

WESTMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL

73 Ann Street, Thorold, ON

November NEWSLETTER



November 2020

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Remembrance Day , Wednesday November 11th. Activities in class. No formal ceremony
- PA Day Nov. 18th—no school for students
- Report Cards go home on Thursday November 19th.
- Parent / Teacher interviews November 25th at 3:15—6:30 pm
- Nov. 27 - Western Spirit Day

November marks the halfway point in Term 1. Over the past two months we have seen our students flourish with many wonderful learning opportunities presented to them at school during this very unusual school year. It is wonderful to see students engaged in rich classroom activities. We are so pleased to see so many students participating in our monthly Spirit Days.

This month our Character Trait is *Responsibility*. As adults, we are aware of how invaluable this trait is. So what can we do for our children to build this trait?

Responsibility can mean taking care of one's belongings, meeting timelines and also taking on additional duties or tasks at home or at school. As we focus on responsibility at school, we encourage you to have discussions about this character trait at home too.

We appreciate your ongoing support!

Sincerely, *Mr. B. Butler*

REMEMBRANCE DAY

To commemorate Remembrance Day, on Wednesday November 11th, each classroom will be holding class activities with a focus on Remembrance day including 2 minutes of silence. We encourage all Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides at Westmount Public School to wear their uniforms to show respect during this solemn occasion. There will not be a Remembrance Ceremony in the gym for family and friends this year.



Lest We Forget

Healthy Snacks at Westmount

This year and especially after Halloween the staff at Westmount has noticed the increase amount of candy and other snacks high in sugar that come in our students lunches. A better choice other than candy and chocolate would be **fruit and vegetables** instead of candy or chocolate.

Eating too much sugar in a child's diet can lead to major health problems such as obesity and diabetes. There have been numerous studies that show that children learn more effectively when eating a healthy diet low in sodium and refined sugar. Please make an effort not to include candy, chocolate and pop in your child's lunch. Your child(ren) will benefit from more healthy snacks and lunches. Thank you!

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
Achieving Success Together

October winners Respect		French Awards 
Kindergarten	Colton B, Ian K	NA
Grade 1/2 L	Jaxson J, Willow B	NA
Grade 1/2 J	Kai G, Hope K	NA
Grade 2/3	Sullivan H, Preston Y, Hannah R	NA
Grade 4	Phillippe C, Emma C, Michael B	Tessa B, Jade L
Grade 5/6	Madison B, Brock B, Lizzie J	Lizzie J, Riley D
Grade 6/7	Riley J, Declan M	Dakota W, Hannah R
Grade 7/8	Ella S, Abdurrrhman K	Nevaeh A, Abdurrrhman K
Fundamental Skills	Payton M	NA

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in Canadian Tire money through the year! We are still collecting Canadian Tire money-- to date we have \$45. We use Canadian Tire money to purchase items for Community Care of Thorold and St. Catharines for the holidays.

Your continued support is much appreciated!



NEWSLETTER DRAW

YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER. PLEASE ENTER OUR NAME(S) IN THE NEWSLETTER DRAW.

Student's Name / Family Name

Parent Signature



Parking Around Westmount

There have been some incidents where our students have almost been hit by cars due to street congestion on Munro St and St. Charles St. Please obey all street signs and refrain from parking in no parking areas. 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.

Change in Crossing Guard Schedule

Please note that the Crossing Guard at the intersection of Munro Street and St. David's Road and at the intersection of St. David's Road and Burleigh Hill will **no longer be in attendance over the lunch hour.** If you require further information about this, please contact the The City of St. Catharines, Economic Development Department at 905-688-5601, extension 1560.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Progress Reports will be sent home on Thursday, November 19th. Our teaching staff look forward to chatting with parents/guardians during interview night on Wednesday, November 25th between 3:10 to 6:30 p.m. Thank you for sending back the interview planning sheet for Nov. 9. Please note that our schedules are jammed pack with interviews being scheduled for 10 minutes. Thank-you for your support in respecting your allocated appointment times.

Have Questions About COVID-19?

Please contact the Niagara Region Public Health Information Line:

Monday to Friday:
9:15 am–8:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday:
9:15 am–4:15 pm

Call: 905-688-8248 press 7, then 2

Toll-free: 1-888-505-6074 press 7,
then 2

School Council News

The School Advisory Council is now meeting online in Zoom meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm. If you would to be involved in these online SAC meetings contact the school so we can record your email address. Thank you

Why is a belief in our children's ability to learn mathematics essential?

Before your child can learn mathematics, he or she needs to believe in his or her ability to do so. That's where you come in. You can be your child's first role model for learning. When you engage with your child in a supportive, relaxed atmosphere, your child will enjoy taking risks while having fun with math! Understanding mathematics builds confidence and opens doors to many jobs and careers. Understanding mathematics enables us to:

- Solve problems and make sound decisions
- Explain how we solved a problem and why we made a particular decision
- Use technology (such as calculators and computer applications) to help solve problems
- Understand patterns and trends so that we can make predictions (for example, we can keep track of how much juice is consumed so that we know how much juice to buy each week)
- Manage our time and money (for example, we can calculate how much time we need to get to work, how much food we need to make meals and how much money we need to buy food)
- Handle everyday situations that involve numbers (such as figuring out when the next bus will arrive and dividing a recipe).

Stop the spread of Infection

Stay home if you are sick and return when you are well. Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or in your sleeve. Wear a mask. Practice social distancing. Get a flu shot. For more information visit, www.niagararegion.ca/health

When to keep your child at home...

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms: fever, diarrhea, vomiting, rash, frequent coughing or sneezing, yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes, sore throat. Children can return once they have been 24 hours free of vomiting.

Safety Reinders for Parents

To keep Westmount students / staff as safe as possible **parents** are reminded:

1. that they are not allowed on back field/tarmac area before school. This has been mandated by the DSBN and is outlined in the DSBN Parents' Guide online.
2. that they are not permitted in the school. If you need to speak to a staff member please call and arrange a telephone call.
3. to supply your child(ren) with a lunch when they come to school in the morning so you, the parent, don't have to come to the school and drop one off later in the day.
4. to keep your child(ren) at home when they are not feeling well especially if they are suffering from a cough, temperature, runny nose and/or sore throat etc. **Thank you!**

School Cash Online

This year we are continuing to offer you, **School Cash Online**. With School Cash Online you'll be able pay for school items, such as up coming fieldtrips or this year's school spirit wear, online. You can pay for items using a credit card or debit. It takes just five minutes to register for this service. You will be able access the service by visiting our school website and clicking on "**School Cash Online**" You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal. Please go online and register if you have not already done so. Thank you!

