

# Walnut Park Elementary School

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## Newsletter - January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Welcome 2023! We hope all of our families had a lovely winter break. The staff were excited to see their students and begin the next phase of the school year.

We have some changes happening at Walnut Park. Ms. Wilson will be starting her maternity leave and Ms. Stefanek will be teaching in Division 1 until the end of the school year. Welcome, Ms. Stefanek! We would also like to welcome Ms. Thiessen, who will be covering intermediate prep. classes until the end of the school year. Welcome, Ms. Thiessen.

This next phase of the school year is going to go by quickly, so please read below to see what is happening:

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Kindergarten registration opened during the week of **January 16<sup>th</sup>** at all SD54 elementary schools for entry into school in September 2023 and we continue to welcome more registrations. This is for children who will be five (5) years old on or before December 31, 2023. Registration early in the year is helpful in planning and organizing our local schools for next year. Proof of age (original birth certificate) must be presented at the time of registration.

**You can come into the school in person OR You can register on-line.**

We have registration forms available on-line and we welcome parents to come into our school to register.

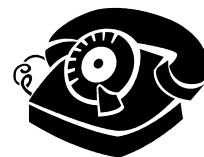
The on-line registration forms are posted on the school website <http://wpsweb.sd54.bc.ca>

Look for "registration forms and policies" under the "Office" tab.

### SAFE ARRIVAL

Thank you to parents who have been calling or e-mailing in the morning to let us know when their children will be late arriving or absent for the day. We will continue to phone parents to check on students who are not present during morning attendance as our main concern is student safety.

However, if parents are able to call or e-mail the school between 8:00 and 9:00, it is greatly appreciated. **The best e-mail address to use for advising us of student absences is: [wpsoffice@sd54.bc.ca](mailto:wpsoffice@sd54.bc.ca)**  
**telephone: 250-847-4464**



### SCHOOL PARKING LOT - PICKING UP and DROPPING STUDENTS OFF

**Please comply with the "no parking" signs along the sidewalk in the drop-off zone and please DO NOT PARK in the handicap spaces.** In the interest of safety and to minimize congestion in our parking lot, PLEASE only stop briefly to pick up or let your children off. If you need to leave your vehicle, we request you make use of our parking lot. Thank-you for your help with this!

### WINTER WEATHER

We have some cold temperatures in the forecast in the coming weeks. Please send students to school with winter gear (gloves, jacket, toque, snowpants, boots). Students will be outside if it is -15 degrees or warmer.

### LOST & FOUND

Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to check the lost and found! *All unclaimed items will be taken away in February.*



**PIZZA DAYS** The second pizza period has begun. Pre-payment is highly recommended for convenience. Pre-payment prices are as follows for the remainder of the term: **\$38.50 for one slice and one drink** or **\$63.25 for two slices and one drink**. If your student is paying at attendance time on Wednesday please send correct payment labeled with their order. For full details please refer back to our December Newsletter. Pizza days are listed below on our calendar.

**Pizza \$2.25 per slice, Beverages \$1.25 each (chocolate milk, milk, apple juice, orange juice)**

### SALAD BAR

Salad bar will continue on Mondays. Tickets are \$4 each or 10 for \$36. For ease of planning, it is easier if tickets are purchased in larger groups. Please remember to order by Thursday of the week prior. Reminder notices will be sent home with students when your child has just two tickets remaining.

### CALENDAR

<b>January</b>		Salad Bar on Mondays: January 9, 16, 23, 30
		Pizza on Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25
	6	Tacky Tourist Day
	10	Parent Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 pm
	16	Kindergarten Registration opened for September 2023 (from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm daily)
	20	Wacky Hair Day
<b>February</b>		Salad Bar on Mondays: February 6, 13, 27 (February 20th is Family Day)
		Pizza on Wednesdays: February 1, 8, 15, 22
	3	Everything but a Backpack Day AND Global Play Day
	10	Wear pink/purple/red day
	14	Parent Advisory Council meeting @ 7:00 pm
	17	Non-Instructional Day (Teachers only in attendance)
	20	Family Day (School Closed)
	22	Anti-Bullying Day - wear pink!
<b>March</b>		Salad Bar on Mondays: March 6, 13, 20 (March 27 <sup>th</sup> is during Spring Break)
		Pizza on Wednesdays: March 1, 8, 15, 22 (March 29 <sup>th</sup> is during Spring Break)
	3	Favourite Decade Day
	10	Earth Rangers Assembly
	17	St. Patrick's Day AND Wear Green Day
	24	School closes at 3:05 pm for Spring Break AND Learning Summaries go home
	27	Spring Break Starts
<b>April</b>	7	Good Friday
	10	Easter Monday
	11	School Reopens after Spring Break
	19, 20	Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher (more info. to follow)