

# Westmount News

## Sept. 8th

### WELCOME BACK JET FAMILIES!



I am so excited to be writing this Welcome Back newsletter. It has been an enjoyable and hot summer, however, it's time to get back to routines and connecting with our students and families.

We look forward to the familiar 'school energy' that we have missed over the summer months and would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students/families. It's going to be a great year!

Our school bell rings at 8:45 am. This is the beginning of outdoor supervision of our students and when busses arrive for the day. Students will enter their doors when the bell rings at 9 am and proceed to their classrooms. If you do not know where to go, please go to the front doors and someone will assist you. This is where students need to go:

**Kindergarten-** meet at the kindergarten doors on the North side of our building

**Grade 1's-** meet behind the school at the grade 1 doors (right by the playgrounds)

**Grade 2 and 3's** - enter the doors on the North side of the building by the YMCA daycare doors.

**Grades 4-8-** enter the doors by the bike racks or by the staff parking lot

**Bus students** will meet the supervisor getting off the bus and they will direct them to the appropriate doors. Pre kindergarten, Kindergarten and grade 1 students will walk with Mrs. Alexander to buses at the end of the day.

We have a school facebook page where we post a lot of important information! Please like and follow us at **Westmount Elementary School**. We send regular information and up to date reminders on this page.

For all other information regarding school protocols, bells etc.. please go to the following link for the Westmount student Handbook-

<https://schools.prairiesouth.ca/westmount/updated-student-handbook/>

### MEET THE TEACHER /SCAVENGER HUNT

On Tuesday, September 12th from 6-7:30 pm we will be opening the school for our Westmount families to come and visit the school. This will be an opportunity for parents to tour our

building and meet their child's teacher. Our amazing staff have organized a 'JET' hunt around the school to add some added fun and excitement to our evening. One family has the chance to win a door prize in the amount of \$100! We look forward to seeing you all in our building next week!

## SCHOOL HOURS

Westmount School Hours

\* Students are not supervised before 8:45 am\*

8:45 am- Students supervised outside on the playground/bus drop-off

9:00 am- Students enter the school

9:05 am- Classes Begin

10:35-10:50 RECESS

9:05-11:55- Instruction time

11:55 am-12:40 pm- Lunch hour

2:10-2:25 pm RECESS

12:40 pm-3:30 pm- Instructional time

3:30 pm dismissal/bus pick up

Busses leave the school at 3:40 pm

\*\*If your child arrives at school during instructional hours, please go to the front doors and check in at the office. If your child is leaving the school for an appointment, please check in at the office before leaving the building\*\*

## MEET OUR NEW VICE PRINCIPAL!

Hello, My name is Mr. Hogeboom and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I have spent 28 years as a teacher. 15 of those have been in the classroom teaching grade 7 and 8. I spent 1 year as a high school guidance counsellor and the rest was in an administrative role. I also have a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology.

I have taught at many of the schools in Prairie South. Most recently I was the Principal/Teacher at the Baildon Hutterite Colony school where I spent 5 years.

My family and I live on a farm south of Moose Jaw. My wife Barb is a teacher as well. I have two daughters Kaylee (grade 11) and Abby (grade 9). Barb is the coach of my daughters competitive curling team. We also have a very large garden at the farm which keeps us busy. I look forward to the opportunity to be working with the students, family and staff at Westmount school this year.



## HOT LUNCHES AND ANY UPCOMING SCHOOL FEES

All payments for student hot lunches and school fees such as band equipment, sports fees, etc. are paid electronically through <https://prairiesouth.schoolcashonline.com> Further information on how to use this payment system will be sent to families when the need arises.

## STAFF LINE UP FOR 2023-24

Mrs. Pat Acker- Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Trish Alexander - Principal

Mr. Shayne Hogeboom - Vice-Principal

Mrs. Shaunna Taylor - Student Support Teacher

Mrs. Kim Alexanderson - Student Support Teacher

Mrs. Pam Elliott -Student Support Teacher

Mrs. Laura Baker - English As A Second Language teacher

Mrs. Patricia Veroba- Literacy Support/Health

Mrs. Amanda Harper - Pre-Kindergarten

Mrs. Erika Topp - Kindergarten

Mrs. Katrina Robinson - Grade 1

Mrs. Sharon Lewis- Grade 1

Ms. Rina Schmidt - Grade 2

Ms. Ashley Young- Grade 2/3

Mrs. Jody Brown - Grade 3

Ms. Nikki Patsack - Grade 4/5

Mrs. Rae Singleton -Grade 4/5

Mrs. Debbie Taylor-French - Grade 5/6

Mr. Todd Boyle - Grade 6

Mr. Shane Krukoff - Grade 7

Mrs. Catelyn Gadd- Grade 7/8

Mrs. Karen Gray- Grade 8

Mr. Michael Hunt - Physical Education

Mrs. Carley Adams - Band, Music

### Educational Assistants

Mrs. Vanessa Morhart

Mrs. Patricia Anderson

Ms. Melody Vance

Mrs. Terrie Ahadi

Mrs. Helen Baker

Mrs. Debbie Rawlyk

Ms. Marissa McCartney

Mrs. Kristen Strong

Mrs. Shaunna Miller

Ms. Faith Morrison

Mrs. Stephanie Heffren

Mrs. Angie Warness

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Please note that if your child is ill or has an appointment and will be missing school, we ask that you call the school at 694-5999. There is an answering machine that will take a message if you call outside of school hours. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you are in the school to pick up your child, volunteering, or perhaps attending a classroom event, please stop at the office and sign in. This is extremely important for the safety of our staff and students.

## TERRY FOX- SEPTEMBER 15TH

Westmount Elementary School is proud to take part in this year's Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. Please help show your support by donating to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/WestmountElementary>.

On Friday, September 15th, Westmount School will be walking for this great cause. Leading up to this date, we will be collecting all monetary donations in the office- 'Toonies for Terry'

Thank you for your supporting our school in the fight against cancer and continuing Terry's legacy!

#terryfoxschoolrun @terryfoxfoundation

## CROSS COUNTRY CLUB!

Our first Cross country meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 12th in Mrs. Brown's room.

All students that are interested in joining Cross Country this year from grades 4-8 will need to be in attendance. Due to construction at Sunningdale School, all Cross country meets this year will be held in Wakamow. Please watch for further details coming soon. Run Jets run!

## WESTMOUNT SCHOOL'S S.C.C.

Our S.C.C.(School Community Council) plays a huge role in organizing special events for our students and acts as a liaison between our Westmount families and the school. If you are interested in joining a wonderful group of parents looking out for the best interest of

Westmount students, our next meeting will be on October 2nd @ 7 pm in the school library.

The S.C.C. will be offering hot lunches once again this year. Our first hot lunch will take place in October. Please watch for notes coming soon!

SCC chairperson- Mrs. Megan Fortin ([lee.megan@hotmail.com](mailto:lee.megan@hotmail.com))

SCC Vice Chair- Mrs. DawnAnne Darroch

SCC Secretary- Mrs. Erika Topp

SCC Treasurer- Mrs. Jess Zoerb

