A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Everyone knows in the Westmount community know that Westmount is a great place to learn. It is a great place to be a student, staff member or volunteer. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the staff for the many contributions they make to our students each and every day. The following are examples of the many terrific things they are doing for Westmount Public School.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO . . .

Mrs. Johnsen for her work with the JK/SK and for all her work organizing the Skating Program, for organizing and running the Terry Fox Run and helping with the Dance Crew.

Mrs. Akrigg for her work in the JK/SK class and as our Computer Site Manager and School Council staff representative.

Mrs. Tremblay for her all her excellent work in the Gr. 3 class, organizing and running the Green club and her time coaching the junior girls volleyball team and presently co-coaching the junior girls basketball team.

Ms. Labatt for supporting the students, staff of Westmount for the book exchange, Christmas concert, the upcoming Talent Show and with our Dance Crew and our Dance Club!

Ms. Watson-Jasek for coaching the cross country team and for preparing and organizing our Christmas Sale/Gift Exchange for Community Care!

Mme. Scozzafava for bringing French learning to life for her students every day! Thanks also to Madame for her support as our ETFO rep and for organizing “Le Chef à L’école” for her French classes.

Mr. Read for his ongoing support through coaching numerous sports such as Junior soccer, badminton, boys volleyball, boys basketball, track and field and coordinating the Rankin Run and our LLI program.

Mr. Hallsworth for all his efforts and hard work in the Gr. 6/7 classroom and in coaching Intermediate volleyball, 2 basketball teams and baseball this year, and for organizing the Red Maple book club!

Mrs. Blinski for taking on the Student Council this year and organizing the fundraising and food drive for Community Care at Christmas. She also does an amazing job as our health and safety representative.

Mrs. Henderson-Fox for all her great work with both classes of Kindergarten and her contributions as part of the kindergarten teaching team.

Mrs. Shiner for her work in the Gr. 7/8 class and with the Gr. 1 arts.

Ms. Holtby for coaching soccer and Intermediate volleyball and 3 Pitch this year and running chess club.

Mrs. Townsend for all her fantastic work with the Gr. 4/5 class, coaching the junior girls volleyball team, saving the environment and organizing the Silver Birch Book Club.

Mrs. Derksen for all her help with our kindergarten friends and running primary and junior intramurals and running our Blue Spruce Reading club.

Mrs. Riddick for working and supporting all our students with their behavior and learning.

Mrs. Morrison for running our epic Breakfast Club and for supporting all our students!

Ms. Nugent for running our awesome Breakfast Club and supporting all Westmount students!

Mrs. Gordon for her dedication in supporting Westmount students especially those in the FSP class!

Mrs. King for her organization of the snack program at Westmount and for her work in the FSP class!

Ms. Cowell for all her work in the FSP class and for coaching the junior girls basketball team.

Mrs. Post for her invaluable help every afternoon in the Kindergarten class.

Mrs. Bernais for all her terrific help in the Kindergarten class and with the students she supports.

Mrs. Smith doing such a great job in the office and for always being so friendly and welcoming! Thank you for running and organizing all our fundraising and our spirit wear order.

Mrs. Barker for running floor hockey games at recess and running our spirit days for our students.

Mrs. Barker, Scott and Felicia for making sure that Westmount Public School is the cleanest DSBN
### MARCH 2017

#### Co-operation

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**NEWSLETTER DRAW**

YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE APRIL NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE ENTER OUR NAME(S) IN THE NEWSLETTER DRAW.

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Student’s Name / Family Name

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Parent Signature

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The character education focus for the month of April is...

**INTEGRITY**

We are honest, trustworthy and genuine so that our actions match our words.
EQAO

This is just a reminder to parents of our Grades 3 and 6 students that we will be holding our annual administration of the EQAO Assessment between May 23 and June 5th, 2017. It is very important that all grade 3 and 6 students are at school and on time during these days. Please remember that students perform to their best ability with lots of sleep and a good breakfast. We will have more helpful hints in the May newsletter. We do need help with scribing. If you are able to help please leave your name with Mrs. Smith.

Parking /Safety Concerns

You may have noticed that there are new signs on St. Charles Dr. We have been working closely with the city of Thorold to change “no parking” signs with “No Stopping” signs. We had a number of complaints from parents concerned about parking before and after school. There have been a number incidents where our students have almost been hit by cars due to street congestion on Munro St and St. Charles St. Please obey all streets sign and refrain from parking in no stopping areas. This is real student safety issue. Please take the time to park further down on Munro St. and St. Charles St. where parking is permitted. Thank you for your consideration. This is a serious safety issue. We don’t want anyone to get hit by a car. If you have any questions please call the school at 905 227 3827.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Graduation 2017 will take Place on the evening of Tuesday, June 27th.

Please mark this date on your calendar. The Graduation Ceremony will take place at Club Capri at 5:30 p.m. followed by the presentation of diplomas and awards. Parents interested in being involved in planning the Grade 8 Graduation are asked to contact the school office. The next meeting will be in May.

Westmount Fun Fair Reminders:

Westmount Fun Fair will be held on Wednesday, June 7th. The School Council is looking for support from our parent community leading up to the Fun Fair. The School Council is looking for items for the “Penny Sale” and for the “Silent Auction.” The class that brings in the most items for the Fun Fair will win a free pizza party. Donation letters and thank you letters are available at the office. Thank you for your support!
Book Swap at Westmount

Attention Students: On **Friday, April 21st**, Westmount will be having its annual **Book Swap**. Bring in any books you no longer want or need, before the 20th, then, on Friday you will be called down to choose other gently used books. Bring in as many as you like to Room 6 (Ms. Labatt’s room), and you will be able to choose the same amount on Friday morning. This is a great way to stock up on summer reading!!!! This year we are especially looking for chapter books for young readers. If you have any of those chapter books and have no need for them, we would gladly take them off your hands!

**ALLERGY ALERT REMINDERS**

We have students at Westmount with **severe, potentially life threatening allergies to CASHEWS, AND PEANUTS**. Please avoid sending any of these products or anything containing traces of these products to school with your child. Thank-you for your support and co-operation with this request in being proactive about the health and wellness of all our students and staff.

**LATE ARRIVALS OR STUDENT ABSENCE**

Please be sure to contact the school office prior to the commencement of the classes in the morning or the afternoon if your child is going to be late or absent from school. Attendance will be checked by classroom teachers and forwarded to the office as soon as possible after student entry at the beginning of the day and again after lunch. The office will make contact with the parent(s) or guardian(s) regarding an "unexplained absence" to confirm knowledge of the student’s absence from school.

**WHAT'S UP AT WESTMOUNT?**

**Fridays are School Spirit Days!**

An old tradition at Westmount was that all students and staff wear their Westmount spirit wear every Friday. This was done to increase school spirit. As a school we are trying to promote this tradition again. Please have your child(ren) wear their Westmount t-shirts and/or hoodies every Friday! It could be your child’s lucky day. If your child doesn’t have spirit wear that fits we have some extra spirit wear at the school. We are accepting donations of spirit wear that no longer fits your child.

**Go Wildcats!**
Off to a Great Start at Thorold Secondary School!

Grade 9 students have now finished their first semester of high school. The 2015 graduates of Westmount School have been very successful in completing their first credits toward their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and have now moved on to new courses. Congratulations to Camryn Dillon, Rachel Lantz, Evan McDowell, Meagan McIntyre, Cameron Patterson and Jacob Turner, who achieved Honour Roll Status at the end of first semester.

In addition to their academic success, Westmount grads have taken advantage of a wide-variety of co-curricular activities available at TSS. A sampling of these activities include:

- Grade 9 Barbecue
- Spirit Days
- House System Competitions
- Queenston Heights Activity Day/Terry Fox Walk/Run
- Grade 9 Retreat at Cave Springs
- Student Vote
- Sign-on to Graduate Ceremony
- TSS Coffee House
- Motivational speaker assembly
- Take-Our-Kids-to-Work Day
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- TSS Annual Arts and Craft Show
- Santa Claus Parade
- Milk Bag Cutting to make mats for Haiti
- Food Drive for Community Care
- Christmas Spirit Week
- Christmas Variety Show
- Semi-Formal Dance at Club Roma

Westmount Grads have also involved themselves in extra-curricular activities. Jacob Turner has begun his High School Football Career and also joined the Junior Basketball Team. Meagan McIntyre has joined the Art and Anime Club and the Games Club. Kiara McIntyre is a Golden Eagles’ Cheerleader and Evan McDowell is participating in the Caribou Math Contests. Hunter Hildreth, Cameron Patterson and Jacob Turner are TSS Ambassadors.

Semester 2 is well underway, filled with many more activities for students to enjoy along with their studies. Courses are being selected for 2016-17 and we are looking forward to welcoming the next group of Westmount Grads to Thorold Secondary School.