

Westmount School – October Newsletter



- | Oct 4th – Picture Day (Pre-K, K, Gr. 1 – 4/5)
- | Oct. 5th – Picture Day (K, Gr. 5 -8)
- | Oct. 8th – No School (Thanksgiving)
- | Oct. 14th – 20th – Education Week
- | Oct. 16 – 29th – Swimming Lessons (Brown, Silversides, Taylor, Bechard)
- | Oct. 22nd – Early Dismissal (2:30 p.m.)
- | Oct. 29th – Boston Pizza Lunch
- | Nov. 2nd – Teacher Prep Day (No School)

School Hours

Morning	Afternoon	To ensure student safety, supervision is provided 15 minutes prior to the entrance bell in the morning and 10 minutes after the dismissal bell at the end of the day.
9:00 Entry Bell	12:35 Entry Bell	
9:05 Classes Begin	12:40 Classes Begin	
11:55 Lunch	3:30 Dismissal	



A huge thank you to our School Community Council and Parent Volunteers who organized and hosted our Welcome Back BBQ.

A special thank you to Mrs. Fortin, our SCC Chair, for repainting the lines on the Tarmac and creating bulletin boards in the school that enhance our school environment.

Drive Away Hunger

The Westmount Generosity Club would like to challenge the school community to, once again, contribute to our food drive to support the Moose Jaw Food Bank. FCC is doing a DAH Tractor Tour and will be coming to our school on Friday, October 12th at about 1:25pm. We would like to have our largest donation yet! Please help out by sending non-perishable food to school from October 5 to October 11th. We will weigh each classroom’s donations and the classroom with the highest donation weight will win a pizza party!!!

School Community Council News

Hot Lunch – The School Community Council will be hosting a Boston Pizza Hot Lunch on Monday, October 29th. Ordering information will be sent home on the 15th and needs to be returned no later than the 22nd.

COMING SOON -School Clothing - The School Community Council is in the process of designing a new Westmount Jets Clothing line. Samples and ordering information will be available very soon!

The Christmas Store – Westmount’s School Community Council will be hosting their annual Christmas Store again this year (date to be determined). The Christmas Store provides an opportunity for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5 students to shop for Christmas gifts for their immediate family. The gifts are gently used, donated items from our school community and are priced from \$0.25 to \$1.00. **If you have items to donate, we will be accepting them starting on Tuesday, November 13th.**

Become a member - All parents and community members are a great asset to our School Community Council. New members are always welcome. Even if you decided not to join the council in a formal capacity, we hope you will consider attending council meetings when you can. **Our next School Community Council Meeting is Tuesday, October 23rd at 7 p.m. in the school library. We hope that you can join us!**

Attendance Matters



CHRONIC ABSENCES
18 OR MORE DAYS
- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.

WARNING
10 TO 17 DAYS
- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.

GOOD ATTENDANCE
9 OR FEWER ABSENCES
- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

Absences and Lates

Parents are asked to phone the school if their child is going to be absent or late. We are concerned about student safety; therefore, your co-operation with this request is greatly appreciated. If a student is absent from school and we have not received a phone call, we will attempt to contact the parent.

New – You can now email Westmount School when your child will be away.

Please send your message to

attendance.westmount@prairiesouth.ca.

Don't forget to include your child's first and last name, their homeroom teacher and the reason for their absence.

Terry Fox Walk

Thank you to the Westmount School Community. Collectively we collected \$424.75

Education Week 2018

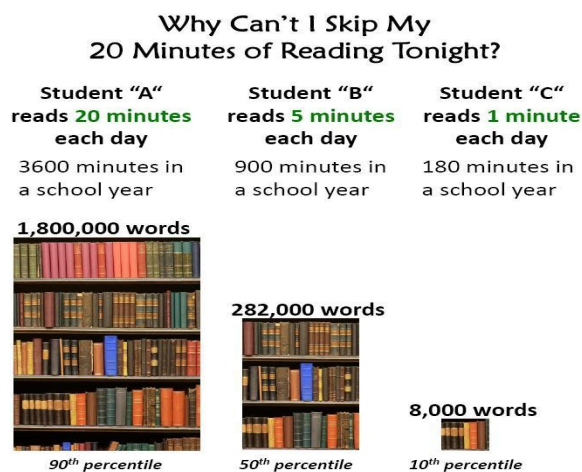
A World of Learning for Every Child
Keep your eye open for information regarding Westmount's Education Week plans.

Westmount School Goals 2018/2019

By June 2019, 79% of students in grades 1 – 8 will be reading at or above grade level as measured by F&P or BRI.

Current Data – The current data shows us that approximately 70% of our students are reading at our above grade level. In June 2018, 9% of our students were reading slightly below grade level.

Daily reading at home with your child is a huge support to reading success.



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?
(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

By June 2019, 65% of students in grades 1 – 8 will be writing at or above grade level as measured by the holistic writing rubric.

Current Data – The current data shows us that approximately 14% of students in grades 2 – 8 are writing at or above grade level. In September, 48% of our students were writing slightly below grade level.

Writing at Home

- Write letters and cards to family members and friends, and encourage them to write back
- Encourage your child to write stories about their favourite things
- Keep a journal
- Read comics and let your child create their own
- Let your child create the shopping list before you head to the store
- Play word games such as Wheel of Fortune and Hangman

