

WESTMOUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Effort Today - Excellence Tomorrow



Name: _____ Room _____

Parents' Names: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
Grade & Class: _____	Postal Code: _____
Home Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Mother's Work: _____	Father's Work: _____

Westmount School - The School of the 6 'R's

**Reading, wRiting, aRithmetic, Reasoning,
Respect, and Responsibility**



Westmount School Mission Statement

Working together, the staff at Westmount School, helps students to be the best they can be, both inside and outside of school. We encourage ownership, responsibility, and we inspire our students to reach their full potential as successful life long learners.



Westmount School

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Principal's Welcome

Welcome to Westmount School for the 2009 – 2010 school year! The purpose of this agenda is to encourage you to stay organized and for your parents and teachers to have an easy way to communicate with each other. This communication is important because with the help of your parents, the school community and volunteers, we are sure you are going to have a fabulous year at Westmount School!



As a staff we work hard to develop a safe place for you to learn. In exchange we ask that you work hard, treat others with respect and accept everybody for who they are. We strive to provide a high quality education and have high expectations for you as a student to always do your best. Have a great year!

2009 – 2010 School Goals

To focus on:

STUDENT ASSESSMENT.

To further develop:

READING, WRITING and MATH SKILLS.

To enhance:

STUDENT LEARNING.

To improve:

OUR STUDENT'S SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR LEARNING.

To continue to focus on:

STUDENT'S NEEDS.

Westmount Charter of Rights and Responsibilities

To ensure that Westmount students have a learning environment where every student receives the best possible education, we have the following rights and responsibilities.



I. Pride in Our Surroundings

We have the right to work in a clean and well-

kept school. Therefore, I have the responsibility to help keep equipment, books and the school tidy and clean. I will respect and take care of other people's, the school's, and my own property.

II. Safety

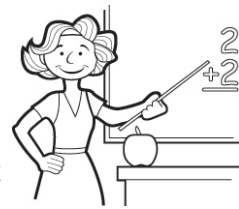
We all have the right to feel safe and have our personal space and property respected. Therefore, I have the responsibility to contribute to a supportive and secure community free from harm and help create a safe environment. I belong here and I can help everyone else to feel welcome.

III. Respecting Individual Differences

Every person at Westmount School has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. Therefore, I am responsible for showing respect and courtesy to all members of our school community.

IV. Work Habits

We all have the right to achieve our potential. Therefore, I am responsible for developing good work habits and not interfering with another's right to learn. I can contribute to a positive learning atmosphere and support everyone's right to learn. I will be prepared and do my best in all that I do.



V. Good Conduct

We have the right to feel proud of our school. Therefore, I am responsible for everything I do and I will display good conduct at all times. I will set a good example for others and treat all people with respect, courtesy and consideration.

The purpose of this charter is to create a school environment which is focused on learning and supports the development of caring, competent citizens.



Behaviour Code of Conduct

Westmount School staff teaches for success. As parents, you are the most important people in your child's life. Your child's life and success is dependent upon your commitment to a high standard of learning and behaviour.

At Westmount School, students are expected to treat each other with respect and assume the responsibilities listed below:



1. BE CONSIDERATE

- Treat others how they would like to be treated.
- Be friendly and use polite manners.
- Never hurt another person's feelings.
- Listen to others.

2. BE RESPECTFUL

- Know and follow the rules.
- Care for school property.
- Use socially appropriate language.

3. BE SAFE



- Do not harm others or yourself.
- Don't bring unsafe items to school.
- Walk in the school at all times.
- Use equipment as intended.
- Don't leave the school grounds without permission.
- Be traffic-safe.
- Engage in responsible decision making.



Strategies for Conflict Resolution

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| 1. Take turns | 4. Share |
| 2. Avoid conflict | 5. Apologize |
| 3. Compromise | 6. Get help |

Steps For Conflict Resolution

Step 1: Stop and Calm Down

- ★ Calm down my body by taking some deep breaths.
- ★ Calm down my mind by saying to myself:
 - “I won't blow up.”
 - “I won't get myself into trouble.”
 - “I can control my temper.”



Step 2: Think

Think about:

- ★ What will happen if I lose my temper?
- ★ Whether to stay, walk away, ignore or talk to an adult.



Step 3: Talk

- ★ Talk to the person and say why I am angry or upset.

Step 4: Feel Good Again

- ★ Get rid of any anger by:
 - Doing something active.
 - Doing something I enjoy.
 - Doing a relaxation exercise.
 - Trying to forgive and forget.



Student Expectations



Courtesy
Consideration
Common Sense
Curiosity



Westmount Life Skills for Success

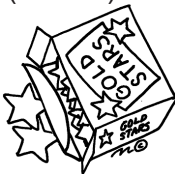


The staff of Westmount Elementary School will continue to recognize a different virtue every month. We encourage parents to discuss the virtues listed below every month as students will be recognized for specific traits that will help them be successful.



W. E. S. Star Program

Westmount Elementary School (W.E.S.) Star Program will help students to focus on the above listed virtues. STAR is an acronym for Stop Think Act Right.



It is our hope that this will help our students to not only learn about the virtues, but also, to emphasize the importance of applying their learning to their everyday actions. We will refer to the term "STAR Qualities" throughout the school year.



Westmount School Bell Times

8:45 - Warning Bell
 8:50 - Block 1 start - Period 1
 9:17 - Period 2
 9:44 - Period 3
 10:11 - Period 4
 10:38 - Recess
 10:53 - Block 2 Starts - Period 5
 11:20 - Period 6
 11:47 - Period 7
 12:14 - Period 8
 12:41 - Supervised Lunch
 1:01 - Noon Recess
 1:26 - Warning Bell
 1:31 - Block 3 Starts - Period 9
 1:58 - Period 10
 2:25 - Period 11
 2:52 - Period 12
 3:19 - Dismissal Group 1
 3:24 - Dismissal Group 2

Agenda Use

A very important part of home-school communication at Westmount involves the use of this daytimer. The daytimers are provided at a fee to students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 in Westmount School. It assists students in organizing their learning and in keeping parents informed about assigned homework and student's progress. We ask that parents check this book every night as it will be checked daily by the classroom teacher.

House Leagues



As a way to build school spirit, each student at Westmount School is assigned a house league team. There are three teams: Red Coyotes, Green Wolves and the Blue Huskies. Students participating in school spirit days, intramurals and other school activities earn points for their team. Look in the school hall above the lockers for team updates during the school year and participate in all school activities to help your team be the highest point earner!

2009 - 2010 Yearly Calendar

AUGUST / 2009							SEPTEMBER / 2009							OCTOBER / 2009						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18■	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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FEBRUARY / 2010							MARCH / 2010							APRIL / 2010						
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MAY / 2010							JUNE / 2010							JULY / 2010						
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Student Instructional Days				Instructional 181				Day in lieu of Parent/Teacher Interview) 2	
Aug.	1	Feb.	17	Non-Instructional 10				Organizational Professional				▲ 3	
Sept.	20	March	21	School Instructional Time:				Teachers' Convention				◆ 2	
Oct.	19	April	15	Elementary – Minimum - 960 hours				Professional Development				+ 3	
Nov.	19	May	18	(Provincial Requirement – 950 hours)				Non-Instructional Days				10	
Dec.	13	June	20	Junior High – Minimum – 1010 hours				School Closure				■ 8	
Jan.	18			(Provincial Requirement – 950 hours)				Diploma Exam Days					
				Senior High – Minimum – 1010 hours				First Day of Semester				→	
				(Provincial Requirement – 1000 hours)									
Total	90	Total	91										
The Regular Board of Trustees meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month except for July and August.												August 31 – first day of school for students	
**Recommended Parent/Teacher Interview Day – Alternate day may be designated												Updated: Dec 5, 2007 Approved at Feb 26, 2008 Board Meeting	

August

2009

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Professional Development Staff Back In School	28 Professional Development Staff Back In School	29
30	31 First Day of School For All Students K to 6					

September

2009

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Westmount School Life Skill For Success #1: RESPECT		1	2	3	4 Day 3	5
6	7 Labour Day, No School	8	9	10 Meet the Teacher Night	11 Day 1	12
13	14	15	16 School Photos (Includes class pictures) Staff Meeting	17	18 Flex Friday, No School	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Terry Fox Run Day 2	26
27	28	29	30			

October

2009

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Westmount School Life Skill For Success #2: TRUTH				1	2 Regional P.D. Day, No School For Students	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Flex Friday, No School	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day, No School	13	14	15	16 Day 1 Respect Assembly	17
18	19	20	21 Staff Meeting	22	23 Day 4	24
25	26 Book Fair	27	28	29	30 Day 1 →	31

November

2009

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4 School Photo Retakes	5	6 Day off in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews, No School	7
8	9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony	11 Remembrance Day, No School	12	13 Day 3	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Day 2	21
22	23 Report Cards Out	24	25 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 - 7:30	26 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 - 7:30	27 Day 1 Truth Assembly	28
29	30					

December

2009

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Westmount School Life Skill For Success #3: WISDOM		1	2 Staff Meeting	3	4 Flex Friday, No School	5
6	7	8 Dress Rehearsal Christmas Concert	9 Christmas Concert Matinee Performance	10 Christmas Concert Evening Performance	11 Day 4	12
13	14	15	16	17 Christmas Marketplace	18 Day 1	19
20	21 Christmas Break	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January

2010

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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3	4 First Day Back After Holidays	5	6	7	8 Flex Friday, No School	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Day 2	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Day 3 Wisdom Assembly	23
24	25	26	27	28 Wonderful Works of Westmount K-4 6:30 to 7:30	29 P.D. Day, No School For Students Staff Meeting	30
31						

February

2010

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Westmount School Life Skill For Success #4: LOVE & FRIENDSHIP	1	2	3	4	5 Day 4	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Day 1	13
14	15 Family Day, No School	16	17	18 Teacher's Convention	19 Teacher's Convention	20
21	22	23	24 Staff Meeting	25	26 Day 2 Love & Friendship Assembly	27 Drama Rehearsal
28 Drama Rehearsal						

March

2010

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Westmount School Life Skill For Success #5: COURAGE	1	2 Drama Production	3 Drama Production	4 Drama Production	5 Flex Friday, No School	6
7	8 Cultural Week	9	10	11	12 Day 1	13
14	15	16	17 Staff Meeting	18	19 Day 4	20
21	22 Report Cards Out	23	24 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30 - 7:30	25	26 Day Off In Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews, No School	27
28	29	30	31			

April

2010

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Westmount School Life Skill For Success #6: HUMILITY				1 Courage Assembly	2 Good Friday	3
4	5 Spring Break	6	7	8	9 →	10
11	12 First Day Back after Spring Break	13	14	15	16 Day 3	17
18	19	20	21 Staff Meeting	22	23 Flex Friday, No School	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Day 2	

May

2010

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Westmount School Life Skill For Success #7: HONESTY						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 PD Day, No School For Students	8
9	10	11 Gr. 3 LA Part A Achievement Test 9:00 - 10:10	12 Gr. 6 LA Part A Achievement Test 9:00 - 11:00	13 Gr. 6 Math Part A Achievement Test 9:00 - 9:30	14 Gr. 3 Timed Number Facts Achievement Test 9:00 - 9:06 Day 3 Humility Assembly	15
16	17	18	19 Staff Meeting	20	21 Flex Friday, No School	22
23	24 Victoria Day, No School	25	26 Thank You Tea	27	28 Day 1	29
30	31					

June

2010

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4 Day 4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Flex Friday, No School	12
13	14	15 Gr.3 LA Part B Achievement Test 9:00-10:00 Gr. 6 Soc. St. Achievement Test 9:00-10:30	16 Gr. 6 LA Part B Achievement Test 9:00-10:00	17 Gr. 3 Math Achievement Test 9:00-10:00 Gr. 6 Math Pt.B Achievement Test 9:00-10:00	18 Gr. 6 Science Achievement Test 9:00 - 10:00 Day 3	19
20	21	22	23	24 Last Day of School For Grade 1	25 Day 4	26
27	28 Gr. 1 Orientation	29 Last Day of School For students. Report Cards Out Honesty Assembly	30 Organizational Day, No School For Students			