

WESTMOUNT AVE P.S

HOME OF THE WIZARDS

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES

- Sept. 4 First Day of School – No Early Dismissal
- Sept. 11 Open House 5:00 to 6:00
- Sept. 12 Wear PINK Day, Stand Up to Bullying
- Sept. 25 Picture Day (Retakes - Oct. 25)
- Sept. 26 School Council Meeting 5:00 – 6:00
- Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day – More details to follow

Westmount Ave. PS Staff 2019– 2020

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: G. Pharand

The Staff of Westmount Avenue Public School are excited to welcome their new and former students to the 2019 – 2020 school year. An exciting school year has been planned. We continue to encourage parent involvement to ensure each child reaches their full academic potential.

CLASS DOJO

Exciting news for this school year. In an attempt to reduce consumption of materials Westmount Avenue Public School will be using a popular APP called Class Dojo for all of our students. Some of our teachers used it last year and the reviews from parents were very positive. What is Class Dojo? It is a free APP that can be downloaded to your cell phone or your home computer and it allows quick communication between the teacher and parent. All newsletters and communication will be posted on Class Dojo. From this point on, no hard copies will be going home. If you don't have access to a cell phone or a computer, please advise us and we will arrange something for you. Your child's classroom teacher will be sending information home the first day of school with further details on how to download this amazing APP. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

If you have changes to your personal information for example phone numbers etc.

PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Parents/Guardians can now sign up for School Cash Online, an easy way to give permission for field trips and to pay for field trips, pizza, subs, milk and more. School Cash Online is safe, simple, secure and saves time. If you choose to sign up, your child will no longer bring money to school to pay for these items. You will be able to pay for school items anywhere, anytime. Visit the Rainbow District School Board web site to view an introduction video. www.rainbowdistrictschoolboard.ca
We are currently reviewing our options for pizza, milk and subs. Order information will be going home via School Cash Online soon.

OUR 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.

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. Please note, students do **NOT** have access to a microwave.

Westmount Avenue PS is a nut controlled school. PLEASE DO NOT SEND food with any NUTS, this also includes WOW BUTTER, ALMOND BUTTER OR NUTELLA. If your child has an anaphylactic condition, please inform the classroom teacher and principal immediately.

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Important Kindergarten Information

All Kindergarten students have dismissal 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.

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.

OPEN HOUSE

We look forward to meeting all parents/guardians on **Wed, Sept. 11, 5 to 6 pm.** Come and browse your child's class and meet the teachers. We hope you can join us.

WEAR PINK DAY

On **Thursday, Sept.12**, 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.

PICTURE DAY IS WED. SEPT. 25. All students will have their picture taken. Group or sibling photos are allowed with spring portraits only.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be held **Thurs. Sept. 26** 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.9.

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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.

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 a fundraiser for the school.

BATTERY COLLECTION

All Rainbow District Schools 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
705-521-1234 Email: trans@ssc-cses.ca

KEEP IN TOUCH

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