

## Westmount School Mission

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# Westmount School November/December 2020 Newsletter



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Dear Families,

November 2020

The year is flying by! We are grateful for the time we have with your children. As we head into November, we look forward to quite a few exciting events. This month, our virtue is **Collaboration**. At Westmount School, collaboration is a huge focus for staff and students. Report cards will go out on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by parent-teacher interviews on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This year, our parent-teacher interviews will be held virtually via Zoom. Please look at the back of this newsletter for details on how to sign up for parent-teacher interviews. During the week of Nov. 23 – 27, we will have artists from Trickster Theatre running a program for all of our students. Keep reading this newsletter for more information. We have a lot to look forward to!

Our House League program is off and running. Upon enrolling at Westmount School, every student is assigned to a house league. We have 3 teams: Blue Huskies, Green Wolves and Red Coyotes. We like to say that this is their team for life! Our first Spirit Day takes place on Nov. 5 when we ask all of our students and staff to come to school with **WILD HAIR**. Anyone who participates earns valuable points for their House League team. At the end of the year, the team with the most points wins the trophy featured on the front page! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay posted! **#community**

Although there have been a few changes to our school day, things are running smoothly and safely. We appreciate that our students who are dropped off or walk to school are coming as close to 8:21 am as possible. We also appreciate that they head home or are picked up at 2:56 pm. This makes a big difference in maintaining social distancing and reducing the number of students coming and going at one time.

We are excited to let you know that our Safety Patrol team is out before and after school keeping our students safe as they cross the 817.

Thanks to the support of Westmount families and the efforts from every one of our students to stay safe. Our school year is off to a great start! **#collaboration**

Yours in Learning,

Cori Hampson, Principal



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### Upcoming Events

Nov. 5 ~ Spirit Day - **wild** Hair Day  
Nov. 6 ~ Day 1  
Nov. 10 ~ Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony  
Nov. 11 ~ No School  
Nov. 13 ~ Day 3  
Nov. 16 – 29 ~ Online Book Fair (The link will be sent out closer to the date.)  
Nov. 18 ~ Booking for Parent/Teacher Interviews Opens @ 8:00 am  
Nov. 18 ~ Westmount Elementary School Council (WESC) Meeting (The link will be sent out closer to the date.)  
Nov. 23 – 27 ~ Trickster Theatre Residency  
Nov. 23 ~ Report Cards Go Home  
Nov. 24 ~ Booking for Parent/Teacher Interviews Closes @ 12:00 pm  
Nov. 25 & 26 ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences (online)  
Nov. 27 ~ Day 2  
Nov. 27 ~ Spirit Day - **wild** Sock Day  
Nov. 30 ~ Assembly – Collaboration  
Dec. 4 ~ Day 4  
Dec. 11 ~ No School  
Dec. 17 ~ Christmas Concert (virtual)  
Dec. 18 ~ Day 3  
Dec. 18 ~ Assembly – Empathy  
Dec. 18 ~ Spirit Day – PJ Day  
Jan. 4 ~ First Day Back After Christmas Break

### Trickster Theatre

Last year, Mrs. Kopp applied for a grant and we were fortunate enough to receive it and have the opportunity to work with a well-known theatre group. The week of Nov. 23 – 27, artists from Trickster Theatre will be joining us at Westmount School to create a story around the topic of Environmental Stewardship. Each class will be responsible for part of the story. Classes will work with an artist several times throughout the week to create the presentation. Normally, we would have an assembly to showcase the final product, but this year we will be sharing it digitally. At the end of the week, the Trickster Theater artists will use their amazing video editing skills to put all of the pieces together. Once we receive the video, we will be sharing the link with our Westmount families. Throughout the week, Trickster Theatre employees will adhere to strict safety protocol to protect our students, staff and themselves. We will continue to maintain our cohorts by working class by class. We look forward to sharing our final product with you!



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**School Fees**

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

You can pay One Lump Sum or Item by Item.

**Westmount Elementary School Council**

You are invited to the WESC meeting on **Nov. 18, 2020 @ 6:30!**

All families are welcome! We cannot wait to see you there!

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

**Soup for Soldiers**

In partnership with Emma Moore, we are collecting 'Soup for Soldiers'.

**Who:**

This project is to help Strathmore and area Veterans with food security.

**Why:**

This has been a hard year for many people including veterans. Covid has made it hard for people to access food for themselves and their families.

**When:**

Tuesday, November 3rd to Tuesday, November 10

**How:**

Each student and staff member (who is able to and is interested in participating) is asked to bring 1 can of soup (or more if they wish).

Donations will be taken to the Legion to be dispersed according to need.

**#wecanmakeadifference**



**Adventures With Westie**

If you and your family are planning an exciting activity, we would love to hear about it! Ask your child's teacher for a Westie and a form to fill out describing your 'Adventures with Westie'. Your 'story' will be posted on our bulletin board for the year and then returned.

Have fun with  
**WESTIE!**



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### Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews November 25th & 26th 4:00-7:00pm



This year, Parent Teacher Interviews will be held virtually via Zoom. In order to book an interview, you must book online at <http://wsmts.schoolappointments.com>. You can book starting on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Booking will close Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.

*Please Note: Due to appointments being virtual, the Office can not book appointments for you. If you need help booking, we are happy to help you over the phone. All appointments must be booked before the cut off of noon on November 24th.*

### School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our School Appointments website: <http://wsmts.schoolappointments.com/>
2. Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" to add more children. 
4. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.  
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "Book Appointments" button to save your bookings.

You will be sent a reminder email on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 24th which will include your Zoom link(s). You will also be sent Zoom instructions in case you are not familiar with the program.

**SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS ON-LINE** 

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### Grade 6 Leadership Team

We are excited to introduce this year's Grade 6 Leadership Team. This group of students will be running our assemblies, doing morning announcements, organizing and running our spirit days and looking for ways to make Westmount School an even more amazing place to learn and grow for all of our students.

Our 2020 – 21 Leadership Team consists of:

- Edie Douglas
- Preslee Piper
- Evan Bodie
- Dane Lewis
- Finley Watson
- Jane Cook
- Alexis Ryan
- Miles Harper
- Chloe Holinaty
- Sylus Zolmer
- Millie Rowan
- Will Miller

We are excited to see what this group of students will do! First up is our Wild Hair Spirit Day held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. All students can earn valuable House League points!

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### Online Book Fair Nov. 16 – 29

This year, our book fair will be online. You will have thousands of books to choose from and they will be delivered right to your own home. As in the past, Westmount School receives a portion of the profits. Mrs. Bigras uses these funds to stock our library with books for all ages and reading abilities. A link to access our 'store' will be sent to families later in November.

**Happy Reading!**



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