

October 2011 Newsletter

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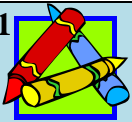


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2 Month Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Newsletter out WESC Meeting 6:30	6	7 Flex No school	8
9 Thanksgiving	10 Thanksgiving Day No School	11	12	13	14 Day 4 Respect Assembly	15
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30	31 Halloween 	October				

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20	21 Report Cards Out	22 Call to book interviews 9 - 3 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 - 7:30 Used Book Sale	23 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 - 7:30 Used Book Sale	24 Truth Assembly	25 Lieu Day No School	27
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We are moving quickly into the second month of the school year.



Our next Westmount Elementary School council meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 pm in the school library. Child care services are provided by some of our very capable grade 6 students. We would love for you to become a member of this very supportive group of parents. This group of parents and community members continues to be dedicated to the best interests of all of our students. One of the items up for discussion at the next meeting is a report detailing how Westmount School did in the Annual Education Results Report for 2010/2011.

Our Student Government has been elected and we are very excited to announce our government members today. We would like to welcome Hailey Iverson, Tyler Markel, Kallie Muir, Jemma Warrack, Camryn Riley, Jill Warrack, Ryan Stangness, Nolan Boese and Max Nelson to the student government. This dedicated group of students will be involved with planning for spirit days, running our assemblies and presenting new ideas to the staff at Westmount School.

Throughout the fall months there are many opportunities for the parents of our students to interact with our classes. We have already had our Meet the Teacher event as well as multiple field trips. Also, we have held our annual Terry Fox Run which was again a spectacular success. We just wanted to take a moment to thank all of our parents for their involvement in our school.



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Looking ahead, we have a Virtues Assembly on Friday, October 14 and our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10. Please mark these dates on your calendar as these are great opportunities for you to visit the school for a whole school occasion.

I just want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to everybody who has supported the school staff here at Westmount. I know that without the support of parents our job becomes so much more difficult. Thank you.



Yours truly,

Wayne Funk

Office request!!! We would like to ask all parents that call to leave messages for their children to please do so before 3 pm. We have GREAT students from 5A that come at 3 pm and pick up all the messages and deliver them to the students. When the calls come at the end of the day it is sometimes very difficult to find the students, they may be outside for gym, in the hallways getting ready to go home and the teachers do not hear the phone. So please; if you have messages for your child please call the school before 3 pm and we will do our best to get it to them.

PARKING & STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF REMINDERS

Thank you parents for parking your car as you drop-off and pick-up your children. We are trying to keep the centre of the parking lot empty to prevent students from running in front of vehicles. Please continue to park around the perimeter of the parking lot before you drop-off or pick-up students.



Please do not drive in the bus run at the west end of the school. This area is for busses only. All drop-offs and pick-ups should take place at the front (east side) of the school.

The north side of the parking lot (in front of the old Kindergarten doors) is for staff parking. Please park your vehicles in the east parking lot.

Thank you parents for your cooperation with our parking and bussing changes. We are very pleased with the changes that have been made making our parking lot and bus area much safer for your children.



WESC

Westmount Elementary School Council would like to invite you to attend our next school council meeting on Wednesday, October 5th. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the school library. Childcare is available in a nearby classroom and is paid for by school council.

You do not need to be a “room rep” & no full year commitment is required. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the school; events and activities, fundraising and spending, learn more about the valuable staff members and meet other parents that help make it a great place to be. The administration team, Mr. Funk and Mr. Graff, take the time to inform the council on upcoming events each month, making it a great way to stay informed and involved. **We hope to see you there!**

Attached to this newsletter you will find a 1 page summary of Westmount School's 2010/2011 Accountability Report in a report card format. This data is derived from the following sources.

- Grade 3 and 6 Provincial Achievement Test Results
- Grade 4 Student Surveys
- Parents of Grade 4 Students Surveys
- Teacher Surveys

We are very proud of our report card and believe that this information reflects the diligent hard work of our students, staff and parents. Should you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact Wayne Funk at Westmount School.

Classroom News From 1C

WELCOME

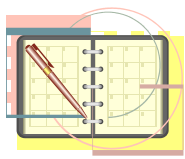
Welcome to an exciting year of Grade One at Westmount School. Our class consists of 21 enthusiastic smiling students, fourteen boys and seven girls! What a great way to learn that $14 + 7 = 21$. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Venita Schoepp and Ms Joy Reid as a part of our classroom family. As well, the children are especially fond of our classroom pet, an adorable little white bunny named Theodore.



After the first few weeks of everyone getting to know each other, we are now settling in nicely and developing an excellent rapport. September is always a period of adjustment for grade one children. The transition to a five day a week full-time program is often exhausting. And not just for the children, the teachers are usually tired at the end of the day too! Please try to ensure that your child comes to school well rested. In the afternoon we have already had one little person almost fall asleep at his desk and several others have given it serious thought on different occasions.



In Language Arts our first major focus is on activities which build the children's confidence as readers and writers. This important first step in literacy development can be encouraged at home and school jointly. Remember to have them follow the words with their "magic reading finger" and keep ALL reading experiences you share with your child positive.



Daytimers have been successfully introduced and a round of applause goes out to parents for reading, signing, and returning them on a daily basis. They are a great way for you to stay up to date with what is happening both at school and at home.

I am enjoying getting to know all the children and their parents. Thank you to all the parents who came out for our Meet The Teacher event and attended my classroom presentation; it was great to see you there. I encourage all parents to come and join



our room to see us in action. A huge THANK YOU to Aerin Wheeler for volunteering to be our volunteer coordinator for the year. We have had a large number of parents who have expressed interest in helping out in the classroom, which is great,

but I ask you all to have patience as we cycle everyone through their first turn before you may join us again. Thank you for your understanding!

Thank you to all the parents for sharing their children with me; teaching your children is such a pleasure! Here's to an exciting and wonderful year of learning and growing together!

Sincerely,
Janice Sumner

Lost and Found – It is amazing how fast our lost and found starts to build!!! If your child is missing anything have them check the lost and found. Please identify your child's clothing, which makes it much easier to return it to the rightful owner.



WFES KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS - 403-934-5785

Babysitter Training
Ages 11 and up

Our number one course in the country! Designed to increase confidence and provide the hands on experience and skills needed to be a great Babysitter.

7 hours. Includes:

- Babysitters Handbook
- Wallet-sized completion card



BABYSITTER'S TRAINING PROGRAM (11 – 15 YRS)

This one-day workshop includes the Babysitters Handbook, and upon successful completion, each student will receive a wallet card. Minimum 10 students - Maximum 20 students.

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

Location: Brentwood Elementary School
1 class: Sat, Dec 3rd 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$50.00

AT HOME ALONE+ FIRST AID
Ages 10 and up

A mix of our top Home Alone Course and Emergency First Aid, this fun and active course helps prepare kids to be at home alone and how to respond to medical emergencies.

4 hours. Includes:

- Student book
- Wallet-sized completion card
- Keychain



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.

Please bring a 'peanut-free' bag lunch.

Location: Brentwood Elementary School
1 class: Sat, Oct 29th from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Fee: \$40.00

NEVER BEE LOST
Ages 5 - 7

Teaches kids the steps to stay safe if they become lost or separated from their parents or caregiver. What a child does and most importantly how prepared they are for the situation can make the difference in their overall safety.

1 hour. Includes:

- "Bob the bee" coloring book and crayons



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. Maximum 15 students.


Location: Brentwood Elementary School
1 class: Mon, Nov 7th from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Fee: \$15.00

CYBERSAFE
Ages 8 - 11

CyberSafe covers the topic of Internet safety through interactive, non-threatening and entertaining lessons. This engaging program focuses on teaching kids how to recognize warning signs, safe and unsafe situations, and gives them the skills they need to make safe choices. This is not a technical or software computer course.

2 hours. Includes:

- CyberSafe student book



CYBERSAFE (8-11 yrs)

Think about this: 26% of kids ages 9 – 15 went to meet a friend that they met online without the 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 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.


Location: Brentwood Elementary School
1 class: Wed, Oct 19th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fee: \$20.00

BULLYPROOFING
Ages 7 - 11

This program is designed to be preventative and proactive so that children can avoid being bullied, and if they are bullied, know how to stop it. In an interactive, non-threatening manner, children learn how to become 'BullyProofed'.

2 hours. Includes:

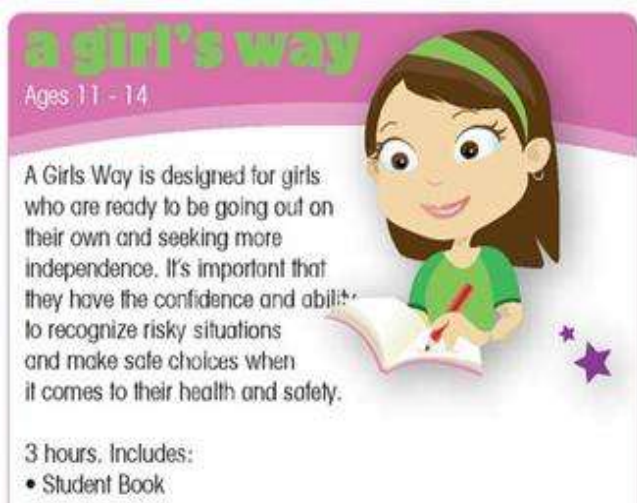
- Student book



BULLYPROOFING (7-11 yrs)

This child safety program is designed to be preventative and proactive, so that children can avoid being bullied, and if they are bullied, know how to stop it.

Location: Brentwood Elementary School
1 class: Tue, Nov 1st from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fee: \$20.00



a girl's way
Ages 11 - 14

A Girl's Way is designed for girls who are ready to be going out on their own and seeking more independence. It's important that they have the confidence and ability to recognize risky situations and make safe choices when it comes to their health and safety.

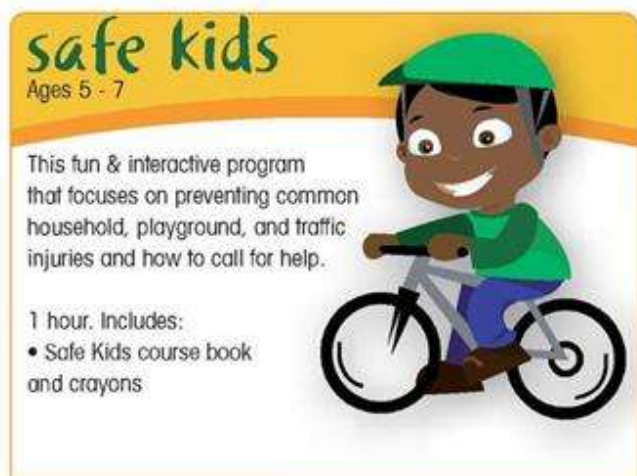
3 hours. Includes:
• Student Book

A GIRL'S WAY: Ages 11-15 yrs

This dynamic teen safety course is designed specifically for girls and covers topics such as:

- Setting boundaries - Increasing critical thinking skills
 - Drug and alcohol awareness - Identifying potentially dangerous relationships - Raising self-esteem
 - Developing healthy body image - Internet safety
- This program is empowering, engaging and non-threatening.

Location: Brentwood Elementary School
1 class: Thu, Nov 24th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fee: \$25.00



safe kids
Ages 5 - 7

This fun & interactive program that focuses on preventing common household, playground, and traffic injuries and how to call for help.

1 hour. Includes:
• Safe Kids course book and crayons

SAFEKIDS: Ages 5-7 yrs

Help your kids become SafeKids!

This one-hour Kidproof SafeKids program is a fun and entertaining child safety class for kids ages 5 – 7 to learn about injury prevention and how to safely

A Kidproof SafeKid knows how to check for safety, and when, who and how to call for help in emergencies.

Location: Brentwood Elementary School
1 class: Tue, Nov 22nd from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Fee: \$15.00

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHEATLAND FURTHER EDUCATION CLASSES
CALL JOYCE @ 403-934-5785 OR CANDACE @ 403-901-1506**



**Friday,
October 14th**

Dance starts at 6:00 pm and goes till 8:30 pm at the Strathmore Civic Center. All children grade 6 and younger are invited, children grade 2 and under must come with a parent, toddlers and preschoolers are welcome. Halloween Costumes are encouraged. \$5/child – Adults are free. There will be prizes and a snack bar; as well Face painting will be available on site. All the Net proceeds benefiting the Children's Wish Foundation



**5K Run/Walk Or 1K Stroller
Push/Walk**

Saturday, October 15th. Free pancake breakfast Come in your Halloween costume for fun!

Join us at Strathmore Kinsmen Park, at 8:30 am Registration. Walk starts at 9:00 am \$30 entry fee or pledges. Pre-registry preferred- Call Christie 403-934-8155. Children can walk for free if accompanied by an adult. There will be kids fun activities on site! For pledge forms and to pre-registration yourself or a team please go to www.childrenswish.ca

Community Coats is a program sponsored by Wheatland Family & Community Support Services to help keep children and adults in Wheatland County warm this winter. If you or someone you know have any donations of coats, mitts, and hats please call or drop by the Wheatland Information Center at 85 Lakeside Blvd. Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. For more information please call 934-5335. Coats etc will be available to the public for pick up from 9:00am – 4:30 pm after October 17th.

October 2011 Accountability Pillar Overall Summary

Measure Category	Measure Category Evaluation	Measure	Westmount School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
			Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 yr Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Yr Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Safe and Caring Schools	Excellent	Safe and Caring	91.5	92.1	89.8	88.1	87.6	86.6	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Student Learning Opportunities	n/a	Program of Studies	82.0	89.2	90.2	80.9	80.5	80.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
		Education Quality	93.8	95.3	94.9	89.4	89.2	88.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
		Drop Out Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.2	4.3	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
		High School Completion Rate (3 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	72.6	71.5	71.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	Good	PAT: Acceptable	91.2	84.2	82.8	79.3	79.1	78.0	Very High	Improved	Excellent
		PAT: Excellence	17.6	19.7	21.8	19.6	19.4	18.5	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	n/a	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	82.6	83.4	84.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.7	19.0	18.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	n/a	n/a	n/a	54.9	53.5	53.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate (Revised)	n/a	n/a	n/a	59.6	56.9	57.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	n/a	Transition Rate (6 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	59.3	59.8	59.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Work Preparation	91.1	77.8	82.1	80.1	79.9	79.8	Very High	Improved	Excellent
		Citizenship	87.4	88.9	87.0	81.9	81.4	79.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Parental Involvement	Excellent	Parental Involvement	87.1	82.8	85.0	79.9	80.0	79.4	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Continuous Improvement	Excellent	School Improvement	91.3	84.0	86.6	80.1	79.9	78.8	Very High	Improved	Excellent

Notes:

1. PAT results are a weighted average of the percent meeting standards (Acceptable, Excellence) on Provincial Achievement Tests. The weights are the number of students enrolled in each course. Courses included: English Language Arts (Grades 3, 6, 9), Science (Grades 6, 9), French Language Arts (Grades 6, 9), Français (Grades 6, 9).
2. Diploma results are a weighted average of percent meeting standards (Acceptable, Excellence) on Diploma Examinations. The weights are the number of students writing the Diploma Examination for each course. Courses included: English Language Arts 30-1, English Language Arts 30-2, French Language Arts 30-1, Français 30-1, Pure Mathematics 30, Applied Mathematics 30, Biology 30, Science 30.
3. Overall evaluations can only be calculated if both improvement and achievement evaluations are available.
4. Data values have been suppressed where the number of students is less than 6. Suppression is marked with an asterisk (*).