

Westmount Elementary School's Opening Bulletin

AUGUST SEPTEMBER
2010



"Westmount the School of the 6
R's: Reading, wRiting, Reasoning,
aRithmetic, Respect and
Responsibility"



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****Please remember to fill out an individual form for each one of your children and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Thank you!

From The Principal

Welcome to Westmount School for the 2010/2011 school year! I'd like to take a moment to let you know of a few changes to our staff and our programs here at Westmount.

We want to extend a huge welcome to Mrs. Danielle Plett as our new grade six teacher. We also have many returning teachers and support staff that have changed job descriptions for this school year and we want to wish them well as they embark on new adventures here at Westmount.

We have had a large influx of new students and this has pushed some of our classes to rather large class sizes. We are hopeful that within the next few days we can announce a plan to alleviate some of these class size pressures.

Later this month, we will be sending home a note detailing all of your personal contact information. It is imperative that we have up to date contact information so that we can contact you quickly in case of an emergency.

Please feel free to stop in and visit either Mr. Graff or myself at the school as we are really looking forward to another year here at Westmount. Thank you for allowing the staff at Westmount to be a part of the life of your children.

Yours truly,
Wayne Funk

Westmount School 2010 – 2011 Important Dates

September

- 1 – First Day of School Grade 1 – 6
Newsletter Out
- 6 – Labour Day, No School
- 9 – Meet the Teacher:
For all Grades
- 15 – WSC Meeting 6:30 in the Library
- 20 – School Pictures
- 24 – Flex Friday, No School
- 29 – October Newsletter Out
- 30 – Terry Fox Run



October

- 8 – PD Day, No School for students
- 11 – Thanksgiving Day, No School
- 15 – Respect Assembly
- 18 - 22 Book Fair
- 27 – November Newsletter Out
- 29 – Flex, No school



November

- 5 – Picture Retakes
- 10 – Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 am
- 11 – No School, Remembrance Day
- 12 – Day in Lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews, No School
- 22 – Report Cards Distributed
- 23 – Call to Book Interviews 9 – 3
- 24 & 25 Parent Teacher Interviews 4 – 7:30
- 24 & 25 Used Book Sale
- 24 – Newsletter out
- 25 – Truth Assembly
- 26 – Flex Friday No School



December

- 7 – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert
- 8 – Christmas Concert - Afternoon
- 9 – Christmas Concert – Evening
- 15 – Newsletter Out
- 16 – Christmas Marketplace Gr 5 & 6
- 20 – Jan. 3rd – Christmas Break No School



January

- 3 – First Day Back after Christmas Break
- 14 – Wisdom Assembly
- 26 – Newsletter Out
- 27 – Wonderful Works of Westmount K – 4 6:30 – 7:30
- 31 – Semester Break/ PD Day No school for students



February

- 11 – Flex No School
- 21 – Family Day, No School
- 23 – Newsletter Out
- 24 – Teacher's Convention, No School
- 25 – Teacher's Convention, No School



March

- 4 – Love & Friendship Assembly
- 14 – 17 Cultural Week
- 14 – Report Cards Distributed
- 15 – Book Interviews 9 – 3
- 16 – Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 – 7:30
- 18 – Flex Friday No School
- 21 – Lieu Day for Parent Teacher Interviews No School
- 30 – April Newsletter Out



April

- 1 – Courage Assembly
- 2 & 3 – Drama Rehearsal
- 5 – Drama Production Matinee
- 6 – Drama Production Matinee & Evening
- 7 – Drama Production Evening performance
- 20 – May Newsletter Out
- 22 – Good Friday, No School
- 25 - 29 Spring Break, No School



May

- 6 – P.D. Day No School for Students
- 10-12 Achievement Tests Gr. 3 & 6
- 20 – Flex Friday No School
- 23 – Victoria Day, No School
- 25 – Thank You Tea & Fine Arts Performance
- 25 – Newsletter Out
- 27 – Humility Assembly
- 30 /31 – Book Fair



June

- 1 – 3 Book Fair
- 10 – Flex Friday, No School
- 14 - 17 Achievement Exams Gr. 3 & 6
- 21 – Last Day for Grade K's
- 24 – Last Day for Grade 1's
- 28 – Gr. 1 Orientation
- 29 – Last day of School for Students & Honesty Assembly Report Cards Out
- 30 – Staff Organization Day, No School for students



Westmount School Virtues 2010-11

Respect: Sept 1 – Oct. 15

Truth: Oct. 18 – Nov. 25

Wisdom: Nov. 29 – Jan. 14

Love & Friendship: Jan. 17 – Mar. 4

Courage: March 7 – April 1

Humility: April 4 – May 27

Honesty: May 30 – June 29

**Golden Hills School Division No. 75
2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

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Student Instructional Days	Instructional	181
Aug. 0	Non-Instructional	10
Sept. 20		
Oct. 18		
Nov. 19		
Dec. 13		
Jan. 20		
Total 90	Total 91	

School Instructional Time:
 Elementary – Minimum - 960 hours
 (Provincial Requirement – 950 hours)
 Junior High – Minimum – 1010 hours
 (Provincial Requirement – 950 hours)
 Senior High – Minimum – 1010 hours
 (Provincial Requirement – 1000 hours)

Day in lieu of Parent/Teacher Interview)	2
Organizational Professional	▲	3
Teachers' Convention	◆	2
Professional Development	+	3
Non-Instructional Days		10
School Closure	■	7
Diploma Exam Days	T	
First Day of Semester	→	

The Regular Board of Trustees meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month except for July and August.

****Recommended Parent/Teacher Interview Day – Alternate day may be designated**

Students start classes
 Semester break
 Updated: Draft – presented at the Nov 18 admin mtg.
 Approved at the Jan 13, 2009 Board Meeting

2010 – 2011 Westmount School Staff

Teaching Staff

Mrs. Cori Hampson
Mrs. Lisa Giesbrecht
Mrs. Jana Kopp
Ms. Sherri Webber
Ms. Janice Sumner
Mrs. Myrle Taylor
Mrs. Kathy Herriot
Mrs. Rosalie Rudolf
Mrs. Corinne Koppel
Mrs. Deanna Kooistra
Ms. Sherri Gillis
Mrs. Karen Binns
Mr. Dana Graff
Mrs. Michelle Brassard
Mrs. Lianne Jones
Mrs. Holly Desserre
Mrs. Jill Rossi
Mrs. Marie vanDriel
Ms. LeeAnn Praud
Mrs. Danielle Plett
Ms. Janet Barkauskas
Mrs. Michelle Brassard
Mr. Dana Graff
Mr. Wayne Funk

K1 & K2
1A - M & W / K3 T & Th
1A - T & Th / Music M & W
1B
1C
2A
2B
2C
3A
3B
4A
4B
4C 1 – 4 AM
4C 1 & 2 PM
4C 3 & 4 PM
5B & AISI
5B 3
5C
6A
6B
LAC / Living Skills
Phys. Ed / 4C
Associate Principal & 4C
Principal & Phys. Ed



Support Staff

Mrs. Bonnie Bigras
Ms. Belinda Clack
Mrs. Jaime Fairbairn
Ms. Pat Irish
Ms. Joy Reid
Mrs. Venita Schoepp
Mrs. Gail Stanford
Mrs. Karen Wilkie
Mrs. Joan Yule
Mrs. Bernadette Kulik
Project H.O.P.E.
Shannon Robinson
Mrs. Kelsi McInnes
Heather Stump
Caretakers
Mrs. Cheryl Telford
Mrs. Charlene Grona

Librarian / Educational Program Assistant
Educational Program Assistant
Educational Program Assistant
Head Secretary
Educational Program Assistant
Educational Program Assistant
Speech Assistant
Secretary / Tech
Educational Consultant
Family School Liaison Worker

Music Therapist
Music Therapist
Art Therapist

Head Caretaker
Caretaker





Westmount Elementary School Photos

On Wednesday September 20, 2010, individual photographs will be taken at Westmount Elementary School. For Tuesday & Thursday Kindergarten students, parents and caregivers are welcome to bring your children to the school on the 20th before noon for an individual photograph, or you can wait and have their photo taken on Wednesday November 4th, which is the school retake day.

Class photographs for the Tuesday & Thursday Kindergarten students will be on Tuesday September 15th.

Please do not hesitate to contact Lifetouch at (403) 255-5440 if you have any questions.



JELLY BEAN DANCE

Where: Strathmore Civic Center

When: Friday September 10, 2010

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Cost: \$5:00

Goodies, Prizes and Refreshments available!

**Come have fun and help support the
Strathmore Silhouettes Gymnastics Club!**

SEE YOU THERE!

Wheatland Further Education Fall 2010
All classes held at the Brentwood Elementary School, 95 Brentwood Dr.

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING PROGRAM (11 – 15 YRS)

Becoming a babysitter is serious business. The Kidproof Babysitter's Training Program is packed full of activities and hands-on-practice to increase a student's confidence and give them the skills needed to be the best babysitter possible. During the full-day workshop, students will develop skills such as: • Finding and preparing for a babysitting job • Caring for kids of all ages • Dealing with difficult situations • Preparing safe and fun activities • Making safe choices while babysitting • Basic First Aid, including burns, cuts, poisons, choking...and more. This one-day workshop includes the Babysitters Handbook, and upon successful completion, each student will receive a wallet card. Minimum 10 students - Maximum 25 students.

Please bring a teddy bear or doll the size of a baby and a 'peanut-free' bag lunch.

1 class: Sat, Oct 23rd or Sat, Nov 20th from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$60.00

AT HOME ALONE PLUS EMERGENCY FIRST AID (10 - 13 YRS)

Does your child spend time home alone before or after school due to your work schedule or other commitments? This popular and entertaining workshop is designed to prepare children to look after themselves during these times. Important skills are learned through interactive lessons and role play that help make both you and your child more confident when they are home alone. A Kidproof Canada At Home Alone Book plus First Aid book, wallet size completion card and Kidproof Canada Key Chain is included. **Please bring a 'peanut-free' bag lunch.**

1 class: Sat, Nov 6th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Fee: \$50.00

NEVER BEE LOST (5 – 7 YRS)

Never Bee Lost is based on a story about a bee named Bob-Bee who goes to the flea market with his family, and gets separated from his Mum-Bee. Through games and interaction, kids will learn that they are never to go anywhere with anyone, what to do should they become lost or separated, and that they'll "Never Bee Lost" forever. Maximum 15 students. A Kidproof Canada Never-Bee-Lost Coloring Book and Crayons included.

1 class: Tue, Nov 16th from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Fee: \$20.00

STRANGER SMARTS (7 – 10 YRS)

Kids participating in our Kidproof Stranger Smarts course will learn invaluable information in a non-threatening, entertaining environment; helping them to identify potential risks, and to make safe choices when approached by a stranger. This proactive and preventative workshop includes information on: personal space; trusting your intuition; recognizing tricks predators use to gain your trust; learning that not all strangers are dangerous. Maximum 15 students.

1 class: Thu, Oct 21st from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Fee: \$30.00

CYBERSAFE (ages 8 - 11 yrs)

Internet Safety is on the mind of every parent. It is estimated that 2 out of 3 households have a computer and access to the cyberspace. What this also means, is that there are risks involved. Think about this: 26% of kids ages 9 – 15 went to meet a friend that they met online without permission of their parents. What that tells us is that kids either don't know the rules, or don't understand the seriousness of the threat. CyberSafe covers the topic of Internet safety through interactive, non threatening and entertaining lessons. CyberSafe focuses on teaching kids how to recognize warning signs, safe and unsafe situations and the skills they need to make safe choices. This is not a technical or software computer course.

1 session: Tue, Oct 5th from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Fee: \$30.00

BEGINNER CROSS STITCH FOR CHILDREN (8 - 12 YRS)

This course is designed for kids who want to learn how to cross stitch. The focus will be on completing a fun cartoon character kit by the end of the course. Students will learn how to start a project, basic stitch, and finish the kit. We will also discuss how to store projects when they are not being worked on and why this is important.

5 classes: Thu, Oct 7th to Nov 4th from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$50.00

All classes held at the Brentwood Elementary School, 95 Brentwood Dr.

**For registration information please call
Candace @ 403-901-1506; John @ 403-480-1248 or WFES office @ 403-934-5785.**