



June 2010 Newsletter

WESTMOUNT SCHOOL

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Artwork K1, K2, K3



Principals Message

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May 28, 2010

It is very hard to believe that we are already into the last month of the school year. There are many exciting events coming up over these last few days of school and we would encourage you to check out our calendar section later in this newsletter to make sure you and your family are totally up to date with all of the activities at Westmount.



Our teaching staff will be changing quite dramatically for the 2010/2011 school year. Due to some budget restrictions we will be reducing some programs as well as having slightly larger classes overall. Our Language Assistance Center will be reduced from a full time program to a half time program. Additionally, we are reducing our grade 6 and grade 3 programs by one class each and increasing our grade 4 program by one class. All of these changes result in a reduction of 1.75 teachers for the upcoming school year. Our school will be saying farewell to Lana Lane, Lindsay Rieseberg, Shelley Wright and Amanda Ball. All of these teachers have served us incredibly well and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Westmount School will undeniably be a poorer place without these dedicated teachers. We will be welcoming Kathy Herriot back to Westmount after her maternity leave. As well, we are excited to welcome Danielle Plett to the Westmount Teaching Staff. Mrs. Plett has spent the last number of years teaching upper elementary at Central Bow Valley School in Gleichen. Please check inside this newsletter for a complete list of teaching staff and job descriptions for next year.

With one round of Provincial Achievement Exams behind us the grade 3 and 6 classes are now focusing on the next round of exams in June. The dates are as follows: Tuesday, June 15 – Language Arts 3 and Social Studies 6;



Wednesday, June 16 – Language Arts 6; Thursday, June 17 – Math 3 and Math 6; Friday, June 18 – Science 6. Once again we encourage you to make sure your children get a good night's sleep before these exams. Thank-you in advance for all of our parent volunteers who help out by acting as readers and scribes to some of our students.



Our next Westmount Elementary School Council (WESC) meeting will happen on Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm in the school library. This will be our last meeting of the year and it would be a great time for any interested parents to attend and find out what this dedicated group of parents has been up to for the past year. The Strathmore Westmount School Parent Fundraising Society (SWSPFS), which is the fundraising arm of the school council, meets most months immediately following the regular school council meeting. The SWSPFS ran a casino this past fall and those funds have now been released to the Society. Together with the teaching staff and the WESC a list of purchases has been approved. As a school we are incredibly grateful for the efforts of our volunteers and the willingness to work together with the school on our purchases. In this tight financial time, it is a real relief to have over \$40,000 come into the school in the form of purchases that we would not be able to buy without this support.

With the school year drawing to a close we would like to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers, staff, parents and other community members who make Westmount School such a great place to be! Thank you! I hope you have a great June and a restful, relaxing summer!

Wayne Funk



Westmount School 2010/2011 School Year Teacher List

K1/K2 - Cori Hampson
K3 - Lisa Geisbrecht
1A - Jana Kopp/Lisa Geisbrecht
1B - Sherri Webber
1C - Janice Sumner
2A - Myrle Taylor
2B - Kathy Herriot
2C - Rosalie Rudolf
3A - Corinne Koppel
3B - Deanna Kooistra
4A - Sherri Gillis
4B - Karen Binns
4C - Dana Graff/Lianne Jones/Michelle Brassard
5A - Marie vanDriel
5B - Holly Desserre/Jill Rossi
6A - LeeAnn Praud
6B - Danielle Plett
PE - Michelle Brassard/Wayne Funk
Music - Jana Kopp
Language Assistance Center - Janet Barkauskas
Living Skills - Janet Barkauskas
AISI – Holly Desserre

Attention all parents!

We are looking for volunteers to help us thank the fabulous staff at Westmount!

On **Tuesday, June 8th** we will be putting on a lunch for the staff and our theme will be “Westmount In Wonderland!” In order to make this event a success we are asking for volunteers to help out in a number of ways. We require volunteers to **supervise classes** during lunch, as well as outdoor recess. The time commitment for this would be 12:15-1:30. We are also asking for **desserts** to be delivered that day for the staff to enjoy.

And last, but not least, we are asking for donations. We hope to make up small give-away bags and also have some larger door prizes for the staff. **Donations/gifts/etc. can be dropped off at the school office.** If you could donate anything from your home, business, etc., it would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Ann (anncheek@efirehose.net or 934-0213) or Trisha (warrenandtrisha@telus.net or 901-0719) if you are able to help out.

Thank You!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Circle of Excellence 11:15 & 2	2 Patrollers Zoo Field Trip WESC Meeting 6:30pm- Library	3 ARF Drama Production 2 pm & 7 pm	4 Day 4 Gr. 5 Heritage Park G4. 6 BarBQue Crowther	5
6	7 Healthy	8 Staff Appreciation Lunch Foods	9 Lunch	10 Gr. 2's Pioneer Acres Gr. 4's Atlas Coal Mine Spirit	11 Flex No School Week	12
13	14	15 PAT's Gr. 3 LA Part B Gr. 6 Science	16 PAT's Gr. 6 LA Part B	17 PAT's Gr. 3 Math Pt B Gr. 6 Math Pt B	18 Day 3 PAT's Gr. 6 Science Last Day for Kindergarten	19
20	21 Gr. 1 Heritage Park Sports Team Spirit Day	22 Kindergarten Field Trip to Zoo Gr. 6 Atlas Coal Mine	23 Gr. 3 Hutterite Colony Gr. 6 Year end BarBQue & Swim Kindergarten Picnic in the park	24 Last day of school for Current Gr. 1's	25 Gr. 4 Leighton Centre LAC & Living Skill - Zoo	26
27	28 Gr. 6 – Leisure Center Gr. 1 Orientation	29 Last Day for Students Honesty Assembly 8:50	30 Last day for staff			

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Staff Back	31 Staff Back	1 September First day for Students ☺			

August

Literacy Tip for the Month of June



Road trips can offer great opportunities to enhance literacy skills. Read signs, billboards and license plates together, and show your children the proper way to read a map. Make reading a part of your summer holiday. Pack reading material as entertainment for long car trips.

Early Literacy Team

C l a s s r o o m N e w s



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enjoys learning about
Japanese culture with our Japanese intern teacher,
Mr. Kotaro Morimoto!



Reminders:

- That the lost and found is overflowing with coats, shoes, boots, lunch bags, boxes etc. Please stop by the school and have a look to see if anything belongs to you or your child.
- School fees are past due; if you have not paid them please do so ASAP.
- If you are purchasing school supplies through the school for next year please have orders in by Friday June 4th, 2010.
- If you have a child that is eligible for Kindergarten for next year and have not registered, please do so ASAP so we can get our class lists ready for next year.
- To all parents to have their police checks, and child welfare checks done before helping at the school or going on any school field trips. Stop by the school and pick up the necessary letter.
- **Congratulations to all of our May Circle of Excellence recipients'.**

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June 2010

Dear Parents,



It is a priority at Westmount School to make sure that our students are receiving the best education possible. The staff, supported by the Golden Hills School Division, has chosen to focus on **Assessment For Learning**. We are doing this as a part of our AISI (Alberta Initiative for School Improvement) project. A pamphlet will be sent home next week describing AISI and the Assessment for Learning focus. The staff of Westmount School has been working diligently at all grade levels and in different subject areas on Assessment For Learning. Teachers have been involved with school-based and division-based planning sessions in various subject areas. We are confident that our efforts will transfer into school success in the classroom. It is important for us to seek input from all stakeholders. We would really appreciate if you could take the time to complete a quick online survey by June 10th. Go to <http://www.ghsd75.ca/> and click on Parent Survey. It will only take a few minutes to complete and your input is very valuable to us. If you can't open the survey or would prefer a paper copy, please let me know and I will send a hard copy home with your child. Thanks so much in advance for your time and comments!

Holly Desserre

Westmount AISI Lead Teacher

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Over the Holidays, PLEASE ... Save and Send Us Your 'Used':



Corks



Calendars



Christmas Cards

*They can be put in the BIG recycle box outside the office under Westie.

Over the Summer, PLEASE ...

Save Us Your Empty/Clean:



International
Coffee Tins
(& Lids)



Baby Food
Jars & Lids



Altoid Tins



Sm. Yogurt Containers



(Clear) Omega 3
Egg Cartons



Frosting Containers
(& lids)



Velveeta
Boxes



Peanut Butter
Jars & lids



Cardboard Tubes
(toilet paper, paper towel, gift wrap)



Sm. Stuffed Westies



Yarn



Buttons

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

AUGUST 2010

SEPTEMBER 2010

OCTOBER 2010

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NOVEMBER 2010

DECEMBER 2010

JANUARY 2011

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FEBRUARY 2011

MARCH 2011

APRIL 2011

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MAY 2011

JUNE 2011

JULY 2011

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Student Instructional Days

Aug.	0	Feb.	16
Sept.	20	March	21
Oct.	18	April	15
Nov.	19	May	19
Dec.	13	June	20
Jan.	20		

Instructional 181
Non-Instructional 10

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)

Total 90 Total 91

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

First Day of Semester T

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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.
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