless they are sick or off with parent approval. A parent can make a request, in writing, to remove their child from school for short term periods-under 15 consecutive school days (family reasons or vacations). An alternative program of study will not be provided for these absences. Students are required to complete regular program activities and assessments. Requests for absences over 15 days, in writing, will require that a program of study be provided and must be completed by the student. If a student is absent for more than 15 days without a written request or a program of study, the student will be removed from the school register.

School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th, at 3:45pm. All parents/guardians are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to stay up to date on events at the school, and to share ideas and input.

Special Food Items for Sale

We are excited to announce that we will be offering popcorn and milk sales during our 1st nutrition break.

Popcorn – \$1.00

Milk - \$1.50

Terry Fox Run

On Thursday, September 28th, our school held the Terry Fox run. All students and staff participated in the event. Thank you to everyone for your support and contribution(s).

Allergy Alert

Winston Churchill Public School is a Nut Aware School.

As a reminder, we have students attending our school who are allergic to peanuts. We thank you in advance for your support by not sending nut products to the school.

Medication

Please let the office know if your child has a special health problem such as asthma, diabetes, allergies, etc. It is important that we be informed of any changes in your child's medical status. All student medications must be kept in the school office and administered by a designated member of the school staff. A completed "Consent to Administer Medication" form must be on file in the office before any medication can be authorized or administered at school. Please see the office if you require one of these forms. **Note: A physician signature is required on this form prior to school staff being able to administer any medication. This form must be updated annually.** If no changes to your child's medication are required from the last school year, then parents/guardians may simply initial and date the bottom of the existing form indicating that there have been no changes. **If your child requires an epipen to be kept at school, the LKDSB Policy states that the parent/guardian must provide two of them – 1 for the classroom and 1 to be kept in the office.** Medication is to be transported to the school by the parent to ensure the safety of children. Medication is to be provided in the pharmacy bottle with the pharmacy directions attached. **Please do not send over-the-counter medication for dispensing at school as it does not meet the above criteria.** If medical urgencies occur during the school day, parents/guardians will be contacted. Thank you for your help.

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices:

All electronic devices, such as cell phones/cameras, iPads, gaming devices, and computers are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school personnel and only for educational purposes. **Cell phones are to be kept in backpacks while at school unless the student has permission from the teacher for educational use.** When carrying a personal electronic device, it is the student's responsibility if lost, stolen or damaged. At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher. When students need to contact home/parent, it is important that they notify school staff rather than use an electronic option, to ensure staff are aware. During nutrition breaks students are not to be using electronic devices, they are to be stored in backpacks. The focus is always responsible use of technology.

Technology

Students and parents should review the Responsible Use of Technology guidelines to ensure that students are aware of their responsibilities when using the internet and

LKDSB devices.

<https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/PoliciesRegulations/Policies/Responsible%20Use%20of%20Technology.pdf#search=responsible%20use%20technology>

School Bus Expectations

Please reinforce these bus procedures and expectations with your child:

- ✓ Wait in a safe place, away from traffic, at your pickup site.
- ✓ Stay away from the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the door opens.
- ✓ Stay in your designated seat from the beginning until the bus stops completely.
- ✓ Keep yourself and all items inside the bus.
- ✓ Be sure you are visible to the driver and the driver is visible to you when approaching the bus.
- ✓ Always obey the directions of the bus driver

Please be aware that busing is a privilege that will be withdrawn if your child's behaviour is unsafe, disorderly or outside the behavior that is expected.

End of the Day Procedure & Parking Lot

We continue to work to keep our parking lot safe. We need your help! We would ask that you arrange ahead of time how students are getting home. ***If you are picking your child up, please ask them to stay in the school yard until you have parked your car, so that you can meet them in the yard.*** This ensures safety for everyone. Also, please remember that we do not want students crossing the road on King Street unless they are at the Merritt/King intersection, or the lights at Crystal and King. Parents are important role models for all students, and we hope you will work with us to instill this practice. We have a staff member on King Street to remind all students and families about this expectation. ***Walkers are reminded to use the path on the west side of the parking lot (the pathway closest to the field). Students should not cut through the parking lot to access King Street.*** All scooters and bikes should be walked while on school property. Please park in the spaces provided, and not along the fence (***no parking zone***).

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Important Upcoming Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 6 th	Professional Development Day – No Classes
October 9 th	Thanksgiving – No Classes
October 16	Bus Safety
November 9 th	School Council Meeting
November 10 th	Progress Reports go home.
November 10 th	Picture Retakes

November 16th- 17th

Student Led Conferences

November 17th

Professional Development Day – No Classes