

# Westmount Elementary School

## April Newsletter 2017

### SAFETY REMINDER:

#### Dropping off Students:

Please note that the front of the school on Edward Arab Ave. is a NO PARKING zone. You can drop your child off. Also make note you are not to do a U-Turn on the corner across the street from the front of the school. You must go down the Cul de Sac and come around. Tickets may be issued.

George Dauphinee Dr. Please drop your child off in the designated stopping zones. We have two special needs buses dropping off children and one of those drop offs is the sidewalk on George Dauphinee. Please do not block this area. Children are able to enter through the doors located on the other side of the chained off area.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### SAC Parent Member Vacancy:

Currently, the Westmount school SAC is inviting parents to express interest in filling **one parent member vacancy**. We are also inviting members of the Westmount community to express interest in our SAC. We are filling **two community member vacancies**. This position is for a term of three years beginning in September (2017-2020). The SAC is an advisory committee that meets 6-8 times yearly, on the last Monday of the month between 6-7pm. The SAC plays an advisory role to the principal and staff of the school. It is governed by the Education Act, HRSB policy, Westmount SAC bi-Laws and Letter of Agreement. Should you be interested in this vacancy please email [wmount@hrsb.ca](mailto:wmount@hrsb.ca). The deadline to express interest is April 13th. Please call Mrs. MacInnis if you have questions regarding the SAC.

### Safe-Arrival ( Number: 902 493-5169)

Safe Arrival volunteers phone the homes of students who are absent each day. The safe arrival calls begin around 9:00am and are usually finished by 10:00. To save these volunteers time it is extremely helpful if you notify your child's teacher if you know your child will be absent. On the occasions that this is not possible please call the school to report that your child will be absent.

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### Parents/Guardians & Visitors to the School

**Any person visiting the school for any purpose must enter through the building's main door and report to the main office.** Those remaining in the building for any period of time must sign in and receive an HRSB visitor or volunteer badge. This must be worn at all times. Upon leaving, all visitors must sign out and return the badge. All assigned staff are required to wear identification badges at all times. For student safety purposes, all doors will remain locked. The buzzer at the main entrance will allow you to gain access. Parents/Guardians waiting for students at dismissal times are asked to please wait outside. This will enable teachers to arrange for a safe, orderly and timely dismissal.

### EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2017-2018:

Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2017/2018 school year are encouraged to mark the following important dates on your calendars:

- **April 24th** - Beginning at 8:00 am current participants of the 2016/2017 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system; by email; or by fax. On April 18<sup>th</sup> Account Holders of current participants will receive an email containing their user name and password providing them exclusive access to the online application system. Current participant families that have additional siblings that will be registering for the first time with EXCEL are eligible to register all children in their family during this early registration period.
- **May 1st** - General Registration begins for all EXCEL Before and/or After school programs at 8:00 am on May 1st. Applications may be submitted via the online system or the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. Individuals paying by Pre-Authorized Payment, MasterCard or Visa ONLY may register on-line. Go to <https://secure.hrsb.ns.ca/excel> to access.

*We encourage parents to submit their applications in a timely manner to ensure the greatest opportunity for entry into the program as demand often exceeds capacity. Applications will be accepted on a first-received, first-accepted basis. (Priority is not given to Before & After participants over After only.) Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information on registration and the program.*

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### New Primary Students for September 2017

If you have a child that was born in 2012, please come in and register your child for school for September.

You will need:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Health Card
- Your latest NS Power Bill (Proof of residency)
- \$35.00 school fees

If your child was not born in Canada we will need the parent's and child's immigration documents.

We have 36 Primaries registered so far.

Primary Orientation will take place on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 3:30-5:00pm.

### WSA

Westmount Family Dance will take place on Thursday, April 13, 2017, from 6-8pm. There is no charge. Come on out and have some fun!

### French Camp

Canadian Parents for French – Nova Scotia has an exciting summer camp season for 2017. There are week-long overnight camps available that cover a range of French levels and activities. All camps provide a great opportunity for kids to learn and reinforce language skills over the summer. Imagine having all the fun of summer camp « En français »! For more information and application forms, visit [ns.cpf.ca](http://ns.cpf.ca) or call 902-453-2048/toll free 1-877-273-5233

### Important Information:

1. Please ensure that you send your child to school with appropriate clothing for outside play time.
2. Please ensure that you send forks and spoons with your child's lunch should their meal require utensils. The school does not provide these.

### Looking Ahead...

- Professional Development Day; May 19<sup>th</sup>, No school for students
- Victoria Day Holiday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, No school
- Primary Orientation, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm-5pm
- Spring Fair, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm
- WSA, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 6pm
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