

Westie's News

JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 2023

MESSAGE FROM MRS. HAMPSON

Dear Families,

Happy New Year from our Westmount family to yours! We hope that you were able to enjoy a relaxing and fun break with your friends and family. January's virtue is Perseverance. We see students and staff demonstrating perseverance daily in our work and play. At Westmount, we place great importance on our core values and highlight a different value each month. We take great pride in all of our students and the way they positively contribute to the community. Through our Christmas Hamper Drive, Westmount students and families donated 1658 items to help members of our local community. During the holiday season, our students also made hundreds of Christmas cards for our local seniors. Finally, our Christmas Marketplace raised \$2677.40 for charity! Thank you to everyone who helped us give back!
#community #collaboration #wecanmakeadifference

Please be reminded of our weather policy: If the wind chill drops **below -25C**, we do not send students outside for recess. If 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 some energy. Anything **warmer than -20C** with the wind chill and our students will be outside for regular recess time. We encourage our students to come ready for the range of weather that is possible throughout the Albertan winter months. For those with permission, our Polar Bear Club is up and running!

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

Yours in Learning,
Mrs. Hampson, Principal

POLAR BEAR CLUB

Our Polar Bear Club is up and running for those who have been given permission! #community

Polar Bear Club 2022 - 23

What is the Polar Bear Club?

- ★ When the weather dips below - 25C with the wind chill, students are not sent outside for recess. Students in the Polar Bear Club will have the choice to go outside and play rather than stay inside.



Who can participate?

- ★ The choice to go outside will be given to students whose families have returned the signed permission slip below. Students must be dressed appropriately for the weather. They can stay in OR go outside. If the weather drops below -32C with the windchill, the Polar Bear Club will not be offered.

Who supervises the Polar Bear Club?

- ★ Staff will supervise the Polar Bear Club.

SCHOOL HOURS REMINDER

Our first bell rings at 8:21 am. Supervision on the playground starts at 8:00 am. For safety reasons, please avoid dropping students off before 8:00 am.

Our final bell rings at 3:04 pm. If you pick up your child, please arrange a meeting place that is away from the bus run. Most of our students ride the bus to and from school so the bus run is a VERY busy place before and after school.

Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe!

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If you need to get a message to your child, please call the office at 403-934-3041 **BEFORE 2:45**. This way we can ensure that your child receives the message before the end of the school day.

WESTMOUNT SCHOOL'S EVENT CALENDAR (CLICK THIS LINK.)

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are payable online at School Cash Online.

There are several ways to pay:

- Online at [School Cash Online](#)
- Cheque - payable to Westmount School
- Cash
- Payment Plan - To set this up, please call the school at 403-934-3041.

You can pay one lump sum or item by item. It is up to you!

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 404-934-3041.

Thank you for taking care of these fees!

WONDERFUL WORKS OF WESTMOUNT

If your Kindergarten to Grade 4 child is interested in participating, sign up [HERE!](#)

The deadline to sign up is Jan. 23, 2023.

See below for information!



WONDERFUL WORKS OF WESTMOUNT 2023

Once again, we invite our Kindergarten - Grade 4 students to participate in the "Wonderful Works of Westmount" to showcase their passions and talents.

The possibilities are almost endless: crafts, hobbies, cooking/baking, fine arts (art, music, drama), sports displays, etc. This allows students to share their achievements and enjoyment of an activity outside of school.

How does it work?

1. Submit your child's interest in participating.
2. Plan and organize a display of their passion.
3. Arrive at the school Gym on Jan. 26, 2023 at 5:50 pm to set up.
4. From 6:00 - 7:00 pm talk to visitors about what they are sharing.

**GYM DOORS OPEN AT 5:50 PM FOR
STUDENTS TO SET UP.**

WONDERFUL WORKS OF WESTMOUNT:

JAN.26, 2023

6:00 - 7:00 PM



WESC (WESTMOUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL) MEETING

WHEN

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18TH, 6:30PM

WHERE

220 WHEATLAND TRAIL
STRATHMORE, AB

MORE INFORMATION

WESC is an invaluable part of Westmount School. We are fortunate to have an active, supportive group of parents!

Each time you attend a WESC meeting throughout the school year, you are entered into a draw to have your school fees reimbursed. The draw takes place at the final meeting of the year.

Babysitting is provided and you get the opportunity to connect with other families! Meetings are generally short ~ half an hour.

Bring a friend! We would love to see you there!

WESC IS LOOKING FOR A NEW PRESIDENT!

Hello Westmount Families,

Westmount Elementary School Council is looking for a new president! Our current president, Lindsay Jensen, will be moving on next year. She has been an amazing part of our School Council for many years. We are grateful for her time and dedication! Thank you, Lindsay!

As a result, we are looking for a new president. Please see below for more information about the position.

President Job Description:

- Prepare meeting agenda, facilitate bi-monthly meetings, act as the chairperson, and provide general supervision of all school council activities.
- Maintain regular communication with school Administration and meet with the executive team to organize events and other school council business.
- Serve as the primary contact to the Administration and others on the board, if needed.
- Work with the treasurer to be current on all financial matters of the council.
- Ensure that the minutes of the meetings are recorded and accessible.

Time Commitment

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every other month (September, November, January, March, and May) in the Westmount School library at 6:30 p.m. Meetings last between 30 minutes to an hour.

Please contact Lindsay Jensen if you have any questions or are interested in the position.
lindsk10@hotmail.com

Thanks for considering being a part of our School Council!

WESC

HOUSE LEAGUE TEAM POINTS UPDATE

As we move into 2023, our House League points are as follows:

Red Coyotes: 1812 Points

Blue Huskies: 2032 Points

Green Wolves: 2579 Points

Go, Westmount!

OUR DRAMA PRODUCTION IS BACK!

SAVE THE DATE!!

What: The Lorax

When: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Matinee Performance @ 1:30 pm

Evening Performance @ 7:00 pm

We are excited to have our Drama Production back! Our students are busily getting ready for the production and can't wait to share it with you! #collaboration #community #wonderfulwestmount

PARKING LOT SAFETY

We want everyone to be safe during drop-off and pick-up times! Please see the image below to help us to ensure the safety of our students and visitors.

Parking Lot Reminder

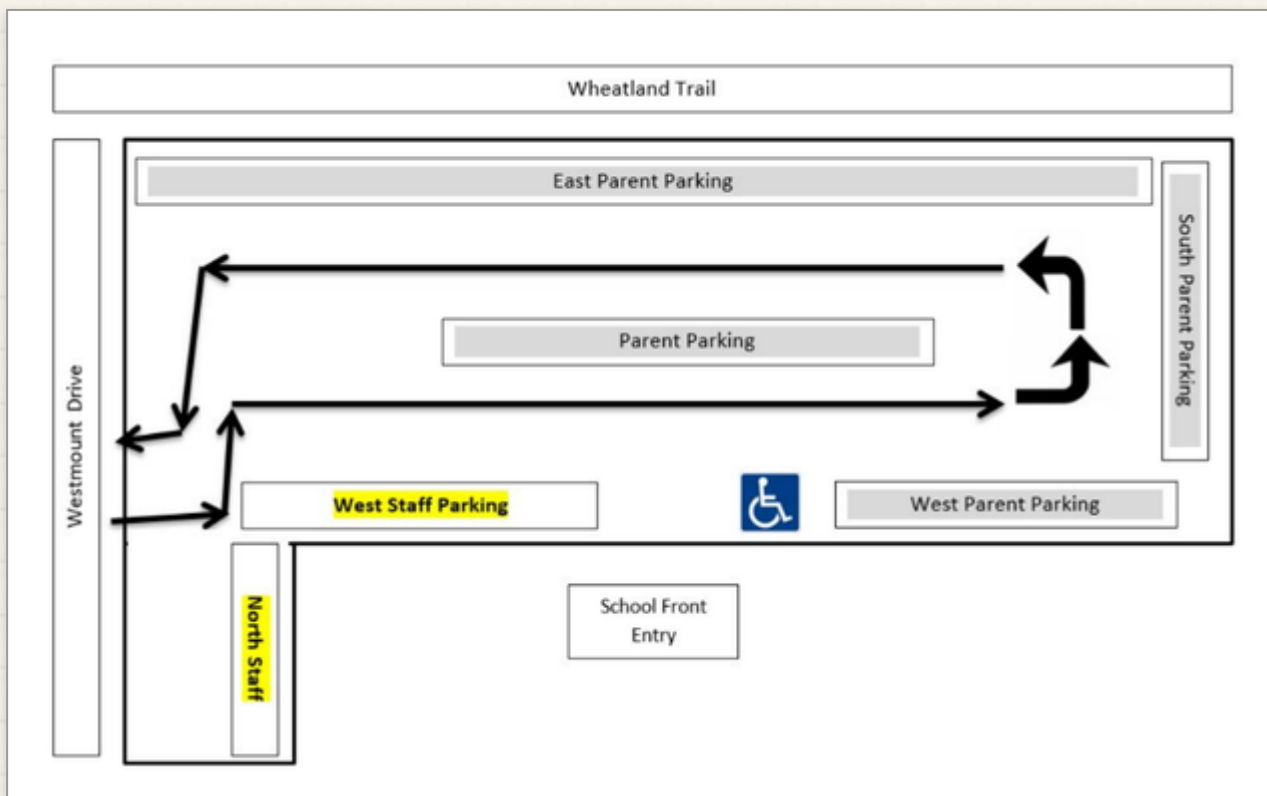
Our goal is to ensure that all of our students and families are safe at school. This includes our parking lot.

Please see the image below for safe traffic flow in the parking lot.

Things to Remember:

- ❖ Do not park behind other vehicles
- ❖ Please park in a stall before letting your children out
- ❖ Please do not stop in the areas of traffic flow

With your help, our parking lot can be a safe place for EVERYONE!



WE'VE BEEN BUSY!



BUDDIES



BUDDIES



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



POOKAIKS CLUB



BUDDIES



TRYING
INSTRUMENTS



CHRISTMAS
MARKETPLACE




BOARD GAME
AFTERNOON



WESTMOUNT SCHOOL

 Westmount School, Wheatland...

 westmount@ghsd75.ca

 403-934-3041

 westmoutelementary.com