Good afternoon, USC!

Here are your updates for the week of Nov 4th-8th

Important Dates:

SAVE THE DATE! Our Holiday Party has been booked for the evening of December 5th.

Details to follow this week!

Fall Reading Break for students: All week!!

The USC's fall break will be from candy this week! Please stop by the lunchroom for veggies everyday at 2 pm compliments of the Wellness Program.

Important Information:

Flickr: The Promos Department has stumbled across the old USC Flickr account from years ago and thought staff would be interested in seeing photos from years ago! All the photos have been archived in case you are wondering.

Here's the link: https://www.flickr.com/people/western usc/

Card Passing: Keep those cards moving! Remember to write something about the hard work that someone has contributed and then pass it along for someone else to add.

Healthy Lunches:

Please select your healthy lunch order for Thursday November 7th by submitting this form. Orders must be placed by Tuesday November 5th at 3:00PM.

*Please note a reconciliation will be done at the end of the month for Healthy Lunches and numbers will be sent to Finance for payroll deduction.

Workout Equipment: Please stop by the front desk to pay for any of your workout equipment that you picked up. Karen can take cash or debit/credit:)

Take Our Kids to Work Day

A small group of Grade 9 students will be joining us on Wednesday. Though subject to change, here is the tentative schedule for the day:

8:30 - 9:30 "Onboarding" and HR (Kate)

9:30 - 10:00 Reservations (Sue)

10:00 - 11:00 Finance (Vicki and Maryann)

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11:00 - 12:00 Advocacy and Governance (Nick Soave)
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 1:30 Information Systems (Geoff)
1:30 - 2:30 Promotions (Nick Scott)
2:30 - 3:30 FnB (Lauren)
3:30 - 4:00 Gazette (Martin)
4:00 - 4:30 CHRW (Zahra)
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If you see them during their visit, please make them welcome.

UWO Telecom sending this update...

Universal Network-Level Call Blocking - Last year, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) ordered all Canadian telecom service providers to implement universal network-level call blocking by end of 2019. This is part of the CRTC's effort to protect Canadians against unsolicited and fraudulent calls. To comply with this decision, effective Nov 4, 2019, inbound voice calls to Western University that have a caller ID that does not conform to the North American Numbering plan will be blocked.

ALL Western University numbers conform to the North American Numbering Plan and outbound calls will **NOT be blocked.**

What types of calls will be blocked?

- Calls with numbers that omit caller ID information
- Calls with unassigned North American area codes (e.g. **005** 143-4561)
- North American calls that contain less than 10 digits (e.g. 0000, 3256 or 45753)
- North American calls that have more than 10 digits (e.g. 905 243-4561-1234)
 - This does not include long distance calls that begin with the number 1 (e.g. **1** 800 223-1234 or **1** 613 245-1234 are considered 10 digit numbers and will not be blocked)
- Calls originating internationally with more than 15 digits (e.g. 33-131-234-234-456-234)
- For more information please check the following page: https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2018/2018-484.htm

Departmental Updates:

PEOPLE AND DEVELOPMENT

Health and Safety

Upcoming HR Orientation Sessions:

November 29th (Room 373) - 2:00 p.m.

Please contact Andrea or Kate with your attendee numbers before each session and also if you would like to book a dedicated session for your staff. A new schedule for subsequent sessions will be posted sometime in November.

FINANCE

Crunch time, October AP & AR entries should be submitted today. October GL detail to be distributed on November 6th.



BUDGET SEASON is here!

Budget spreadsheets including instructions will be distributed. Fixed costs (i.e. telephone, office supplies, bank fees are good examples) can be calculated in advance of the forthcoming documents. Please remember that you have a valuable resource in the Finance/Accounting Department. We are able to provide you with historical data as well as current information on recent revenues/expenses.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

More from last week's note about phishing phone calls... You may have watched the video of Obama calling Trump "a total and complete dipshit." While the statement may be true, Obama never said that (publicly at least). As you can see in the full video linked above, computers are now powerful enough to on-the-fly take someone's spoken words and make a convincing deepfake video of someone else saying them. It's the same technology that is used in movies to feature deceased actors in the new Star Wars movies, or de-age actors so they can appear as their younger selves. As with many things, this technology has now been used to make money through less legitimate means: Scammers have deepfaked the voice of a German company's CEO to place a phone call to a manager and have him transfer ¼ million dollars to a "supplier."

While we are unlikely to ever become victims of this kind of cyber attack – maybe keep your Facebook videos to a minimum though, Jeff – the story serves as a reminder to always be vigilant when you are asked for personal or financial information even when the source seems legitimate!

PRODUCTIONS & RESERVATIONS

Please join us for our Remembrance Day service on **Monday**, **November 11**, **at 10:30 AM**. The service will be taking place in the Mustang Lounge; all are welcome to attend.

UCC Events: All quiet for reading week.

As of 2020 UWO Reservations will be switching to a new reservations system that will require users to login using their @uwo.ca email addresses to submit requests. This will not work with generic accounts (such as @westernusc.ca), it will need to be from each person's personal @uwo.ca account since the new system will authenticate via Western's login servers.