

# WESTMOUNT AVE P.S

## HOME OF THE WIZARDS

### IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES

Sept. 6 First Day of School – No Early Dismissal  
Sept. 13 Open House 5:00 to 6:00  
Sept. 14 Wear PINK Day, Stand Up to Bullying  
Sept. 20 School Council Meeting 5:00 – 6:00  
Sept. 25 Picture Day (Retakes - Oct. 24)  
Sept. 29 PA Day – No School

### Westmount Avenue Public School Staff 2017 – 2018

Kindergarten A L. Gallien, Tchr & L. Trottier DECE  
Kindergarten B L. Alexander, Tchr & L. Doucette, DECE  
Gr. 1 C. Rees  
Gr. 1/2 K. Konowalchuk  
Gr. 2 B. Martell  
Physical Education, Music: G. Pharand

The Staff of Westmount Avenue Public School are excited to welcome their new and former students to the 2017– 2018 school year. An exciting school year has been planned. We continue to encourage parent involvement to ensure each child reaches their full academic potential.

### SCHOOL DAY

All students enter via the parking lot doors between 8:15 and 8:25 am. After that time, please enter via the office to sign in your child. The entry bell rings at **8:25 a.m.** Classes begin at **8:30 a.m.** and finish at **2:50 p.m.** Students exit via the parking lot doors unless they are being picked up early, then they will be sent to the office where they need to be signed out. For safety reasons, vehicles are not permitted in the parking lot. We ask that you park on the street being mindful of the bus loading zones.

### INFORMATION SESSION

We look forward to meeting all parents/guardians on Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 5 to 6 pm. Come and browse the school, your child's class and meet the teachers. We hope you can join us.

### Student Agendas

Student agendas are an excellent way of daily communication between school and home. We ask that you review and sign the agenda daily. The agenda contains an insert at the front which outlines the expectations for students, teachers & parents.

### Balanced Day

With the Balanced Day schedule, students have two 40 minute breaks. The first break is considered a snack break. It should be nutritious, please no chips, chocolate bars, pop etc. Fruit and vegetables are great. The second break is their lunch. Pack foods that can easily be returned home if they are not eaten. It is better to pack too much than not enough. Don't forget utensils that might be needed.

***Westmount Avenue PS is a nut controlled school. Please refrain from sending food with peanuts, this also includes WOW Butter, almond butter or Nutella. If your child has any anaphylactic conditions, please inform the classroom teacher and principal immediately.*** Please note, students do **not** have access to a microwave.

### 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 is incorrect **please call the school immediately for a replacement.**

### 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.

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**Breakfast Snack Program** will continue this year. A note will go home when the start date has been determined.

We are presently reviewing our options for pizza, milk and subs. Order forms will be going home soon.

**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.

**School Council Elections** will be held on Wed. Sept. 20 in the staffroom from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Nomination forms are included with the package that was provided on the first day of school. Please return the nomination form with your child by Monday, Sept. 11.

**Picture Day** is Mon. Sept. 25. All students will have their picture taken. Group or sibling photos are allowed with spring portraits only.

### **WEAR PINK DAY**

On Thursday, Sept. 14, province wide, all students and staff are asked to wear PINK to stand up to **bullying**. Let's do our part by putting on our best pink outfit.

### **SENDING TREATS FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLASS**

Everyone loves to send treats for special occasions such as birthdays, Halloween, Christmas etc., unfortunately, due to allergies, we cannot accept them. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **CLIMBERS and SLIDES**

For safety reasons, all children must wear snug running shoes with good soles when using the climbers. Students wearing long coats, skirts, dresses, capes, clothing with long strings and huge hoods will not be permitted on the climbers and slides.

If you have had changes in your personal information for example phone numbers etc. please inform the school.

### **SAFETY FIRST**

When you drive your child to school, please walk your child to the door. Do not allow your child to walk in the parking lot unattended.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE  
BUS LOADING ZONE**

### **Label, Label, Label**

Please remember to label all items coming to school so they can be easily identified and returned to the appropriate student. This includes footwear, sweatshirts, cardigans, hats, mittens, coats, headbands, sunglasses, cutlery and lunch containers. You may choose to use [www.OliversLabels.com/Westmount](http://www.OliversLabels.com/Westmount) a fundraiser for the school.

### **Before & After Daycare**

To register for Tremplin, the Before & After Daycare at Westmount Avenue PS, please call 311 or 705-671-2489 or visit the website at [www.greatersudbury.ca/childcare](http://www.greatersudbury.ca/childcare).

### **BATTERY COLLECTION**

All Rainbow District Schools now have a "Battery Collection" bucket. Please feel free to send in all your old batteries

### **TRANSPORTATION**

For bus changes, late buses or forgotten items on the bus please call:

Sudbury Student Services Consortium  
199 Travers St. Sudbury P3C 3K2  
705-521-1234 Email: [trans@ssc-cses.ca](mailto:trans@ssc-cses.ca)

### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

**Phone: 566-1770 Fax: 566-3400**  
<http://rainbowschools.ca/elem/westmount>