

Westmount School Mission

Collaborating for diverse opportunities to excel as passionate learners.



Westmount School March/April ~ 2021 Newsletter



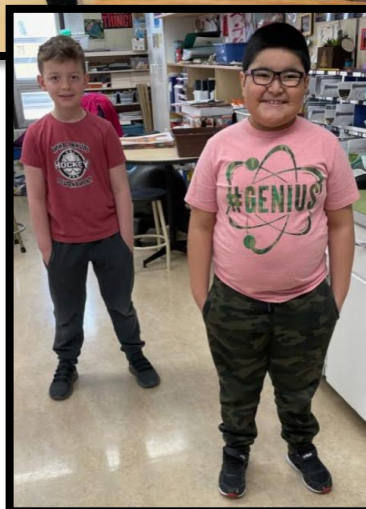
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Dear Families,

March 2021

With only four months left in the school year, we are certainly into the home stretch! I want to thank everyone for helping us to successfully navigate an unprecedented school year. In spite of the challenges, we are having a really amazing year!

We are excited to announce that **Kindergarten Registration is OPEN**. Children who turn five (5) on or before **December 31, 2021** are eligible to enter kindergarten for the 2021 – 22 school year. Westmount School plans to offer **two kindergarten programs**:

- **Program 1 – Full Time Kindergarten:** This program runs all day, every school day.
- **Program 2 – Regular Kindergarten:** This program runs full days Tuesday/Thursday & some Fridays.

A reminder of our weather policy: **If the wind chill drops below -25C, we do not send students outside for recess. When the wind chill is between -20C and -25C, we send students outside for a short amount of time to get some fresh air and burn off energy. Anything warmer than -20C with the wind chill and our students will go outside for regular recess.** We encourage our students to come ready for the range of weather that is possible throughout the winter months. Check out the end of this newsletter for a great infographic!

As always, we are excited to create diverse and engaging learning opportunities for our students. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay posted! **#community**

Yours in Learning,

C. Hampson

Cori Hampson, Principal



Westmount School

2021 – 22 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

For children 5 years old as of Dec. 31, 2021

- ** Full Time & Regular Program Options
- ** Caring & Creative Learning Community
- ** Collaborative Culture
- ** Community Connections



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Give us a call if you have questions:
403-934-3041

Register online @ westmountelementary.com
Just click : **REGISTER NOW**

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Visiting the School

We love having visitors to the school! Unfortunately, this year is a bit different. If you need to come into the school, there are a few things to keep in mind.

Upon entering the school, all visitors:

1. use hand sanitizer
2. wear a mask
3. fill in our contact tracing form
4. complete the Daily Health Checklist

To make things easier for our families, if you are dropping off something or picking up your child, feel free to call the office at 403-934-3041 and we will meet you outside the office doors. This way you can avoid the process outlined above.

Thank you for following the Public Health Order and for working with us to help keep our students, their families and our staff safe.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 5 ~ No School
Mar. 12 ~ Day 4
Mar. 15 ~ Report Cards Go Home
Mar. 17 ~ WESC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Mar. 18 ~ Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews (4:00 – 7:00)
Mar. 19 ~ No School
Mar. 26 ~ Day 1
Mar. 26 ~ Retro Spirit Day
Mar. 26 ~ Respect Assembly @ 2:15 pm
Apr. 2 – 11 ~ Easter Break
Apr. 16 ~ Day 3
Apr. 19 – 22 ~ Staff Appreciation Week
Apr. 23 ~ No School for Students
Apr. 30 ~ Day 4
Apr. 30 ~ Grade Colour Spirit Day
Apr. 30 ~ Collaboration Assembly @ 12:00 pm

March House League Point Update

Red Coyotes: 3837 Points

Blue Huskies: 3947 Points

Green Wolves: 4629 Points

Way to go, everyone! We have several more opportunities to earn points in the next few months.

Go Westmount!

After School Dismissal ~ Reminder

To reduce congestion at the end of the day and allow for social distancing, we have 2 dismissal bells.

- **Bell #1 @ 2:56 pm** – Students who walk home, ride a bus from the first bus run, or are being picked up are dismissed.
- **Bell #2 @ 3:04 pm** – Students who ride a bus in the second bus run are dismissed.

To adhere to social distancing criteria, students being picked up at the office will wait outside in front of the main doors.



Do your part!
Stay 2 metres apart!



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School Fees

****All fees are now overdue.**

School fee invoices were sent home in September. If you have more than one student at Westmount, you may notice that fees vary by grade. **Please call the school at 403-934-3041 if you have any questions.**

There are several ways to pay:

- On-line at School Cash Online – There is a “Quick Link” on our school web site:
<http://westmoutelementary.com/>
- Cheque – payable to Westmount School
- Cash



Westmount Elementary School Council (WESC)

You are invited to the WESC meeting on **Mar. 17, 2021 @ 6:30!**

All families are welcome and we cannot wait to see you there!
This is a great way to find out about what is going on at our school.

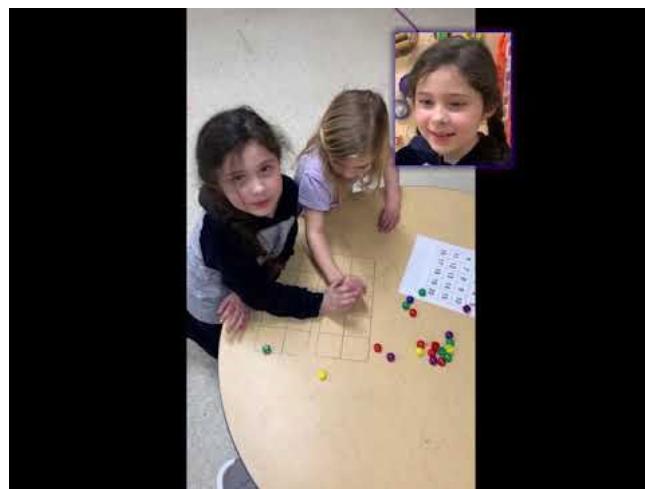
** The meeting will be held virtually. Your child's teacher will share the link with you closer to the date.

Check Us Out on YouTube!
Kindergarten @ Westmount



Student Pick-Up and Drop Off

If you are picking up or dropping off your child in the school parking lot, please park on the east side of the school only. The north end of the parking lot is staff parking. **We encourage families to find a parking spot before letting children exit the vehicle.** Our parking lot can be very busy and we want to ensure everyone is safe.



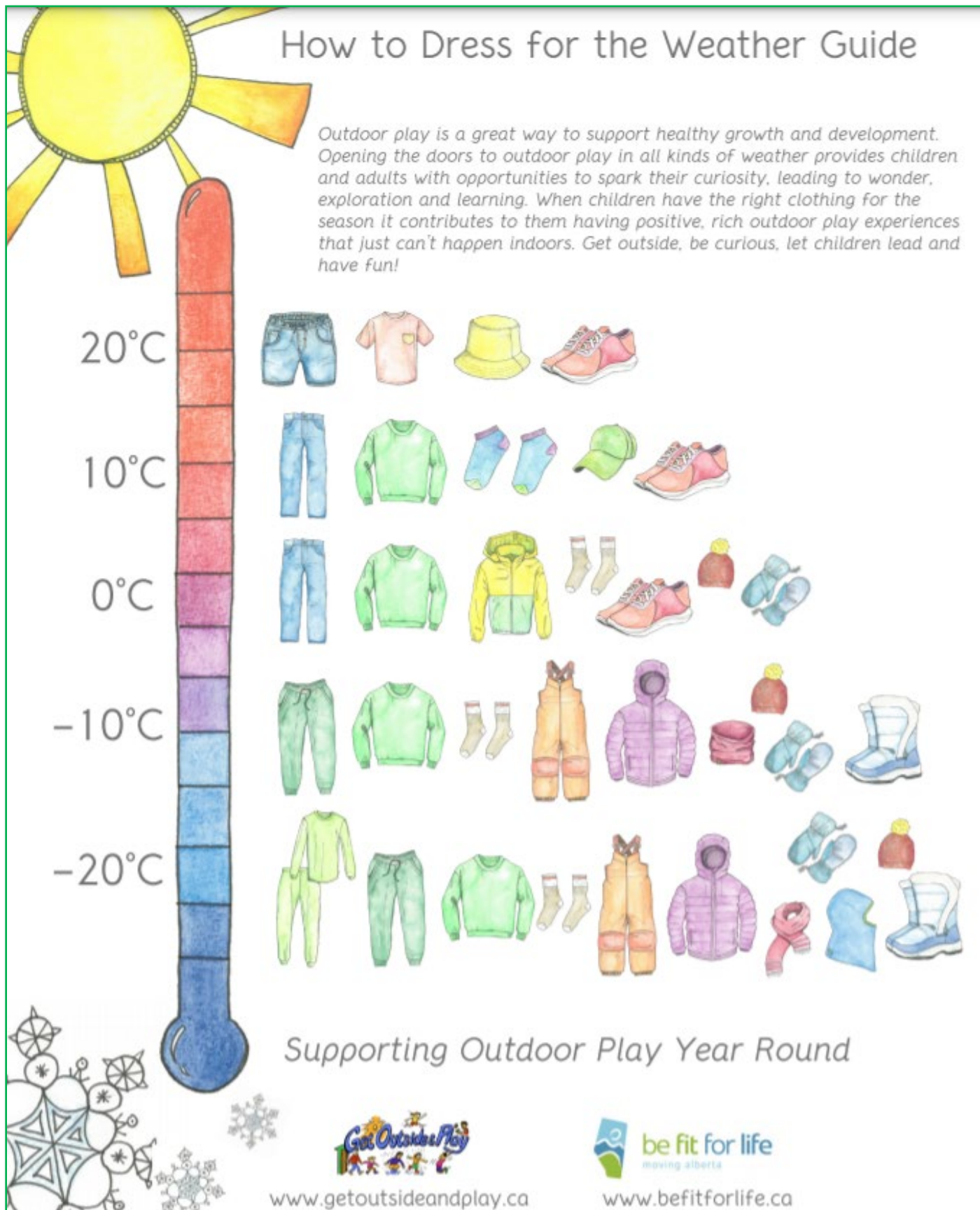
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How to Dress for the Weather Guide

Outdoor play is a great way to support healthy growth and development. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather provides children and adults with opportunities to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing for the season it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors. Get outside, be curious, let children lead and have fun!



Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round



www.getoutsideandplay.ca



www.befitforlife.ca

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Staff Appreciation Week
April 19 – 22, 2021

Message from Westmount Elementary School Council
"We LOVE our Westmount Staff!"

Staff Appreciation Week is April 19-22. It's during this week when we really like to show our gratitude for those who make a positive impact on our children each day. Every year we honor our school's hard-working and outstanding staff with daily treats, prizes, and fun ways to make their week a little more special. Westmount has so many hard-working staff that we'd like to honor all week that we need your help! We need volunteers to achieve our goal of 45 gift baskets. If you are able to, please donate a creatively filled basket, items to put into a basket, gift cards, or other nice gifts to spread among the staff members. We'd love to have you join us in honoring those who work so hard to teach, lead, and nurture our children. Please deliver your basket/donation to the Westmount School front office no later than Thursday, April 1, 2021. We appreciate our wonderful Westmount staff, and we appreciate you, our wonderful volunteers!" If you have any questions please contact Lindsay Jensen (president of Westmount Elementary School Council) at lindsay.jensen@ghsd75.ca
Thanks for your support, WESC



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