

WESTMOUNT AVE P.S

HOME OF THE WIZARDS

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 14 – THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL
Oct 15 – Pizza & Milk Start this week
Oct 21 – PA Day – NO SCHOOL
Oct 25 – Photo Re-Takes
Oct 29 – Progress Reports go home
Oct 30 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
Oct 31 – Halloween Play Day (.pm only)

FIRE & LOCKDOWN DRILLS

All schools must do 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown drills per year. Should a real fire or lockdown occur, a message via Seesaw will be sent explaining the situation. Please take a minute to 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.

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.

Pizza and milk orders will start the week of Tuesday, October 15. Please encourage your child to talk to an adult immediately if they suspect an error with their order.

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 Thursday, 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 backpack. Please do **not** remove this 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 through Seesaw 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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Attendance and Punctuality are 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.

DRESS CODE

With the colder weather approaching, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. All students will be going outside for fresh air.

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; phone/cell number, address or emergency contact 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 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.

TREMPLIN REGISTRATION

To register for Tremplin, our Before & After Daycare at Westmount, please call Carrefour Francophone, our contact is Kim Spilman, 705-675-6493x208

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019/2020

Sarah Devoe	Chair
Jessica Watts	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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