

**G**olden Hills School Division is proud to announce the continuation of their grade 5 and 6 hockey program at Westmount School in Strathmore, Alberta. This hockey program looks to develop hockey skills for boys and girls in a fun atmosphere with first rate instruction. The program is based on skill development and players of all abilities will be accepted. Students enrolled in Westmount's Hockey program will be incorporated into the other regular Grade 5 or 6 academic classrooms. Ice times will be scheduled twice a week from early September to mid-March, with a break in December. Over the course of the school year, the hockey program will have approximately 41 on ice sessions with a total of 50 hours of ice time. This accounts for approximately 10% of the school year. As a school, we will strive to time table our core subjects away from scheduled ice times. This will result in our hockey program students missing some PE, Drama, Health and possibly a few Fine Arts classes throughout a week. Students will be transported up to the Strathmore Family Center during the lunch break on their ice time days and will be back at school in time to catch the bus for the end of the day.



**T**his program is intended for highly motivated student athletes who are able to work in this unique environment. Our goal is to have student athletes who are improving in both their academic and hockey skills. In the event that a hockey

program student's classroom marks drop below an acceptable standard, school work will take precedence over hockey time.

## Coaching

**D**an MacDonald is an Alberta Certified teacher who has worked across Alberta in many different capacities and we are very excited to have Dan return for another year to be part of our program. The 2016-17 school year is Dan's 5th year coaching in Westmount School's



hockey program. Dan has coached at various levels of hockey over a lengthy career. His coaching resume includes the following:

- AAA Midget UFA Bisons
- Okotoks Oilers Junior A Team
- Red Deer Optimist Chiefs AAA Midget Hockey team
- Foothills Bisons AA Midget hockey program



**B**rett Vandehogen joined Westmount's hockey program in the fall of 2014. He moved from Ontario as a new teacher to work within the Golden Hills School Division. This will be his third year coaching students in Westmount School's hockey program. Brett had a long hockey career that included six years of junior hockey, five years of CIS hockey and one year of minor pro in both the CHL and SPHL on the following teams:

- Blenheim Blades,
- Chatham Maroons,
- Windsor Lancers,
- Brampton Beast
- Mississippi Surge

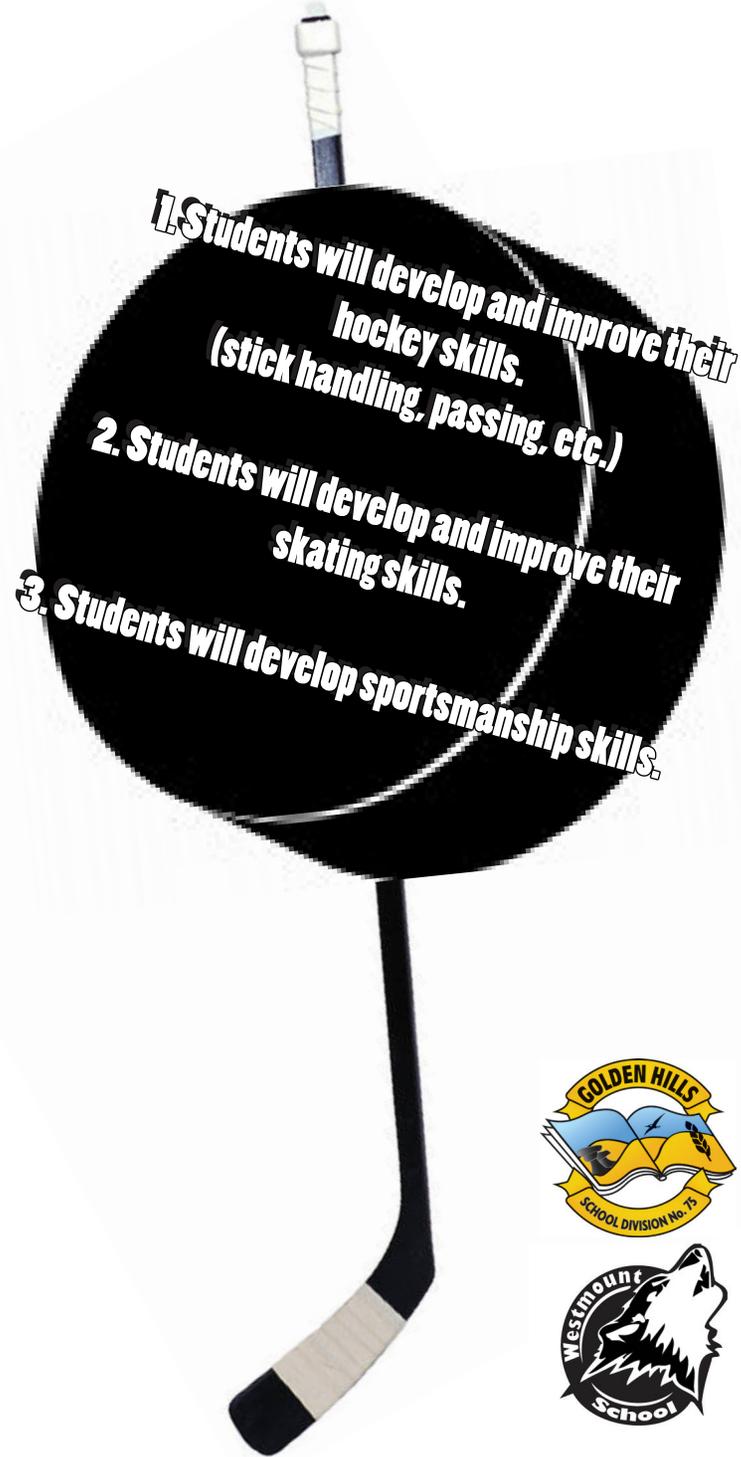
He is excited at the opportunity to spend another year working with the Westmount hockey program, sharing his hockey knowledge and passion with the students in the program.

**W**estmount School Hockey Program registrations will open on Wednesday, June 1 at 8:00 am. Parents wishing to register their grade 5 or 6 child in the hockey program may download our hockey program registration form from the following website: [www.westmountelementary.com](http://www.westmountelementary.com) and then register on June 1 with full payment. Total cost for the program will be \$400.00 per player which includes 41 1.25 hour ice times, and coaching and transportation to and from the Strathmore Family Center. In addition, students must provide their own full set of hockey gear as well as a stick that will be stored at the Strathmore Family Center Arena.

**S**hould you have any questions or comments about this program please do not hesitate to call Wayne Funk, Principal, at Westmount School (403)934-3041.



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