

WESTMOUNT AVE P.S

HOME OF THE WIZARDS

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 2 – Buster the Bus
Oct 3 – Kick Off for our Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Oct 8 – THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL
Oct 9 – Food Orders Start This Week
Oct 18 – Photo Re-Takes
Oct 26 – PA Day – NO SCHOOL
Oct 30 – Progress Reports go home
Oct 31 – Halloween Play Day (.pm only)
Nov 1 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

LEISURE FARMS

Unfortunately, we were unable to secure a date for this October. We will definitely try again for next year.

GOING GREEN

In an attempt to reduce paper consumption, our newsletter starting with November, will be sent to the email address we have on file and also to our website:

<https://westmount.rainbowschools.ca>

Newsletters, pictures, information etc. are found under News & Events.

If you require a paper copy, please advise the main office. We thank you for your understanding and support in our effort to conserve/reduce our global footprint.

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.

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.

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR OCTOBER IS **RESPECT**

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.

Parents and students are made aware when celebrations will be taking place. This year, the school will be celebrating Halloween on Wednesday, October 31. The following circumstances will be considered when planning the afternoon festivities.

-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.

IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

All Kindergarten students have a “home time” information tag on their back pack. Please do **not** remove this tag.

If the tag is missing or information is incorrect, please call the school immediately for a replacement.

Food and milk orders will start the week of Tuesday, October 9. Please encourage your child to talk to an adult immediately if they suspect an error with their order.

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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.

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

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Please report all transportation issues to Sudbury Student Services Consortium
199 Travers St. Sudbury ON P3E 3Z8
Telephone: 521-1234
Email: trans@ssc-cses.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.

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2018/2019

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

The next School Council meeting will be in November. Date and time will be shared in the November calendar.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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