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

Mrs. Johnsen for her time and effort to organize the Terry Fox Run.

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, 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! Thanks also to Madame for her support as our ETFO and health safety rep and for running Student Council and Primary and Junior intramurals.

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

Mr. Hallsworth for all his hard work in the Gr. 4/5 classroom and in coaching, badminton, intermediate volleyball, basketball and baseball this year, for organizing the Silver Birch book club and our house colour teams!

Mr. Harding for all his efforts and care in the Gr. 7/8 class and his help with the Christmas Concert.

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

Mrs. Cindy Smith for coaching soccer and Intermediate volleyball, Junior Basketball and running chess club. Her time and energy organizing and leading the Christmas concert plus her awesome job in the FSP class.

Mrs. Townsend for all her fantastic work with the Gr. 6/7 class, coaching the junior girls volleyball team, organizing the Red Maple Book Club and running and organizing the Student Council.

Mrs. Derksen for all her help with our kindergarten friends and running primary and junior intramurals and running our Blue Spruce Reading club which includes all our Primary students from Gr. 1 to 3.

Mrs. Riddick for running our epic Breakfast Club and supporting all our students in Kindergarten.

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

Ms. Nugent for organizing our snack program, staff salad days and supporting all our FSP students!

Ms. Higginson for her dedication in supporting Westmount students especially those in the FSP class!

Ms. Denee for care supporting our FSP students and supporting all students at Westmount.

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

Mrs. Williams for all her hard work and effort in the Kindergarten class and her effective role in the “K team.”

Ms. Spencer for her invaluable help every afternoon in Gr. 1 and in the FSP class.

Mrs. Bernais for all her terrific help in the Grade 2 class and with all the students she supports.

Miss Primeau for her hard work and care in the Kindergarten program and as part of the Kindergarten team.

Mrs. Cathy 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 and yearbook orders. For all you do, we thank you.

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

Mrs. Barker, Scott and Nicole for making sure that Westmount Public School is the cleanest DSBN school each and every day!
### March 2018

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#### News Letter Draw

Yes, I/we have read the April newsletter. Please enter our name(s) in the newsletter draw.

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### You’re Invited for a Workshop on Dealing with School Anxiety

To our TSS’s Family of Schools Evening

Westmount Richmond Street Burleigh Hill Ontario Ferndale Prince of Wales

April 26th 5:30 – 7:15 pm Thorold Secondary School

Register for child care by calling your school secretary in advance giving number of children and ages

5:30 – 6:00 pm Tour of Thorold Secondary School

6:00-7:00 pm Speakers: Paul Gardner, Professor Brock University, Kaitlyn Kerridge, Brock University

7:00-7:15 Opportunity for Questions and Answers

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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.
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 22 and June 6th, 2018. 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
We had a number of complaints from parents concerned about parking before and after school. There have been a number incidents where our students and parents 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. Please do not park to close to the stop sign on Munro St. right in front of the school as this creates a real “log jam” especially before school. 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 2018 will take place on the evening of Tuesday, June 26th.

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 Wed. April 25th.

Westmount Fun Fair Reminders:

Westmount Fun Fair will be held on Wednesday, June 6th. 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 20th**, Westmount will be having its annual **Book Swap**. Bring in any books you no longer want or need, before the 19th, 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!*