



Windebank Elementary School

Welcome Back Windebank Warriors of Kindness!

Welcome to Windebank Elementary School—a place where every child is encouraged to be safe, caring, and responsible. Our dedicated staff look forward to working together with families to create a nurturing environment where students feel secure, supported, and empowered to be their best selves. Let's make this year a wonderful journey of learning, kindness, and respect for one another.



Class Lists



Temporary class lists will be posted on the staff room and library windows and rolling white board on Tuesday morning. Staff will also be outside wearing high-visibility vests to help students find their names on the list.

Remember that these class lists are **temporary**, as we know there is a good possibility that we will need to move students as enrollment changes. Our classes are full this year and there are very limited spaces in the school.

Classroom Supplies

Again this year, the school has purchased essential classroom supplies for all students. A fee of \$40.00 per student has been added to your class cash account. Please remember that this rate is subsidized rate.

This means your child will have the following items provided in the classroom: pencils, erasers, scissors, glue, rulers, markers/pencil crayons/crayons, exercise books, paper, and duotangs/binders.

To ensure your child is fully prepared for the school year, please supply the following items:

- Indoor shoes
- Lunch kit
- Backpack
- Pencil case (if desired)
- 1 box of kleenex
- Any personal items they'd like to have at their desk

By providing these items, you're helping to create a positive and organized learning environment for your child.

If you would like to sponsor a fellow student's school supplies, please contact the office.

Thank you!

Welcome to Our New Staff

Educational Assistants

Ms. Melanie Stebbings

Teachers

Ms. Jenny Daraska- Grade 3

Ms. Hayley Gravelle- Active Living

Counsellor

Ms. Lorette Tataryn

Youth Care Worker

Ms. Sandy Faulkner

Windebank Bell Schedule

8:25 Warning Bell

8:30 Classroom Instruction begins

10:00-10:15 Recess

***** Note: school dismissed at 11:00 am on
Tues. Sept. 2*****

11:45- 12:30 Outside Lunch Break

*Students will eat their food in the classrooms with the teacher either before or after their outside break.

2:23 Dismissal

*Kindergarten families please follow the
gradual entry schedule that was emailed to
you.*



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WINDEBANK ELEMENTARY

Windebank Warriors are:



SAFE

We think about how our actions, words and attitude create a safe space for all.

CARING

Our actions are caring towards ourselves, others, the school, and our community.



RESPONSIBLE

We are responsible for our learning spaces, and materials.

WE ARE WARRIORS OF KINDNESS

These three pillars will guide us in everything we do, from interactions in the classroom to activities on the playground. We believe that by instilling these values in our students, we're not only nurturing well-rounded individuals but also shaping the future leaders of our community.

****Be Safe:**** We'll continue to prioritize the safety of every student and staff member. By following established safety protocols and looking out for one another, we create a secure environment where everyone can thrive.

****Be Caring:**** Kindness is at the heart of our community. Through acts of compassion and empathy, we teach our students the importance of caring for each other and making a positive difference in the lives of those around them.

****Be Responsible:**** Responsibility goes hand in hand with growth. Our students will be encouraged to take ownership of their learning journeys, their actions, and their impact on the world around them. By fostering responsibility, we're nurturing autonomy and accountability.

Parent Advisory Council Support

PAC Volunteers will keep working behind the scenes, planning and supporting staff and families. Please sign up on the PAC Facebook page for information on upcoming events and ways you can get involved.

Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528147708040313>

Or contact them by email at:
windebankpacmission@gmail.com

Mission School District Cell Phone Policy

LEARNING FIRST



Grades K- 6

Progressive Learning

What happens if you break the rules?

- 1st issue** - You will be issued a warning by the teacher or staff member. We expect you to comply with this request without becoming argumentative or defiant. Students not complying with this request may be sent to the administration.
- 2nd issue** - The PDD will be sent to the office and held by administration for the remainder of the school day.
- 3rd issue** - You will be sent to the office, to hand in your device to the administration. A parent /guardian will be asked to pick up the device. A follow-up meeting may be held.

▶ Cell phones or other personal digital devices ('PDDs') are not allowed during school hours, including at lunch and other breaks. This includes areas outside of the building.

▶ Student PDD cannot be present until exiting the building after the end of the school day.

▶ If you own a PDD, it is expected it will be at home or stored in a backpack until after the last bell of the day.





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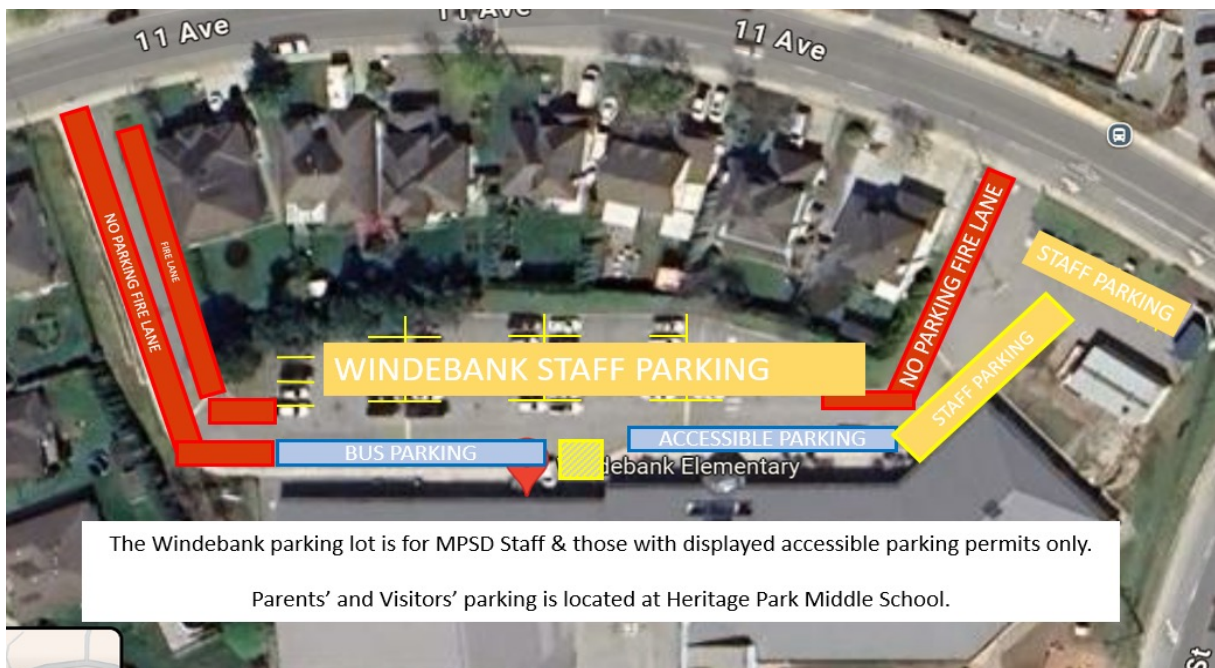
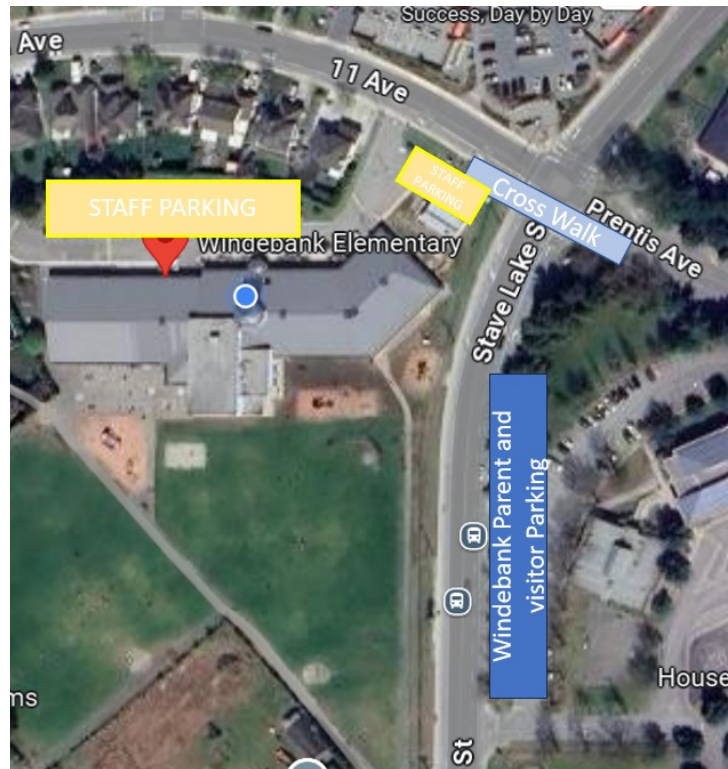
Parent Parking



As we start the school year, it's crucial to remember the importance of road safety, especially around our school. The school district and the city have added additional measures on the roads and Stave Lake intersection to improve safety. Always use designated crosswalks when crossing the street. Taking shortcuts may seem convenient, but it can be dangerous—and even cost a life. Please set a positive example for our students by following the rules of the road and prioritizing safety over convenience.

We understand that parking is very limited at Windebank. All parking at the school is reserved for MPSD staff and those with displayed accessible parking permits. If you walk your student to the classroom, please park across the road in the south parking lot for Heritage Park Middle School. **Do NOT double park or block other vehicles** in the staff lot as this creates a hazard for everyone.

Remember, our actions can have a lasting impact. Stay safe and help keep our school community safe too.





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Family and School Communication



Families can stay in contact with Windebank staff and students through the school website, email, and telephone.

Families who are contacted to pick up their student should come to the school immediately.

Absences

If your child will be absent throughout the year, please call the school (604-826-2213) or email our administrative assistant Ms. Stefanek (Teresa.stefanek@MPSD.CA) before 8:30am. If you wish to email the teacher, please remember to copy the office.

We also have an answering machine in the office, so feel free to contact us at any time and leave a message.

Items from Home

We understand that many students ride bicycles, scooters, and skateboards to school. These items are not to be used on school property and need to be secured outside using the available racks.

Pokemon Cards and other treasured items are **NOT** to be brought to school.

The school is not responsible for lost or stolen property.



West Coast Recess

Living in a rain forest offers many diverse weather conditions. Therefore, it makes sense that we be well prepared to be outside in the rain. It is important for children to get outside throughout the day for fresh air and exercise. Research has proven time and time again, the impact that physical activity has on learning.

Being Prepared for the Weather

We know that if kids are well-prepared to be outside in the rain they actually enjoy it. As long as they stay dry and warm there is a great deal of fun to be had in all kinds of weather. To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for your child to have appropriate clothing such as:

- Rain jacket
- Rubber boots so they can enjoy the puddles
- Rain pants
- An umbrella
- Rain hat or coat with a hood

***ALL STUDENTS (K-6)** Please bring an extra set of clothes to leave at school.

Contacting the Office

Phone: 604-826-2213 Fax: 604-826-7381

Office hours are Monday to Friday between 8am – 3 pm. If staff are away from the office, please leave a message on the answering machine or send an email to the addresses below.

Emails:

Administrative Assistant: Ms. Teresa Stefanek

teresa.stefanek@mpsd.ca

Principal- Dr. Lisa Clarke lisa.clarke@mpsd.ca

Vice-Principal- Ms. Amanda Evans

amanda.evans@mpsd.ca