

WESTMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL

73 Ann Street, Thorold, ON

May 2, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Rankin Run BBQs
May 5, May 12
- School Track & Field Day-May 9th,
Rain Date May 10th
- Walk or ride your bike to school day
May 12th
- Regional Track and Field Meet-May 15
- School Council Meeting May 16th
at 6:00 pm
- Victoria Day Public Holiday - May 22
- EQAO Testing period - May 23rd to June 5th
- May 31st Celebration Assembly at 1:20 pm
- May 31st Spirit Day "Beach Day"
- Rankin Cancer Run Sat. May 27.
Please get involved
- School Climate Survey on the school's webpage May 1—
May 19th



NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School will be very busy this month. Both our Grade 3's and 6's will be writing the EQAO assessments starting at the end of May. Many of our students will be involved in Track & Field and many more will be collecting donations for the **Rankin Cancer Run** over the month. Please get involved with the **Rankin Run on Saturday May 27th**. The school has set goals of having 130 participants and raising \$3500. These are big goals so everyone's involvement is important. Thank you! There is a parent survey that can be accessed on our school webpage until May 19th. Please fill out the survey as your feedback is very important.



GRADE 3 & 6 EQAO ASSESSMENTS

The Provincial Standards testing for Grades 3 and 6 will be held between May 23rd and June 5th. Testing will occur daily during this period. Please plan to make sure that your child is in attendance. Since education is a partnership of parents, students and teachers, we stress to parents to better prepare their children for the E.Q.A.O. assessments and the Ontario Curriculum by reading with your children from a variety of texts (poetry, magazines, newspaper, plays, etc.)

would be very valuable. Reviewing and solidifying number facts and mathematical concepts would also be helpful. Visit the EQAO website at <http://www.eqao.com/> and navigate to the Parents Tab for further information about these assessments.

Rankin Cancer Run

Saturday May 27th 10:00 am

Grantham Lions Club

St. Catharines



Please get involved! Support and join the Westmount Team at the Rankin Cancer run. Thank you!



We are very fortunate to have so many parent and community volunteers who do

such an outstanding job with our students! Our volunteers help out at school in so many ways: School Council members, driving to sports events or helping on field trips, home reading helpers, breakfast club shoppers and coordination, book fair and library helpers, yearbook design, event photography, graduation committee, classroom volunteer, Hot Lunch and Lice Committee. Our students are so fortunate to have you, and so are we. On behalf of the entire Westmount School we would like to "Thank you so much!"

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APRIL 2017		
	Integrity	Integrity in Phys. Ed
Kindergarten	Noah Sargeant	Sophie-Lynn Doucette, Hannah Roberston
Grade 1	Jake MacMillan	Jace Cort
Grade 2	Logan Johnson, Declan McNeil	Sophia Patterson
Grade 3	Abdurrrhman Khalid, Brooklyn Labonte	Guzelay Kaharjan
Grade 4/5	Aidan Martin	Alicia Bailey
Fundamental Skills	Austin Mitchell	Najum Muhammad
Grade 6/7	Jordyn Abram, Reilly McNeil	Deacon Martineau
Grade 7 / 8	Sarah Alexander, Aleah Cort, Quintan Marshall	Brooklyn Ford-Gonczol
French	Alex Cuthbert, Devon Ryckman, Breanna Burgie, Hunter Fluellon, Brooklyn Ford-Gonczol, Jakob Steele	

SCHOOL VANDALISM

We ask your cooperation in reducing vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at the school please call in confidence the following emergency number:

905-682- 8065

NEWSLETTER DRAW

YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE MAY NEWSLETTER.

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

Student's Name / Family Name

Parent Signature



Spring Walk / Rolling to School Day

On Friday, May 12th Families are encouraged to leave the car at home and choose an active trip to school. Students are encouraged to wear green to celebrate the event.

If you live far from school, consider parking a few blocks away so you can walk part of the trip.

Walking, riding your bike and rolling to school is a great way to create a greater sense of community, enhance the safety of our school neighbourhood, be kind to the environment and our bodies and have fun.

We hope you'll join us by walking, bike riding or rolling to school on May 12th !



Dress Code Reminders



As the warm weather approaches we wanted to remind everyone that there is a dress code here at Westmount. All students need to follow the dress code which includes: no spaghetti straps, no bare backs or mid-riffs, no short shorts, messages on T-shirts have to be appropriate for school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer HEAT 2017

We are pleased to be able to offer SUMMER HEAT, a primary Summer School Learning Program again this year. The program will run from **Monday July 10 to Friday July 28th** for students from **JK to Grade 4** in the fall of 2017.

Kindergarten Kick Start is for students entering Junior and Senior Kindergarten in the fall.

Funshine Kids is for students who are entering Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4.

This three week program is entirely FREE, but space is limited so please be sure to register early.

Registration can be done online starting Monday, May 1, 2017. The program will begin at 8:30 am (until 12:00 noon) with breakfast being provided. Students will then be involved in a variety of learning opportunities with a focus on literacy, numeracy and active living.

We are excited about being able to offer this awesome program to our families.

Check it out on the DSNB website at www.dsnb.org/summerheat to register.

New Location: Prince of Wales in Thorold!



Westmount's School Climate Survey 2016-2017

STUDENT AND PARENT SURVEY INFORMATION

What?

The school climate survey is an opportunity for students and parents to provide information about their experiences of school safety, acceptance, inclusion, and well-being. It is a web-based survey that guarantees anonymity of the respondents. A summary of results will be shared with staff, School Councils, and Safe Schools Teams for planning purposes.

Why?

A safe, inclusive and accepting school creates an environment for students to do their best in the classroom and beyond. Hearing the student and parent 'voice' is key to the development and implementation of school and board level improvement plans. Students and parents participating in the survey will not be asked for any personal information that will reveal their identity.

Who? When? Where?

Students:

The DSNB will be surveying all students in Grades 4 to 12 from **April 24 to May 19**.

Parents:

The parent survey will be available via a "**School Climate Survey**" link on the school's website from **May 1 to May 19**.

Parents will be required to enter the Survey Access Code **2-SSS-875-Z** to participate in the school's survey.

The survey must be completed in one sitting.

Additional Information:

For more information about the school climate surveys, please visit:

The Learning Bar at www.thelearningbar.com for student survey information

The Ministry of Education at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/climate for parent survey information

Questions?

If you require further information, please contact your child's school.

We value your voice and we thank you in advance for your participation!