

WESTMOUNT AVE P.S

HOME OF THE WIZARDS

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR DECEMBER

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IMPORTANT DATES!

Dec. 8 – Chuck Labelle Christmas Concert at Theatre Cambrian. JK to Gr. 2.

Dec. 9 - Food Bank pick up

Dec. 13 - Visit from Santa!

Dec. 21 – Christmas Concert – 2 Performances
9:30 AM & 1:15 PM

Dec. 23 – Wear your PJs and Games Day

Dec. 23 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
NO EARLY DISMISSAL

HAPPY HOLIDAYS - SEE YOU JANUARY 9, 2017

The clothing drive was a big success. The Rainbow District School Board was able to collect 1288 coats, 373 snow suits, 3594 accessories and 223 pairs of boots. That's enough to clothe more than 1600 people. We are proud of our school for participating in this event. Thank you very much for your generosity and support.

Oral Communication Challenge: As part of our daily routines students are asked to participate in an oral communication challenge where they get to comment and share opinions on various pictures presented by the classroom teacher. We invite you to take part in this challenge and send in any photo / picture your child would like to share with the class. The goal is that it will generate conversation and excitement among the students which will in turn help develop communication skills. If you decide to participate please ensure that you write your child's name on the back of the photo so that we may return it. Thank you and I hope you enjoy it as much as our students.

Important Kindergarten Information

All Kindergarten students have bus information tags on their backpacks. Please check this information and please do not remove the tag. If the tag is missing or information has changed please call the school immediately for a replacement.

Bake Sale

We will hold a Bake Sale the day of the Christmas Concert Dec. 21, so please feel free to send in baked goods on Dec 19 and 20. Bring in your spare change on Dec 21 (the day of the concert) to purchase those scrumptious baked goods and avoid all that holiday baking. All proceeds go to help offset the cost of student excursions and special activities. We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

WEATHER ALERT!

Please listen to the radio for School Bus Cancellations due to Inclement Weather

Rainbow District School Board reminds parents and students to listen to the radio during times of inclement weather. Parents need to know that during periods of severe weather conditions busses may be cancelled.

Busses will **not** be cancelled midday unless there is **extreme** weather. Please make sure your emergency contact numbers are current.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The **dress rehearsal** will be December 19 from 9:00 to 10:00 and the **concert** will be Dec. 21 with two performances at 9:30 & 1:15. We ask that you leave your child at school on December 21 for the full day as they are needed to perform in both shows. Parents who wish to take their child home after the second performance will be asked to remain seated in the gym to allow better traffic flow in our halls.

The office will not be calling classes for pickup so be sure to send a note ahead of time to advise the classroom teacher or sign them out on the sign out sheet in the gym. Students will be sent down to the gym once they gather their things. We must comply with fire code regulations regarding our capacity, so we are asking to please limit the number of guests you will be bringing and please attend **only one concert. Please share this information with any family member who may be attending.**

REMINDER - Food and drinks are not allowed in our gym. Thank you.

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Kids Helping Kids Food Drive

The Rainbow District School Board is once again partnering up with the Edgar Burton Kids Helping Kids Food Drive. At Westmount Avenue Public School, we are asking the community to support this wonderful event by sending non-perishable food items as we have done in the past. Please feel free to use the bags provided and send in your food donations by December 9, 2016.

BINGO

A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers who have worked our bingos in the past. Also, a big THANK YOU to our new volunteers who will be working at our December bingos. We still need 2 volunteers for the bingo on December 29 at 10:30 AM. If you can help us out, please call the school to let us know. Thank you for your support!

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

If you have concerns to discuss with your child's teacher, please write a note in the agenda or call the office to set an appointment.

If you are picking your child up after school and have not written in the agenda that you are doing so, please call the office before 2:30. If you get the answering machine, please leave a message.

We thank you for your cooperation.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The playground equipment is now out of bounds during the cold weather months. Winter boots and mitts make it too difficult to properly balance and get a good grip. The children will spend their recess playing collaborative games.

PLEASE LABEL CHILD'S CLOTHING

With so many boots, ski pants and jackets the same colour and size; please put your child's name inside them. We still have our ongoing label fundraiser with "Oliver's Label. www.oliverslabels.com/products/.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE HEALTH UNIT

'TIS THE SEASON.....FOR ASTHMA

Does your child's asthma seem to get worse on those cold and blustery days? How about when nestled up beside the fire or trimming the holiday tree?

Asthma triggers don't take a holiday in the winter season, in fact many of the activities we enjoy during the winter can cause problems for those with asthma. That doesn't mean you can't do some of these same activities...you may just need to make a few easy modifications.

Follow these tips to keep asthma in control this winter:

- Ensure your child has a scarf or neck warmer covering their mouth and nose. This will help to add warmth and moisture to cold dry air that can trigger asthma.
- Smoke from a candle or wood-burning fire can also trigger asthma. Opt for a gas fireplace or heater to keep you warm on cold nights.
- Decorating a holiday tree in the winter can leave some children coughing and wheezing. Artificial trees are a great alternative.
- Be aware of strong smells from candles, pot pourri and other decorations
- When entertaining use serving utensils for bowls of nuts and candy to help prevent the spread of cold and flu bugs.
- And of course as always, wash hands frequently!

**Have a happy and asthma-free winter season!
If your child has asthma, please inform the school.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016/2017

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Please keep in touch.

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