

WESTMOUNT AVE P.S

HOME OF THE WIZARDS

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR OCTOBER IS RESPECT

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 6 – Turkey Feast

Oct 10 – THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL

Oct 12 - Edouard Labonte

Musical Presentation at 1:30

Oct 24 – Accommodation Review Meeting

at LaSalle S.S. 6 pm – 8:30 pm

Oct 27 – Photo Re-Takes

Oct 27 – Dance-A-Thon

(proceeds to the Infant Food Bank)

Oct 28 – PA Day

Oct 31 – Halloween Play Day (.pm only)

FIRE & LOCK DOWN DRILLS

All schools must do 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown drills per year. Should a real fire or lockdown occur, a letter will be sent home explaining the situation.

Please take a minute and explain to your child the importance of these drills.

TURKEY FEAST

Parents are invited to attend our Turkey Feast with their child on Thursday, Oct. 6. This is for children and parents of Westmount Ave. P.S. only. If a parent is unable to attend you may send someone else in your place.

There will be two seatings:

Seating A - Kindergarten students at **10:10**

Seating B is for Gr. 1 & 2 at **12:30**.

All orders are due by October 3. *Regretfully we will not be able to accept late orders.* All students will receive a dinner unless you have indicated otherwise.

DANCE-A-THON

This year we have decided to hold a Dance-A-Thon in lieu of Jump Rope for Heart and Terry Fox Run. Students will be collecting money for a local charity and we have chosen our local Infant Food Bank located on LaSalle. On October 27, students will Dance, Dance, Dance and celebrate the fact that we are helping to support a local organization. At a later date we will invite a representative from

the Infant Food Bank and have students present them with a cheque. We will be collecting donations via a Pledge Form from October 3 to October 27. This pledge form is NOT intended to go door to door but rather collect from family and friends. The pledge form is attached.

CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN

Special activities such as Halloween are enjoyable and boost school spirit for those who participate. As a social activity, we use this opportunity to teach students the importance of shared planning, group cooperation and respect for differences and beliefs. We also take this opportunity to educate reasons why some people choose not to participate.

Parents and students are made aware when celebrations will be taking place. This year, the school will be celebrating Halloween on Monday, October 31. There will be a play day in the afternoon and for students who will not be taking part in the activities, alternate arrangements will be in place. The following circumstances will be considered when planning the afternoon.

-activities will have relevance to curriculum i.e. organization games, art, “trick or treat” safety rules, poetry writing, story sharing, etc.

- please send students to school with costumes already on (no masks please)

- NOT PERMITTED: costumes with mutilation and/or torture, including weapons of any description or any racial discriminatory costume

HALLOWEEN TREATS

In order for Westmount Ave. P.S. to celebrate in a healthy way, we are asking parents **not** to send in treats. If you choose, you can send a toonie, to help offset the cost, as we will be providing a healthy snack for each class. Anyone sending in treat bags or bringing in snacks will be asked to take them home.

Pencils, note pads, erasers and other Halloween tokens will be accepted.

Thank you for helping our students with allergies and special dietary needs.

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Absences

Although you have sent a note in your child's agenda regarding an absence or late, please follow through with a call to the office to avoid that safe arrival call. Our answering machine is always on. If you are arriving late please come to the office and sign in your child.

Important Kindergarten Information

All Kindergarten students have a "home time" information tag on their backpack. Please do **not** remove this tag. **If the tag is missing or information is incorrect please call the school immediately for a replacement.**

Attendance and Punctuality is very important in a child's learning. Our school day begins at 8:30 and ends at 2:50. Even 5 minutes can make a difference in a child's learning. Please try to be on time and try to schedule appointments during PA days or after school hours.

YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH REMINDER

No food with peanuts, WOW butter, Nutella or any nut products. Also, when packing your child's lunch, please remember to pack a spoon or fork. We do not have plastic utensils at school. Also, students do **not** have access to a microwave.

DRESS CODE

With the colder weather approaching, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. All students will be going outside for fresh air. Reminder that hats are not to be worn in the school. **Please label everything.** You may choose to use Oliver's Labels, a fundraiser for the school.
www.oliverslabels.com/westmount

VALUABLE ITEMS

Please check your child's school bag on a regular basis for valuables/special items that should not come to school. There should be no electronic games, iPods, special toys, trading cards or items that would cause distress if lost. The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged personal belongings. Please do not send toys unless the classroom teacher has requested them for a special day or occasion.

BINGO

A very special **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers who have worked our Bingos. Our next sessions are 10:30 **am** every Thursday in December. Each session is approximately 2 hours in duration.

We desperately need trained volunteers. Bingos are our biggest fundraiser. If we do not have volunteers, we have to forfeit the session, losing the revenue it generates. Too many forfeits could result in losing the bingos altogether.

Training is mandatory for volunteers.

The next training session is:

Thursday, October 6, 2016 (9:00am) at Boardwalk Sudbury, 940 Newgate Ave.

The training lasts just over an hour and no appointment is needed.

*A minimum of 2 trained volunteers are required for each session.

If you are interested in working a bingo please call the school.

Food and milk orders will start the week of Tuesday, October 11. Please encourage your child to talk to a supervisor or teacher immediately if there is an error with their order.

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Breakfast Club will also start the week of Tuesday, October 11.

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMME?

- Encourage your child to bring home French library books.
- Do not compare the Immersion program with the English program.
- Read traditional English stories.
- To nurture your child's development in the F.I. program, show an interest by buying French books, music, videos.
- Listen to your child read in French and English.
- Have your child watch special French T.V. programs.
- Take time out to study or participate (if possible) in a French cultural event.
- Consider a holiday in any French speaking area in Canada.
- Because your child is experiencing a total immersion setting help him/her realize the importance of talking French in class and during French activities.

HOMEWORK GUIDE (Gr. 1 and Gr.2)

We understand that times are busy. This program is a guide only. We suggest that homework from the teacher be completed first and if time permits, use the suggested homework guide.

<http://www.rainbowschools.ca/parents/HomeworkProgram.php>

Also, the link to the Home Work Tool Box:
www.FSLHomeworkToolbox.ca

Reminder: If you have any changes to your personal information e.g. phone/cell

number, address or emergency contacts etc. please inform the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016/2017

Shayna Laskin	Chair & Secretary
Ainslie Loney	Vice Chair
Gisele LaLonde	Principal

**Next meeting date:
Wednesday, November 9
at 5:00 pm
in the staffroom.**

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Should you have any questions, please direct all correspondence and telephone calls pertaining to transportation issues to staff at the Consortium's office as follows:
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Telephone: 521-1234
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KEEP IN TOUCH

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