

WESTMOUNT AVE P.S. HOME OF THE WIZARDS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday - Quiznos Sub Day

Thursday - Pizza Pizza Day

Dec. 7 – All Kindergartens to Science North

Dec. 17 & 18 – Drop off baking &
gift basket items.

Dec. 18 – Dress Rehearsal 9:00 – 10:00

Dec. 19 – Christmas Concert
2 Performances

9:30 AM & 1:15 PM

And Bake Sale and Basket Raffle

Dec. 21 – Wear your PJs and Games Day

Dec. 21 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
NO EARLY DISMISSAL

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
SEE YOU JANUARY 7, 2019**

Bake Sale

We will hold a Bake Sale the day of the Christmas Concert, Dec. 19, so please feel free to send in baked goods on Dec 17 and 18. Bring in your spare change on Dec 19 (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.

Basket Raffle

We will have three gift baskets; craft basket, movie night basket and baking basket. A donated Smith's Market basket will also be part of the raffle. Please send all donations to school by Dec. 18 as we need to package them up for the draw on Dec. 19. Tickets will be available at the concert for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Winners will be contacted by the end of day on Dec. 19.

Craft Basket: Mme Gallien – Kindergarten
Baking Basket: Mme Alexander- Kindergarten
Movie Night Basket: Mme Rees - Gr. 1
Mme Kyla - Gr. 1/2
Mme Martell – Gr. 2

The CHRISTMAS CONCERT

will be Dec.19 with two performances. The first at 9:30 and the second at 1:15.

We ask that your child be present for both performances. Parents who wish to take their child home after the second performance will be asked to remain in the gym to allow better traffic flow in our halls.

Please advise the teacher ahead of time that your child will be leaving after the second performance and who they will be leaving with. This information makes things much easier and safer for all.

Also, 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.

WEATHER ALERT!

Rainbow District School Board reminds parents and students to listen to the radio or go online at

The Student Services Consortium

<http://www.businfo.ca>

for School Bus Cancellations due to 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 at school are current.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

The clothing drive was a big success. We are proud of our school for participating in this event.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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.

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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 make 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/.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2018/2019

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| Shayna Laskin | Chair |
| Sarah Devoe | Vice Chair and Secretary |
| Gisele LaLonde | Principal |

Please keep in touch.

Ph: 705-566-1770

Check us out at

<https://westmount.rainbowschools.ca/news/>

We also have a twitter account in case you want to follow us.

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.**