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Dr. George M. Weir Elementary School News

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Upcoming Dates

- May 15th – PAC meeting at 6:30pm
- May 19th – Sports Day
- May 22nd – Victoria Day (school is not in session)
- May 26th – Weir Carnival (3:00pm – 6:30pm)
- May 31st – Weir Welcome to Kindergarten (1:00pm and 2:00pm)
- June 26th – Report Cards Go Home
- June 28th – Year-End Concert (1:30pm)

Gathering Place

Thank you to the families and staff who donated toys and books for our gathering place! The space is intended for families and other folks connected to our school to gather, connect, and chat. Everyone in our community is welcome here including parents, guardians, grandparents, and younger siblings. The toys and books are intended for children aged 0 – 4 years. Please come in and enjoy the space.



Reporting Absences from School

When reporting your child(ren)'s absence from school.
Please the following safe arrival number.

Safe Arrival: 604-713-4771 ext 1

Weir Track & Field

The Track and Field season is in full swing for grades 5-7 Weir students. We had an excellent turn out for the first meet at Killarney and are so proud of our students. Track meets continue every Wednesday at 3:30 pm for the month of May at Killarney Secondary School. Come support your school!



Release the Rhythm

Weir School welcomed expert percussionist, Daniel Duggan from Rhythm Resource, who holds the Official Guinness Worlds Record for the Largest Djembe Drumming Ensemble. He took students and staff on a journey around the world to discover how drums and percussion in different cultures are used to empower individuals, release joy and build community.

Students enjoyed a full day of drumming, tapping, clapping & chanting! The day started with a school-wide interactive show followed by Afro-Peruvian drumming workshops. What a success and day to remember!





HOMWORK CLUB (TUESDAY/THURSDAY 8:30-9:00 am)

Weir is pleased to announce that we will once again be offering **before-school Homework Club** for students between grades 3-7 every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings between 8:30-9:00 am beginning **Tuesday, February 21st, 2023**. This program provides students with a safe, quiet place to get started on and receive supervised support with homework assignments. If you feel your child benefit from some extra support, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Arriving Late to School

There are times when we all run behind in the mornings. If you find yourself getting your kids to school after the bell, please observe the following two scenarios:



- **Before 9:15am** - Please have your child(ren) report to their classroom. Their teacher will adjust their attendance.
- **After 9:15am** – Please have your child(ren) report to the office to get a late slip which they will bring to their teacher.

Wednesday Morning Family Reading Club in the Library



Weir is pleased to announce that we will be offering before-school 'Family Reading Club' in the library on Wednesday mornings between 8:30-9:00am beginning April 12th.

Have your child find a book, get comfortable and escape into the world of fiction. Families are welcome to join!

Big One at 2:00pm

On **Thursday, May 4th**, we conducted our Big One at Two earthquake drill. We practiced our typical duck and cover, evacuated the building, and then implemented our additional emergency protocols which included a rapid damage assessment of the building, initializing our S.E.R.T. team (Special Emergency Response Team), and parent reunification with our Kindergarten students.



Welcome to Kindergarten

On **Wednesday, May 31st**, we will host our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event. It is an opportunity for next year's Kindergarten students and their families to visit the school, meet staff and each other, and participate in some engaging, hands-on activities. It is always a lot of fun. As in past years, we will also conduct intake interviews in June which are more formal opportunities to share information and ask questions. Families have been sent links to register for both of these opportunities.



Sports Day

We are thrilled to offer our famous Weir Sports Day again this year. Organized by a team of staff and led by Mr. Eves, our theme this year is Superheroes. Fingers crossed for nice weather on **Friday, May 19th**. The plan for the day is as follows:

- 9:00am – Attendance
- 9:15am – Parade/National Anthem/Team Cheers
- 9:40am – Stations
- 10:40am – Snack
- 11:05am - Stations
- 12:10pm – Lunch
- 1:10pm – Grade level races
- 1:40pm – Staff events
- 2:00pm – Parents **may** take children home early



From the PAC

Hello Weir Community!

Weir's first Spring Carnival is two weeks away! Lots are currently going on behind the scenes to make this a fun and memorable event for all, so make sure you mark your calendar and come join in the fun on May 26!

Urgent Call for Volunteers!

A big thank you to all those who have already signed up to volunteer at the upcoming Sports Day and Spring Carnival.

There are still over 50 volunteer spots that need to be filled before the fast approaching Sports Day and Spring Carnival. The PAC planning committee cannot possibly make both of these events a reality without the help of you all, so please consider signing up for a time slot:

[Click here](#) for **Sports Day volunteer sign-up**

[Click here](#) for **Spring Carnival volunteer sign-up**

Sports Day Lunch Order Cutoff: Saturday, May 13

Last call for ordering Sports Day hot lunch for your child! If you haven't placed the order [via your MunchaLunch account](#), please do so by tomorrow.

Concession items such as popsicles, freezies, chips, etc ... can be pre-ordered and will also be available on the day of the event.

Next PAC Meeting: Monday, May 15 | 6:30pm in Weir library

You are invited to the May PAC meeting. Any parent or caregiver of a child enrolling at Weir Elementary is automatically a PAC member.

If you are wanting to find out more about what the PAC is about, or are interested in getting involved as a part of the PAC Executives or the other PAC committees in the 2023-2024 school year, be sure to come to this meeting to hear more about each role. This May meeting will be our last "regular meeting". The June PAC meeting will be the Annual General Meeting which will include an election and the annual financial review.

Free child minding will be available to school-aged children [RSVP here](#) to help us plan for numbers. Thank you.

Agenda

- Sports Day update
- Carnival update
- Staff Appreciation Lunch update
- Call for Volunteers for 2023-2024 PAC Executive Team
- Principal/Vice-Principal Report
- Question & Answer Period

Carnival Drawing Contest Winners

Congratulations to our 20 student contest winners! Each winner received a special edition Weir tee, a voucher for free carnival cotton candy and various stationery items. These twenty entries are now posted and can be viewed on the [Weir PAC website](#).

Spring Carnival:Pre-Order your "Unlimited Play Wristband" for \$5!

For a limited time only, Weir students can [pre-order](#) their unlimited play wristbands for \$5 each. **This special price is available only until May 20.** Wristbands will be sold for \$7 on the day of the event. Full details can be found on the [PAC website](#)

Weir Staff Appreciation Lunch: Monday, June 26

A year-end celebration is being planned for all of the Weir Staff!

Each year, the parents provide a luncheon for all Weir staff to show our appreciation for the extraordinary job they do in making Weir a great place for our children. It has been a tradition for many years which we would like to continue, and it is an event that the staff all look forward to each year.

Rather than using PAC funds to provide lunch or have parents cook, we would ask for a small donation from each student. Participation is voluntary. Any amount of donations would be much appreciated.

Monetary contribution can be made [via your MunchaLunch account](#). click on the "ORDER LUNCH" tab and follow the on-screen instructions. ***If you are new to MunchaLunch**, you can [set up an account here](#).

Weir PAC Team

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UPDATED (September 23, 2022) CALENDAR - 2022– 2023
Dr George M Weir Elementary School

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	185
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

Important Dates
*** School Not In Session**

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday September 6, 2022
* National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
* Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 10, 2022
* Remembrance Day	Friday November 11, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday December 16, 2022
Winter Vacation Period	Monday December 19, 2022-Monday January 2, 2023
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday January 3, 2023
* Family Day	Monday February 20, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday March 10, 2023
Spring Vacation Period	Monday March 13-Friday March 24, 2023
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 27, 2023
* Good Friday	Friday April 7, 2023
* Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023
* Victoria Day	Monday May 22, 2023
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday June 29, 2023
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday June 30, 2023

Professional Development and Non-Instructional Days
(school not in session)

Friday October 21, 2022	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Monday November 14, 2022	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, November 25, 2022	Indigenous Focus Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)
Monday January 16, 2023	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 17, 2023	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 24, 2023	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, November 2, 2022	2:00 pm
Thursday, November 3, 2022	2:00 pm
Wednesday, March 1, 2023	2:00 pm
Thursday, March 2, 2023	2:00 pm



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Day in lieu of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, October 2, 2023 (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
In lieu of Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023 (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter Vacation Period	Wednesday, December 27, 2023 - Friday January 5, 2024
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2024
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2023
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 – Thursday, March 28, 2024
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