

# WESTMOUNT AVE P. S. HOME OF THE WIZARDS



## SEPTEMBER 2021

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:



Sept 7th: First day of school (SK-Gr3)

Sept 7th - 8th pm - JK Interviews

Sept 9th - First day of school JKs

Coming up next month:

October 11th: Thanksgiving

October 13th: Picture Day

October 25th: PD Day

Please check out the [RDSB Back to School Guide](#) which contains important information that will serve as a handy reference throughout the school year. The guide can also be found online at <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/>.

### Westmount Ave. PS Staff 2021 – 2022

Principal: Lisa Piquette

Secretary: Leslie Carr

Kindergarten A Lynda Gallien, Teacher  
Lise Trottier, DECE

Kindergarten B Liane Alexander, Tchr  
Laura Doucette, DECE

Gr. 1 Kyla Konowalchuk

Gr. 2 Chantal Rees

Gr. 3 Barb Martell

Phys. Ed: Guy Pharand

Sp. Ed./Lit/Num: Chantal Commito

Custodian: Debra Gagnon

Cleaner: Sue Vachon

The staff of Westmount Avenue Public School are SOOOO excited to welcome all our students and families to the 2021–2022 school year. It will be fantastic to reconnect with each other, rekindle friendships and partnerships, and engage in a great year of learning together.

**ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS MUST SELF-SCREEN AT HOME EACH DAY BEFORE COMING TO SCHOOL USING THE SCREENING TOOL LINK:**

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

In addition, as per the email shared with each family, the Ministry of Education has directed school boards and schools to perform daily confirmation of self-screening for all students for the first two weeks of school.

**Please fill in this form below to confirm that you have completed the screening tool** for your child or children in Kindergarten to Grade 6.

<https://forms.gle/3hPz5nV4KzdFeKvD7>

**You will receive this notice for each school day to and including Friday, September 17, 2021.**

Please see the [Rainbow Guide for Reopening Schools](#) for full details regarding Covid protocols. It is also available at [rainbowschools.ca](https://www.rainbowschools.ca).

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PLEASE NOTE: All students in Rainbow Schools in Kindergarten to Gr 12 are required to wear properly fitted non-medical masks indoors in school, including in the hallways and during classes.

Students are expected to bring their own masks to wear on student transportation and at school.

Students are encouraged to bring spare masks in the event one becomes wet or damaged throughout the day. Masks should be washed and dried on a nightly basis.

Staff, parents/guardians and visitors are also required to wear masks.

We will focus on **hand hygiene and coughing and sneezing protocols** for students. The use of shared classroom materials is permitted this year on a regular cleaning cycle. Frequent cleaning throughout the day will continue for high touch surface areas. **If you send hand sanitizer to school with your child, it must be scent-free.**



**Thank you to** Mme Debra and Mme Sue for the amazing job they did cleaning and

preparing our school for the return of students and staff. Our school is sparkling!

## OUR SCHOOL DAY

### Morning bus arrival and drop off

All students enter via the parking lot doors between 8:15 and 8:25 am. The entry bell rings at **8:25 a.m.** Students will enter the school immediately upon arrival.

### Morning late arrival

[Please bring your child\(ren\) to the main entrance and buzz the office.](#) The entry of visitors and families inside the school is still limited at this time.

Classes begin at **8:30 a.m.** and finish at **2:50 p.m.**

### Dismissal

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.

Students who are being picked up will be dismissed first at **2:45pm** before buses.



For safety reasons, vehicles or families are not permitted in the parking lot.

**We ask that you park on the street, being mindful of the bus loading zones. Thank you for parking on the same side as the school to avoid crossing in between traffic and the buses.**

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## BALANCED DAY

With the Balanced Day schedule, students have two 40 minute breaks. The first break from 10:10 - 10:50am is considered a snack break. It should be nutritious, please no chips, chocolate bars, pop etc. Fruit and vegetables are great.

The second break from 12:30 - 1:10pm 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 any utensils that might be needed. Please note, students do **NOT** have access to a microwave.

## 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.

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

**PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL**



We will continue to use the popular APP called Seesaw, to communicate with our parents.

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 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.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students require a backpack, lunch, indoor shoes, a full and labelled water bottle (can be refilled at a filling station - fountains are closed), and two non-medical masks. All school materials will be supplied by the school. If your child wishes to bring their own school supplies, they must not be shared with other students. A reminder that toys from home are not allowed.

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**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. We do already have students with life threatening allergies.**

## **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 and Covid, we cannot accept them. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **PIZZA DAYS**

We will be able to have pizza days again this year. Please stay tuned for more details at the end of the month.



**CLIMBERS AND SLIDES** will be permitted this year! For safety reasons, sandals, boots and clothing with loose drawstrings are not permitted.

## **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](http://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](mailto:trans@ssc-cses.ca)

**Welcome to our new...**

# EarlyON

Child and Family Centre

## Supporting home, child care and school

### EarlyON Child and Family Centres

located in schools offer children 0 to 6 years of age and their families a place to meet, to learn and to grow together.

## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

**Phone: 566-1770 Fax: 566-3400**

<https://www.rainbowschools.ca/school/westmount-avenue-public-school/>