

Westmount Elementary School

May Newsletter 2017

May is here and we are moving quickly toward summer vacation. Staff and students are engaged in many wonderful learning opportunities as we complete learning outcomes for the year.

This month we are excited to welcome our new Primary students who are registered to begin school in September. This year we will meet our new students and their parents during an after school session!

The annual spring fair is also coming up this month. It will be on May 27th from 10am-1pm. I understand that it is a wonderful event and I am looking forward to attending my first one! Please come out and have fun with your children and support the WSA and Westmount School.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Sincerely,

Lesley MacInnis
Principal

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Bee Bots



We are excited to let you know that we received Bee Bots from the HRSB. These bug shaped robots are ideal for teaching coding to students in early elementary. Students can use the directional arrows to learn how simple programs can be created and executed. The Bee Bots also help teach skills in directional language through creating sequenced programs; forwards, backwards, left, and right and 90 degree turns. The Bee Bots are a great tool for cross-curricular learning as they come with an alphabet, number and shape mat.

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Ellie Black Visits Westmount

On April 7th, Westmount was very fortunate to be visited by Canadian Olympian Ellie Black as part of the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame Presentations. Ellie talked to our Grade 3-6 students about some of her experiences in gymnastics and her road to the Olympics. Our students left the presentation with an appreciation for her hard work and dedication. Many of our students were able to make the connection between her experiences and their own. A huge thank you to Nina Brien who helped bring this event to Westmount and of course Ellie Black for her wonderful presentation!!

Strings Information:

May 11th - String Night Dress Rehearsal (AM) and String Night at the Halifax Forum (7pm)

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.

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.

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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 38 Primaries registered so far.

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

INVITATION!!!

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICPATE IN OUR CULTURAL FAIR FASHION SHOW
WEAR TRADITIONAL CLOTHING FROM YOUR COUNTRY OR A COUNTRY YOU ADMIRE!!**

WHEN: MORNING OF JUNE 1ST, 2017

WHERE: WESTMOUNT SCHOOL GYM

WHY: TO CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY BY WEARING TRADITIONAL DRESS FROM THE COUNTRIES AND CULTURES WE REPRESENT

If you are interested, PLEASE CONTACT OUR CULTURAL FAIR ORGANIZER NATALIE PUTNAM (YMCA SCHOOL SETTLEMENT) AT 902 229 9436 OR by email at natalie_putnam@ymca.ca

Looking Ahead...

- Cultural Fair, Thursday, June 1st
- Violin & Cello concert, June 9th (10:55am)
- Grade six trip,
- WSA AGM, Monday June 26th
- Grade six closing,
- Assessment & Evaluation Day, Thursday, June 29th (no school for students)
- Last Day, Friday, June 30th

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