

WESTMOUNT AVE P.S

IMPORTANT **SEPTEMBER** DATES

Sept. 8 First Day of School – No Early Dismissal

Westmount Ave. PS Staff 2020– 2021

Principal: G. LaLonde

Secretary: L. Carr

Kindergarten A L. Gallien, Tchr & L. Trottier DECE

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Gr. 2 B. Martell

Physical Education: G. Pharand

Special Education: J. Laverdière

The staff of Westmount Avenue Public School are excited to welcome their new and former students to the 2020 – 2021 school year.

We are very excited for the return of our students. As we prepare for this school year we would like to share a few changes made to accommodate for Covid-19 protocols.

Morning bus arrival and drop off

Students will enter the school via the parking lot doors immediately upon arrival. Please do not gather in this area.

Morning late arrival

Parents will bring their child(ren) to the main office. Unfortunately, parents are not permitted inside the school at this time. Press buzzer and someone will assist you.

Dismissal

All students will be dismissed at the doors located at the side parking lot.

Reminder, for safety reasons, parents/guardians are not permitted to enter our parking lot. Please park on the street in designated areas and not the bus loading zone.

It is highly recommended that all students wear a mask. We will focus on hand washing, coughing and sneezing protocols for students. Pizza, pasta and milk will not be available at this time.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this together.

HOME OF THE WIZARDS

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.

Seesaw

In an attempt to reduce the flow of materials to and from school, we will continue to use the popular APP called Seesaw, to communicate with our parents. All our teachers used it last year and the reviews from parents were very positive. Seesaw 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 all communication will be posted on Seesaw. 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 with further details. 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

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 we will sign them out and bring them to you. For safety reasons, vehicles or parents/guardians are not permitted in the parking lot. We ask that you park on the street being mindful of the bus loading zones.

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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.

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

Notifying the school is incredibly important when your child is going to be absent or late. We need to know that your child is safe. Although you have sent a note via 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 with 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.

Picture Day – Not yet determined

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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 are closed until further notice

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.

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>