

April 2010 Newsletter

Westmount School

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"Effort Today ..... Excellence Tomorrow"

[www.westmuntelementary.com](http://www.westmuntelementary.com) Art work by Grade 2's



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Drama Lunch Form Back <b>Courage Assembly</b>	2 Good Friday No School	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 SPRING	6 BREAK	7 SPRING	8 BREAK	9 SPRING BREAK	10
11	12 Gr. 5 & 6 Glenbow Museum	13 Drama Lunch @ DQ	14 WESC Meeting 6:30	15	16 Day 3	17
18	19 Japanese Intern Arrives	20	21	22	23 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 Circle Of Excellence 11:15 & 2	27 Circle of Excellence 11:15 & 2	28 May Newsletter Out Gr. 6 Crowther Band Concert @ Crowther	29 SHS Band performance 10:15 a.m.	30 Spring Photo Day Day 2	
<b>April</b>						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Steve Harmer Motivational Magic	7 Flex No School	8
9	10	11 PAT Gr. 3 LA Part A	12 PAT Gr. 6 LA Part A	13 PAT Gr. 6 Math Part A	14 Day 3 Humility Ass. PAT Gr. 3 Math Part A	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Flex No School	22
23	24 Victoria Day No School	25	26 Thank You Tea June Newsletter out	27	28 Day 1 Western Day	29
30	31 Circle of Excellence 11:15 & 2	<b>MAY</b>				



**Attention:** For the safety of our students with the constant bus traffic there are to be **NO** vehicles anywhere in the bus run between the hours of 8:15 – 9:15 AM and 2:45 – 3:45 PM. Please pick up or drop off your students at the front or back of the school.

# Principals Message

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March has been a month of getting ready to report to you, our parents, on how your children are doing here at Westmount School. As a staff we have created report cards and been involved in parent/teacher conferences with the primary focus of reporting to you, the parents, on the academic and social progress of your child. If you were unable to attend parent/teacher conferences and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please call the school and we will get an appropriate meeting time set up.



Our kindergarten registration for the 2010 – 2011 school year has begun! We currently have 42 kindergarten students registered (which is ahead of our regular pace), but we are looking for more! If you have a kindergarten aged child, or know of one, please come into the Westmount School office as soon as possible. The sooner we know our enrollment numbers, the better we are able to plan for the 2010/2011 school year staffing at the kindergarten level. Please remember that the kindergarten entry age has changed. The new policy states that a child must be 5 years of age on or before February 28, 2011 to register for kindergarten.



Our next Westmount Elementary School Council meeting takes place on Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 pm in the school library. We are planning a fairly short School Council meeting so that we can have a Strathmore Westmount School Parent Fundraising Society meeting so that we can decide on how to spend our \$45,000 raised through the casino back in October. Please plan to attend both meetings so that you are up to date with all of the latest happenings in our parent community.



The past month saw our school in full action with our spectacular Drama production, a fabulous grade 6 ski trip and our informative parent/teacher interviews. What do all of these events have in common? Well, parent volunteers of course! Thank you to all of those parents who spend so much time helping out in so many ways. The parents that help Mr. Graff with his drama perform so many incredibly helpful tasks that they are essentially as important as the cast. Our ski trip had a record number of parents who helped out on the trip and made it a safe and fun day for everyone. On parent/teacher interview night, the teaching staff is always spoiled with a really well prepared and tasty meal. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers! Without you, our school would be a much poorer place.

# Thanks

Enjoy your spring break coming up in a couple of days!

Yours truly,  
Wayne Funk

# Classroom News

## News from 1B:

It is a beautiful thing to be approaching spring and warmer weather!

The gains students have made during the last few months in their



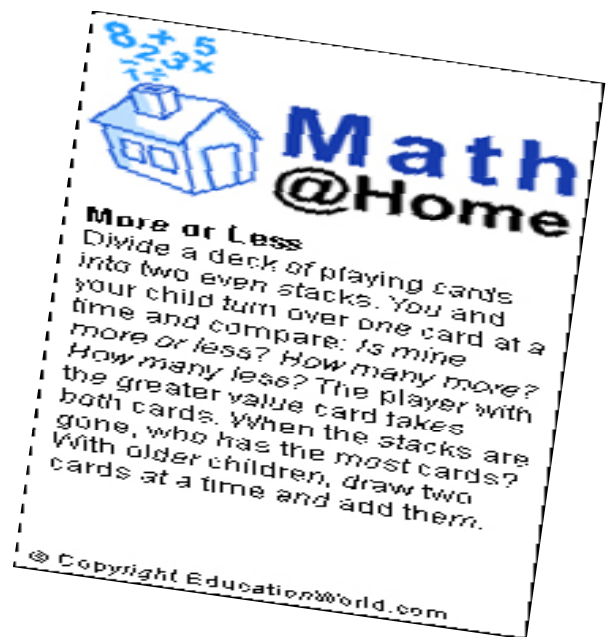
reading and writing is wonderful to see! We continue to develop the tools for reading and writing the printed word. Students are recognizing many common words by sight, and they

are continuing to develop strategies for "decoding," or figuring out, words as they read. Writing daily helps



your first grader learn to read by reinforcing the relationships between sounds and letters. At the same time, through talking and listening, they continue to develop new vocabulary and knowledge about the world that will help them understand what they read. Please continue to include reading and writing (Home Writing Journal) into your child's daily activities - It already has made a huge difference in your child's progress!!

In math, we continue to learn about the roles of mathematics through daily living activities involving number and measuring concepts. We continue to work on addition and subtraction by exploring strategies that can help their calculations. Many children apply strategies to their calculations without being fully aware of how they do it. Students need to become aware of and be able to explain strategies



they already use, as well as learn new strategies. Please continue to play board games and include shared activities to encourage your child to explain how he or she 'figures out' sums and difference in various situations. At the same time, try to explain how you do it! You may find it to be a doubly enlightening task!

See you at Parent/Teacher interviews!

Yours sincerely,

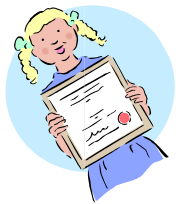
Ms. Webber 1B

*4B enjoys lessons at the pool.*



### *Drama Lunch*

*Just a reminder that the Lunch for the Cast and Crew of a Promise is a Promise is Tuesday, April 13, 2010. The orders and money have to be in by Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.*



*Congratulations to the following  
Circle of Excellence Recipients*



*January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26*

*Kristen Alexson, Emma Bearchief, Aly Buffan, Shynar Caldwell,  
Emily Careless, Hannah Carlson, Kayleen Chase, Madison Cooper,  
Cassidy Cove, Noah Desjardins, Mitchell Dessere, Montana  
Rairbairn, Brooklyn Giesbrecht, Dalton Goertz, Reece Heckle,  
Matthew Irving, Alicia Kennedy, Matthew Koppel, Nolan  
Mahussier, Elise Marleau, Tiffany O'Kura, Ty Pettigrew, Erin  
Renkas, Paige Russell, Jourdyn Sammons, Sydnee Satink, Amber  
Scarlett, Dominick Schwartz, Max Sims, Laura Taplin, Meg  
Warrack, Kelsey Wenstrom, Steve Wilks, Aiden Workman, the  
entire 4B Class*



*March 29 & 30*



*Jade Archibald, Kaleigh Barth, Isaiah Biggs, Breanna  
Breaker, Sam Cook, Lauren Coone, Johnny Coville, Madison  
Drummond, Zachery Gillis, Kiersten Gron, Kennedy Hampson,  
Sylest Holzwarth, Jasmine Hundal, Chase Kralik, Kamaya  
Lovig, Billy Maher, Tayah Mueller, Logan Penner, Jayden  
Perras, Emily Pope, Jayden Presley, Nataya Reid, Sophia  
Sanders, Aislyn Shaw, Carly Sikorski, Gavin Smith, Jenna  
Smith, Tyler Therrien, Hunter VanVerdegem, Megan  
VanVerdegem, Jemma Warrack, Alex Wilks*



*Happy Easter Happy Spring!!*



## WFES KIDS & TEEN PROGRAMS

**REGISTRATION: CANDACE 901-1506 OR JOYCE 934-5785**

### **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.

- Group work helps students to identify with realistic events
- Role play and scenarios teach useful skills
- Discussion around the difference between face-to-face friends and online friends
- Skills are learned to help students identify the tricks that predators will use to gain information and trust
- Safe surfing and responsibilities are explored
- Cyber Bullying
- How to get the most out of the Internet while staying safe

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, 95 Brentwood Dr

1 session: Wed, Apr 14 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Fee: \$30.00

### **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.***

**Location: Brentwood Elementary School Library, 95 Brentwood Dr**

**1 class: Sat, May 15th 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 spent 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.

Maximum 15 students

**Please bring a 'peanut-free' bag lunch.**

**Location: Brentwood Elementary School Library, 95 Brentwood Dr**

**1 class: Sat, Apr 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Location: Brentwood Elementary School Library, 95 Brentwood Dr**

**1 class: Wed, Apr 28th from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Fee: \$25.00**