

# WESTMOUNT AVE P.S

## HOME OF THE WIZARDS

### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 9 – THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL

Oct 10 – Food Orders Start

Oct 24 – Photo Re-Takes

Oct 27 – Dance Party (donated items to school by Oct. 25)

Oct 31 – Halloween Play Day (.pm only)

Nov 1 – Report Cards go home

Nov 2 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

### 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.

### Popcorn, Popcorn Who Wants Popcorn

This year we will sell specialty flavoured popcorn every Friday as a fundraiser. It is the same product we sold last year at our Family Fun night. The product has no GMOs and is locally sourced corn. Price is \$2 per bag. If interested, students just need to bring their toonie on Fridays. Flavours are dill, white cheddar and butter.

**DANCE PARTY.....**We are continuing our decision to hold a Dance Party in lieu of Jump Rope for Heart and the Terry Fox Run.

Students will be collecting for a local charity and we have chosen the Children's Mental Health Program located in Health Sciences North. On Friday, October 27, students will Dance, Dance, Dance and celebrate that we are helping to support a local organization. A representative from the program will attend our Dance Party and collect the donated items.

**Please have items sent to school by Wed. Oct. 25.**

Here is a list of items in need.

Paint, paintbrushes, Canvas pieces to paint on

Other items to paint, Oil pastels, Washable Markers

Pencil Crayons, Construction paper,

Drawing /Sketch paper, Scrapbook paper

Thicker card stock paper, Journals (prefer no coil rings)

Puzzles / 3D puzzles / Model airplanes or cars, etc

Liquid glue, Colored sand, Stress balls/squeeze balls

We are also always in need of hair elastics, regular sized sanitary napkins/pads, underwear, socks for kids, and deodorant for boys and girls.

**As always, we sincerely thank you for your support.**

### CHARACTER TRAIT FOR OCTOBER IS RESPECT

### 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.**

### 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 Tuesday, 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

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**Food and milk orders will start the week of Tuesday, October 10. Please encourage your child to talk to a supervisor or teacher immediately if there is an error with their order.**

### **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.**

### **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 new volunteers.

The next training session is:

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm  
at the Sudbury Food Bank, 1105  
Webbwood Drive, Sudbury**

The session 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.**

**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](http://www.oliverslabels.com/westmount)

### **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 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.

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The link to the Home Work Tool Box:

[www.FSLHomeworkToolbox.ca](http://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 2017/2018**

Shayna Laskin	Chair
Sarah Devoe	Vice Chair & Secretary
Gisele LaLonde	Principal

**Next meeting date:  
Thurs., Nov. 23 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:

Sudbury Student Services Consortium  
199 Travers St. Sudbury ON P3E 3Z8

Telephone: 521-1234

Fax: 521-1344

Email: [trans@ssc-cses.ca](mailto:trans@ssc-cses.ca)

## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

**Phone: 566-1770**

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**Website:**

<http://rainbowschools.ca/elem/westmount>