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Newsletter

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Kindergarten Art Work
Principal’s Report – June 8, 2016

It is very hard to believe that we are already into the last month of the school year. There are many exciting events coming up over these last few days of school and we would encourage you to check out our calendar section later in this newsletter to make sure you and your family are totally up to date with all of the activities at Westmount.

As with any year at a school the size of Westmount, our teaching staff will be experiencing some changes for the 2016/2017 school year. We are excited to welcome Miss Emily Tumblin onto the Westmount Staff. Miss Tumblin has a couple of years of teaching experience within Golden Hills in the Early Literacy Program and grade 1 at Greentree Elementary in Drumheller. Miss Tumblin will be a great fit within our Kindergarten team. We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs. Amanda Ball back to Westmount from her maternity leave to teach on our grade 1 team.

We would also like to thank Miss Claire Berenger and Mrs. Samantha Smith who are leaving our staff. Miss Berenger is moving to Brentwood to teach French Immersion and Mrs. Smith is taking a maternity leave. We want to thank both Claire and Samantha for all of their work at Westmount over this past year and we want to wish them all the best in the future.

Another change for Westmount is the addition of a third administrator at Westmount School. Mrs. Cori Hampson is coming back to Westmount as an Associate Principal to work together with Mr. Graff and myself to form the administrative team. This move was necessary as I have been appointed to the principal position of the new K – 9 School being built in Strathmore. This coming school year, I will be splitting my time between Westmount, TCA and the new school. With this in mind, it was decided that an additional administrator was needed to support the school. We are excited to welcome Cori back onto Westmount Staff.

With one round of Provincial Achievement Exams behind us the grade 6 classes are now focusing on the next round of exams in mid-June. The dates are as follows: Wednesday, June 15 – Grade 6 Language Arts, Thursday, June 16 – Grade 6 Math, Friday, June 17 – Grade 6 Science and Monday, June 20 Grade 6 Social Studies. Once again we encourage you to make sure your children get a good night’s sleep before these exams. Thank-you in advance to all of our parent volunteers who help out by acting as readers and scribes to some of our students.

Our last Westmount Elementary School Council (WESC) meeting of the year took place in late May. At this time I would like to recognize and thank all of the members of WESC and make special mention of the executive. Jen Brown (Chairperson), Pat Coone (Treasurer) and Lindsay Jensen (Secretary) have all served on WESC faithfully during this last school year and without their leadership WESC would not run as smoothly as it does. As well, we want to thank all of the people who are
involved in fundraising, our dedicated hot lunch crew, the executive of our Fundraising Society (SWPFS), our playground committee and especially Neil and Sarah Kennedy at Strathmore Sobeys. We are looking forward to continuing our very successful grocery card fundraiser with Sobeys in the fall. Look for details about this exceptional fundraising program early in the new school year.

With the school year drawing to a close we would like to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers, staff, parents and other community members who make Westmount School such a great place to be! Thank you! I hope you have a great June and a restful, relaxing summer!

Wayne Funk

Happy Summer

Westmount Teacher List 2016/2017 School Year

- K1 Full Time – Sheila Tucker
- K2 Full Time – Kathy Eitzen
- K3 Full Time – Emily Tumblin
- K4 Regular – LeeAnn Praud
- 1A Amanda Ball
- 1B Lisa Giesbrecht
- 1C Janice Sumner
- 2A Danielle Plett
- 2B Kathy Herriot
- 2C Rosalie Rudolf
- 3A Corinne Koppel
- 3B Deanna Kooistra
- 3C Jill Rossi/Jana Kopp
- 4A Sherri Gillis
- 4B Jodi Carlson
- 4C Ann Cheek
- 5 Science and Art – Marie Cooke
- 5 Language Arts – Monica Major
- 5 Social Studies and Math – Aric Wutzke
- 6 Social Studies and Math – Devon Kirby
- 6 Language Arts – Zane Anderson
- 6 Science and Art – Jill Gron
- Instructional Coach - Trisha Nielsen
- K – 4 Music - Jana Kopp
- Challenge and Grade 5 + 6 Drama – Dana Graff
- On Ice Hockey Instruction – Brett Vandeheogen and Dan MacDonald
- Strive – Karen Oliphant
- PE - Michelle Brassard and Brett Vandeheogen
- Literacy Success – Trisha Nielsen
- Math Boost – LeeAnn Praud
- Associate Principal – Cori Hampson
- Associate Principal – Dana Graff
- Principal – Wayne Funk
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**Student Instructional Days**

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Total = 177 Days

**Organizational Professional – no students**

**Teachers’ Convention – no students**

**Professional Development – no students**

**Collaborative P.D. – no students**

**School Closures (no staff, no students)**

**Diploma Exam Days (draft)**

**First Day of Semester**

2016-2017 Calendar – Public Approved by Board March 22, 2016
On behalf of the Grade 3’s we would like to thank you for supporting our “We can help freeze the fire” fundraiser for Fort McMurray. We raised $1,530.49 to be matched by the Provincial and Federal Government for a total of $4,591.47!

Library News

The last day to sign out a book from the library will be on Friday, June 10.

All books must be returned to the library by Friday, June 17.

School Fees*: All school fees are PAST DUE. All outstanding fees will be forwarded to Golden Hills School Division who will then pass them on to Collections. The final reminder notice went home before Easter. Please pay school fees online or by cash or cheque to the office as soon as possible. It is the end of the school year!

Lost & Found

Our bins are full! Please come and look through both lost and found areas at the Office and in the Grade 1 Boot Room.

*All unclaimed items left on Wednesday, June 29th will be donated*

The Staff at Westmount School would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy summer! See you in September!
The Transportation Department at Golden Hills School Division is changing their way to register your child for the bus! This new process should make it much easier for parents.

**Important**
Transportation Update!

Registrations will now be completed online as of May 15, 2016. We ask ALL parents to view the registration page for more information.

You may have to re-register your child for the 2016/17 school year if they currently ride a bus. All new student registrations for 2016/17 will need to access this page and register as well.

- The launch date for the online registration page will be May 15, 2016.
- Deadline for registration for the 2016/17 school year is June 15, 2016.
- Registrations received AFTER June 15, 2016 could result in a delay getting your child on the bus.
- For registrations received after August 15, 2016 please allow 5 working days to hear from the school bus driver.

**Directions to the Transportation Registration page:**

1. Go to [www.ghsd75.ca](http://www.ghsd75.ca)
2. Click on the Transportation button on the right hand side
3. Click on the Register Your Child for Transportation button
4. Review the Transportation Registration Flow Chart to determine if your child qualifies for busing transportation
5. Complete the Registration Form once it has been posted

You may use the School Locator on the GHSD website to determine your child’s designated school.

**School of Choice and Transportation to Caregiver** forms need to be completed annually. As these forms require a signature, they will be on the website, can be downloaded, faxed or scanned, & then emailed back to transportation.

**Transportation Department Contact Info:**

If you do not have internet access, registrations can be taken over the phone. Feel free to contact them anytime using the information below.

Phone: (403) 934-5121 ext. 2001 or 1-800-3739 ext. 2001
Email: transportation@ghsd75.ca
Fax: (403) 934-5125
For Westmount School, Kindergarten registration started January 14th for the 2016/2017 year! When you register, you will receive an information package that will outline all the important upcoming dates and it will highlight all the kindergarten news items you will need to know.

We have a wonderful Kindergarten video online that you can check out! Find it on our website at www.westmountelementary.com or go to this YouTube link → https://youtu.be/h_dXDrTxWog

We want to remind parents of our age requirements regarding kindergarten registration: **Any student who turns five (5) on or before February 28, 2017 is eligible to enter kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.** It should be noted that students who turn five after August 31, 2016 do not have to be registered for kindergarten during this year. If, you as the parents are concerned with the readiness of your child for kindergarten and they will turn five after August 31, 2015, that student can be held out of school for a year and be registered in kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. This coming school year we will be offering two different programs:

- **Program 1 – Full Time Kindergarten.** Golden Hills School Division is excited to once again offer a full time kindergarten program for the 2016/2017 school year. This program will run all day every school day. It operates with a minimal cost to parents of a $50 resource fee annually.

- **Program 2 – Regular Kindergarten Program.** Parents will be able to register in the full day Tuesday/Thursday program. This program has a $30 annual resource fee.

*PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD’S BIRTH CERTIFICATE & CASH OR CHEQUE WHEN YOU REGISTER*
Westmount Elementary School Council would like to thank all our dedicated parents who attended our meetings and supported our school by volunteering, bringing in food, supervising students and taking on tasks to enrich our school.

Also, a huge thank you to all those families that participated in our Sobeys Fundraiser. With your support we raised just over $8,000! These funds were used to supplement bussing costs for field trips, Patrols & DARE Program, cultural events, Staff Appreciation Week, Grade 6 Farewell BBQ, emergency lunches and our Grade 6 trip to the Legislature. Watch for information to continue this fundraiser in the Fall and help us reach our goal of earning $10,000 for the 2016/2017 school year! Have a fabulous summer and play safe!
Canadian Blood Services is currently reaching out to the nearby communities situated in Strathmore and surrounding areas to bring awareness to the upcoming community blood drive that is being held at:

**The Strathmore Travelodge**
**350 Ridge Road, Strathmore AB**
**on Friday, July 1 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

This clinic location is a designated clinic site for the families residing in the Strathmore community. There are a total of 120 blood donors that are required for us to meet the hospital demands at this clinic site.

There has never been a better time for new donors to join us. Exciting changes are coming that will revolutionize Canada’s blood system for all Canadians, and they start with you! In Calgary, we need 9,000 blood donations to help patients throughout the summer. There is a greater need for donors with Type O blood, but all donors are encouraged to get involved. Should you require any additional information, please feel free to visit [https://www.blood.ca/en](https://www.blood.ca/en). Thank you!
HAPPY SUMMER