



WOODWARD WILDCATS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER December 13th, 2023



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RCMP DARE PROGRAM GRADUATION CEREMONY



A MEMORABLE EVENT FOR DIVISION 2

On Monday December 11th, students from Division 2 gathered in the library to receive their DARE Graduation Certificates from Constable Walker and Constable Roberts from the RCMP, Mr. Yodogawa, and Mr. Hurst.

On Mondays this Term, Constable Walker has taught 10 lessons on the topic of Drug Awareness and Resistance Education through the DARE program. Our students have learned a lot and made pledges to make safe and healthy choices in their lives as they head into their teenage years.

“HIP HOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS” SHOW AN AWESOME EXPERIENCE FOR ALL



The Woodward gym was really rockin’ last Friday afternoon, at the “Hip Hop For The Holidays” Dance Concert— as we wrapped up an amazing week of Dance Instruction with Jay from Jess Dance Studios.

The students performances were excellent, the audience was enthusiastic and supportive, and there was a positive vibe throughout the Show. The Concert culminated what had been an exciting and fun week of Dance.

Thanks to the awesome Woodward staff for all of their efforts to make it all come together so well – and for supporting our students to feel comfortable performing in front of a large live audience.

Thanks to those who were able to join us for supporting our students throughout the show and for your kind words of appreciation afterwards. The Concert was another example of the sense of team and community that makes Woodward such a special place to call home.

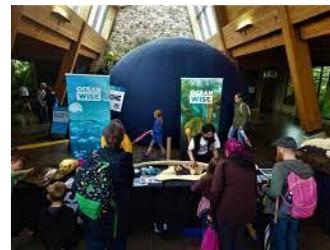
HOLIDAY BREAKFAST FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF THURSDAY DECEMBER 14TH (TOMORROW)



A reminder that tomorrow we will be holding our annual “Holiday Pancake Breakfast” for students and staff. The gym will be decorated for the holidays, and everyone will get to enjoy some delicious pancakes and snacks. Yum!!!

While he is usually very busy at this time of year, there are rumours of a visit to Woodward from the man from the North Pole for this occasion. Students who celebrate Christmas in all of our classes, will have the option of having their picture taken with this special guest in the library at some point tomorrow morning.

THE “OCEAN-WISE SEA DOME” EXPERIENCE COMES TO WOODWARD FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH



We are excited to welcome the Ocean Dome mobile program, which feature marine artifacts and hands-on interactive activities designed to encourage passion and care of our oceans and waterways, to our school this Friday.

Their team of educators will be at Woodward all day to deliver expert level, multi-sensory aquatic programs, based on the Ocean Literacy Framework to all of our students from K to Grade 7.

Ocean Dome instructors strive to create a lasting connection to our oceans and aquatic habitats by encouraging direct conservation action. The Ocean Wise Sea Dome is a new immersive ocean adventure that brings marine magic to communities everywhere. The portable, inflatable six-metre dome projects 360-degree 4K cinematic footage showing connections between ocean health, climate change, and daily life.

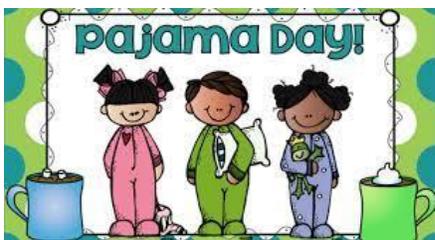
Woodward students will have the chance to see the Arctic, to view changes in sea ice, to view tropical reefs to assess impacts of ocean acidification, and to explore BC’s rivers to learn how salmon habitats can be preserved.

**SWEATER DAY COMING TO WOODWARD
ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH**



Our Student Leadership Committee is sponsoring another fun and exciting Spirit Day for us – this time it is “Sweater Day”, and we are encouraging everyone to wear their favorite sweater or sweatshirt. On this day, we are also promoting energy conservation, and going to turn down the heat a little bit and encourage students to keep their warm clothing on during the school day. Can’t wait to see the festive or cozy sweaters on display at Woodward on this Sweater Day.

**PYJAMA AND MOVIE DAY COMING
TO WOODWARD ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 22ND**



We are pleased to announce Friday, December 22nd will be Pyjama and Movie Day at Woodward. In addition, to celebrate the last day of school before the Winter Break, and to acknowledge their accomplishments in Term 1 at Woodward, the staff will be presenting our students with a special movie and holiday treats in the gym for them to enjoy!

Staff and students are encouraged to wear their comfiest and coziest PJs – and bring a cushy toy, and a pillow if they wish to make themselves comfortable in the gym during the show.

**TERM ONE WRITTEN PROGRESS REPORTS TO BE
SENT HOME ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND**

It has been an action-packed, exciting, and eventful first term at Woodward – and we are proud of the individual and collective successes of the learners in this school.

Please take the time to review your child’s Written Progress Report, with Proficiency Indicators, as well as their reflections on the Core Competencies of learning. It is important to celebrate their successes and areas of growth – and help them to feel hopeful and optimistic about their next steps as learners in Term 2.

**WILDCATS CLOTHING ORDERS PROCESSED
EXPECT ITEMS TO ARRIVE IN LATE JANUARY**

The deadline for ordering Wildcats wear has passed, and we have submitted our order to the vendor. Like us, their company’s staff are on Holidays over the Break, and so we can expect to receive the clothing items in late January.

WELCOME MR. LEE TO THE WILDCATS

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Joshua Lee to the Woodward Educational Assistant team. He is quickly making a positive impact upon the students, staff and families at Woodward.

**BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS IN THE
NEW YEAR FOR GRADES 5, 6 AND 7**

Stay tuned for more info regarding hoops in 2024

**SPECIAL PAC MEETING - SPRING FAIR PLANNING
MONDAY JANUARY 22ND ON ZOOM**

Woodward parents are invited to attend a special planning meeting as we prepare for the possibility of holding another Spring Fair, later this year.

OUR NEXT PRO-D DAY IS FRIDAY JANUARY 26TH

No School In Session for Woodward Students

**NEXT MONTHLY PAC MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 29TH AT 6:30 pm**

As we mentioned previously, all Woodward parents are members of the PAC and everyone is welcome to attend monthly meetings or PAC sponsored events.

At the upcoming PAC Meeting, we will be discussing plans and possibilities for some special events in the New Year, including our Spring Fair. *Stay tuned for an email to all Woodward families from our PAC Chair, Gina Mahil, with more information shortly.*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF THE WILDCATS!



As we mentioned at the Concert, Woodward is a richly diverse learning community, with many families from all over the world calling this school their home. We know that many of our students, staff and families will come together with friends and family to celebrate the Winter Holidays in many different ways. Some celebrated Diwali earlier this year, others have been gathering with friends and family members for Hanukkah this week, and while we are on Winter Break, many others will celebrate the wonders of Christmas and New Years Eve... and then later this Winter, the Lunar New Year – and the Year of the Dragon. It is a festive and exciting time of year for all.

**HAPPY HANAKKUH, MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**



However, whenever, and wherever you celebrate the Holidays, we would like to wish you and your loved ones peace and joy - and many special memories and good times along the way.

Please Mark Your Calendar...

FOR THESE SPECIAL DATES COMING OUR WAY:

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| December 23 - January 7 | Winter Vacation |
| December 25 | Merry Christmas |
| January 1 | Happy New Year! |
| January 8 | Welcome Back From Winter Break |
| January 22 | Spring Fair PAC Meeting |
| January 26 | District-Wide Pro-D Day |
| January 29 | PAC Meeting |
| February 10 | Lunar New Year |
| February 16 | District-Wide Pro-D Day |
| February 19 | BC Family Day Holiday |