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Westmount Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

What another great start to the school year. Students entered this year's classrooms on Friday of the first week back at school, and it has been full steam ahead since then. The month of September brought with it the review of our behaviour matrix: **Accountability, Integrity, Respect (A.I.R.)**. Our focus for October will be the virtue of **Friendliness**. Throughout the month, morning announcements will include a message about this virtue, and each class will be participating in activities to explore what friendliness means to them. Ask your child/ren about how he/she/they is/are showing friendliness at school.

Looking at our October calendar, it is already proving that our year is going to be as busy as ever. Keeping up to date with all that is happening at Westmount is definitely a feat of great proportions. To add to the confusion, our school website will be undergoing some changes in the next while, as the entire school district site transitions to a new platform. Our school events are currently not posted to the calendar, as they will not migrate to the new website. Once I have more information as to when this transition might occur, I will let you know. In the meantime, please print off the calendar at the end of this newsletter for information regarding all the happenings at Westmount, and put it on your fridge for easy reference. Regular communication with your child/ren's teacher and nightly checking of his/her agenda are also great ways to stay current.

This year we will also continue to work on our School Learning Plan Goals: Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, and Belonging. We are also continuing to work on developing a growth mindset for everyone.



Respectfully,
S. Mabee

Ms. Susie Mabee
Principal

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP ZONE

As you can imagine, when 315 students and their parents arrive or leave an area within a 15-minute time span, there is bound to be congestion. Add to that, only one entrance and exit to this scenario, and you have Westmount. We are all continuing to adjust to the routine and procedure of our new drop-off and pick-up zone. The changes that were made this summer were put in place to make the area safer for our students, parents and community members, and not necessarily to reduce congestion. When everyone follows the procedure put in place, the traffic moves smoothly. When just one vehicle usurps the protocol, it backs up traffic, causing frustration to all those who are patiently following the rules and making the area unsafe. Please keep the following in mind when you are dropping off or picking up your child/ren at school:

1. **DO NOT PARK IN NO PARKING ZONES.** When you do, it encroaches on traffic lanes, making it difficult for vehicles to maneuver and drivers to see pedestrians.
2. The drop-off/pick-up lane is for **ACTIVE UNLOADING/LOADING ONLY.** Do not stop your vehicle and wait for your child. If your child is not in the loading area when you arrive, you need to leave the area and re-enter the loop until your child arrives. The bell rings at 2:30 and it takes a few moments for students to gather their belongings and make their way down to the loop. Please factor that into your pick-up plan.
3. **Pull all the way up to the end of the loop to pick up/drop off your child.** The more vehicles that can pull into the loop, the more efficiently we can get you and your family in and out of the loop and on your way.
4. In the morning, if you need someone to open the door to your vehicle because of child locks, please make eye-contact and wave at the supervisor on duty. She will then wait for you to put your car in Park, approach your vehicle with her hand up and open the door for your child/ren to exit.
5. Remember that all cars need to stop at the new traffic light when it is red and wait until it turns green before advancing onto Westsyde Road.

The support staff on supervision in the morning and in the afternoon are acting on the Principal's wishes.

They are out there every day keeping our students safe, rain or shine, and they have the best interests of all students in mind. Please treat them with respect. If you take issue with the procedure in the pick-up/drop-off zone, please take it up with Ms. Mabee in the office.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Just a reminder that the school is closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 8th. Enjoy this extra special day with family and friends.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Westmount continues to use an automated SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM. If your child is going to be away from school for any reason, please let the school know by using the methods below:

1. Toll-free number to call: [1-844-350-2647](tel:1-844-350-2647)
2. Website for parent access: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>
3. Free app. For your smartphone



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCING EARLY CLOSURE OCT. 16th

Parent-Teacher Conferencing will take place before and after school during the week of October 15th-18th. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on Tuesday, October 16th to accommodate as many interview times as possible. Please ensure to plan for your child to be picked up and to send a larger snack than usual with your child, as they will not be at school for lunch that day.

We are using the same on-line program as last year to book a time to meet with your child's teacher. This is in an effort to allow those of you who cannot make it into the school to book an appointment more easily. Parents can sign-up for conferences using this electronic sign-up process. Conference times are now available to be booked. Please visit the following link to access appointment times:

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Westmount_Elementary

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

As hard as it is to admit, Summer has come to an end and Autumn is upon us. Here comes cooler and wetter weather. Students will need to remember to dress appropriately for the weather, as they are expected to be outside for recess and lunch breaks. Please encourage your child to bring a sweater or jacket, even if they don't think they need it. The weather can change throughout the day, and what was warm enough at recess, may not be warm enough for the lunch hour.

In the morning, doors open at 8:20am, and students are to wait outside in the morning until the bell rings. Please take a look at the weather each morning with your child and discuss what appropriate attire should look like. We will only have "In-Days" in severe weather, and as such, students will be expected to be outside in less than perfect weather.

HALLOWEEN is on a WEDNESDAY!

Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year! Primary students will have their annual COSTUME PARADE in the morning, right after announcements. For safety reasons, students are not permitted to wear a mask that covers their face or bring any plastic weapons (swords, guns, etc.). Students will change into their street clothes before they go out for recess. Parents are welcome to attend the parade.

Intermediate students will be having a CRAZY HAT DAY in lieu of wearing a costume. Students are encouraged to decorate a hat using their imagination.

We need your help for Thursday, November 1st. Students will want to bring their Halloween "Loot" to eat at school, and we are asking parents to limit the amount of candy that comes to school, immediately after, and the weeks beyond. Large quantities of candy do affect the learning environment and tone of the school. Please continue to send the healthy lunches that you have been regularly sending to school with your child; they can eat their Halloween candy when they get home after school under your supervision. If your child prepares his/her own lunch, please review our request with him/her, so that he/she knows to limit the amount of candy in his/her lunch.



We thank you in advance for your attention to and your cooperation with this matter.

A.I.R. and HOWL OUTS

As a PBIS school we are working hard to honour all the positive behaviour we see in our school each and every day! Our goal is to award HOWL OUT SLIPS to students who are showing **A**ccountability **I**ntegrity **R**espect and the Virtues. These are brought to the office and students are recognized for their great choices. At the end of each week, these Howlouts are sent home for you to regale in your child/ren's accomplishments.

Please find our SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR MATRIX in your child's agenda, as well as a handbook outlining expected behaviour at school. If you could take some time at home to review it with your child so that common language can begin to take place between home and school.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

While some toys at school, such as small stuffed animals and cars encourage students to play together, not all fit the bill. Large or electronic toys often cause peer conflict, and as such, we are asking students to leave them at home. Pokemon cards may come to school; however, no trading of cards may take place.

The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

ASSEMBLIES

During our monthly assemblies, we will be recognizing the great learning that is happening in classes and focusing some of our attention to the virtues we will be learning throughout the year. A large part of the assembly will be student-led by some of our leadership students. Each class will have at least one opportunity to present some learning that they would like to share with the rest of the school. Our first assembly will take place on Monday, October 22nd @ 8:45. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

COLES INDIGO ADOPT A SCHOOL

There are three ways that our community can support our school online at Indigo Adopt a School

1. *Tell a Story, Give a Story.* Every time you post a story to our Adopt a School profile, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate one book in support of our school library, up to 20 books!
2. *Book Bonus:* For every two books you donate to our school online, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate a bonus book, up to 100 books!
3. *Adopt a School Story Contest:* "Heart" your favorite story to help a school for a chance to win* big!

Through the Adopt a School program, we are hoping to raise enough money to put one new book in the hands of each and every one of our 314 students!

Please visit adoptaschool.indigo.ca from **September 24th to October 7th** to show your support for our library!

SCHOOL LIBRARY DAY IN CANADA

Monday, October 22nd is the day we honour our Libraries in schools across Canada. We will celebrate by having a Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) event where the whole school stops what they are doing and enjoys literature. A big, heartfelt thank-you goes out to our Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Sauer and our Library Assistant, Mrs. Leah Ann Lord who make our library so great!

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN TEAM

Thank you to Mrs. MacDonald and Ms. Kirby for coaching our Cross-Country Run team this season. Thank you to all of the parents who are driving our athletes to each run as well. Running is a life-long and economical sport to

maintain as an adult, so it was wonderful to see so many kids out enjoying the Run Club. The remaining Cross-Country running events this year are:

- Tuesday October 2nd – Centennial Park
- Wednesday October 10th – Dallas Elementary

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo orders went out on Friday, September 28th and are due back Friday, October 5th. Re-takes will take place Friday, November 2nd in the morning.

VOLLEYBALL

This year we will have 2 teams in the school district league this fall. Special thanks to:

- Mrs. Hansen – Tier 1 Girls
- Mrs. Ruddick and Ms. Mabee – Tier 3 Co-Ed

Parents of students participating will be charged \$5.00 for their child to play volleyball, as we need to pay referees that come to ref our home games.

CELLULAR PHONES AT SCHOOL

While we recognize that many of our students take public transportation to get to and from school, and we appreciate your desire to be able to get a hold of your child at any moment, we kindly ask you to respect our school district policy which states that cell phones may not be used at school during school hours without the permission of the child's teacher. Students who come to school with a cell phone are asked to keep it in their backpack in their locker or given to their teacher for safe keeping for the day. Students caught using a cell phone during the school day without permission will be asked to turn it into the office until their parent can come in and pick it up. If you need to get a hold of your child/ren, please call the front office and we will connect you to him/her/them in a timely fashion.



ART STARTS PERFORMANCES

Westmount is again pleased to offer the ART STARTS PROGRAM for our students as an enhancement to our Arts Education curriculum. Parents will be charged \$15.00 to have their child/ren participate. Three concerts will be held at our school throughout the year. This is a real treat to have such wonderful performances come right to our school without the lost time of travelling by bus to another venue. Information on the ART STARTS PERFORMANCES will be coming home on October 9th and are due back on October 24th. This year's performances are

1. Monday, October 29th – Safire: Science in the Circus
2. Wednesday, April 10th – Axe Capoeira (Brazilian Dance and Martial Arts)

3. Monday, June 3rd – Project Soul (Musical Performance)

We understand that the beginning of the school year is costly with school supplies, fundraisers and school clothing. However, if we do not receive payment for your child/ren, he/she/they will not be able to participate in these enrichment performances. If this payment will cause financial hardship on your family, please contact Ms. Mabee in the office in order to make a payment plan that will work for your family.

SCHOOL SPIRIT CLOTHING

We will once again be ordering Westmount Wolfpack clothing for anyone who wants it. Students are encouraged to wear their Wolfpack attire or a blue shirt on Fridays. There are samples to try on in the library, and there is an order form at the end of this newsletter. Orders and payment are due no later than **Friday, October 5th**.



LEARN TO DIVE **OLYMPIC DREAMS BEGIN HERE!**
FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17TH
CANADA GAMES POOL
Monday—Thursday 6-7:30pm



To register or for more information:
Call: 250 320-0436
Email: info@riptechnology.ca
www.riptechnology.ca 

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic and dedicated group of parents who make up our Parent Advisory Council. The PAC has monthly meetings where *babysitting is provided and all parents are invited to attend.* The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 15th at 6:15 pm.**

HOT LUNCHES are scheduled to begin in October. There was a letter that came home the third week of September which outlined how to register your child and place your order. **The menu is available on the 1st of each month, and orders and payment are due by the 20th.** Visit [Westmount Hot Lunch](#) online to place your order. The password is WMHL. Please read carefully what is included with each order carefully, as a drink is not always provided.

Lunches for October

- Friday, October 5th – Pizza Hut Pizza
- Friday, October 12th – Hot Dog Day
- Friday, October 26th – Chopped Leaf

Lunches for November (orders and payment due Oct. 20th)

- Friday November 2nd—Chicken Strips or Mac’N’Cheese
- Friday, November 9th – Señor Froggy
- Friday, November 16th – Edo Japan
- Friday, November 23rd – A & W
- Friday, November 30th - Hot Dog Day

The PAC will also be selling popcorn each Tuesday during the month of October. If your child/ren wants to participate, send him/her/them to school with a loonie for a tasty treat.

PAC COUPON BOOKS FUNDRAISER- Thank you for your support! Books and payments were due back on Friday, September 28th. If you have any remaining books

or payments at home, please send them to the school ASAP.

For any questions or comments regarding the Westmount PAC, you can e-mail them at the following address:
westmountpac.kamloops@gmail.com



Orders Due by Oct. 5th

WESTMOUNT WOLFPACK Spirit Wear



Full Zip Hoodie

GREY	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XXLARGE	
adult						\$40.00
youth						\$40.00



Umbro
on calf

Umbro Track Pant

BLACK	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XXLARGE	
adult						\$45.00
youth						\$45.00

with right calf embroidery

inseam-adult small 30", medium/large 32"

inseam-youth small 22", medium 24.5" large 26", xlarge 28"



Technical t-shirt

NAVY	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XXLARGE	
adult						\$15.00
youth						\$15.00



Hoodie

Grey	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XXLARGE	
adult						\$25.00
youth						\$25.00



Baseball Shirt

Grey/NAVY	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XXLARGE	
adult						\$20.00
youth						\$20.00



Basketball Shorts(mesh)

NAVY	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XXLARGE	
adult						\$20.00
youth						\$20.00



NAVY Ball Cap

adult		\$10.00
youth		\$10.00

*Sizing samples
in the library.*



Gym Bag

NAVY \$10.00

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Total: _____
(taxes are included)
 Teacher: _____

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY OCTOBER 5/18



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
24 September	25	26 Raise a Reader Day	27 Terry Fox Run 11:30 am	28 Orange Shirt Day	29/30
1 October FSA's Begin for Grades 4&7 WildSafe Presentation Primary Classes	2 Cross Country @ Arthur Stevenson PAC Popcorn Day	3	4	5 Torchia & Zirnhelt to Sunset Valley Farms 9:00-10:30 Caputo & Caputo to Pete Murray's 8:45-12:00 PAC Hot Lunch - Pizza	6/7
8 Thanksgiving (SCHOOL CLOSED)	9 Schill/Hansen to Pumpkin Patch AM Regan - Guest Speaker 10:00am – 12:00 PAC Popcorn Day	10 Cross Country Run @ Dallas	11	12 PAC Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs	13/14
15 Salute to the Sockeye @ Adam's River ALL DAY PAC Meeting @ 6:15pm	16 PAC Popcorn Day Early Dismissal 12:30pm Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30 – 6:30pm	17 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00 – 5:00pm Fruit & Veggie - Apples	18 The Great Canadian Shakeout Earthquake Drill @ 10am	19 Provincial Professional Development Day (No School for Students)	20/21 Municipal Election
22 Assembly @ 8:45am D.E.A.R @ 10:30am	23 Come Read with Me for Grade 1 Parents PAC Popcorn Day	24	25 Fire Drill #4 @ 11:30 Regan - Guest Speaker @ 1:30 – 2:30pm	26 Halloween Safety Presentation for Ks & Gr. 1s @ 1:20 PAC Hot Lunch – Chopped Leaf	27/28
29 Art Starts Performance: Safire: Science in the Circus @ 9:00 am	30 PAC Popcorn Day	31 Halloween Fruit and Veggie Program Mini Peppers	1 November	9 School Photo Re-Takes AM	10/11