



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

ELEMENTARY CAMPUS
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October 2022

Welcome Fall

Autumn is the theme at the EC right now. Lots of amazing fall colored art around the school this month!

Math Re-grouping

Finally, after 2 years, we are able to once again re-group for Math. Homerooms began re-grouping for Math during the first week of October. Teachers pre-tested students to determine what their math needs are and Math groups were formed based on the results of pre-tests. Many students will now be making short trips to their new Math classes.

Watch for news about re-grouping for Language Arts coming soon!

The Mystery of the Fallen TV

The TV monitor in the main hallway by the office fell off the wall onto the floor. It's a good thing it happened in the middle of the night. But what did happen??? We have asked our students to come up with a creative story explaining just how this mysterious event took place. It can be true, but it would be more fun to let the creative fiction minds run loose.

The contest to provide the most entertaining explanation of how this all took place ended on October 5.

Now, the office team will judge the entries to choose 2 winning submissions: 1 from Kindergarten, Grade 1 or Grade 2, and one from Grade 3 or 4. Stay tuned to find out what really happened!



(The TV monitor has been safely remounted to the wall and all TV monitors have been inspected to ensure they are secure.)

Terry Fox Day



The Elementary Campus Terry Fox Run took place on September 23. It was a wonderful day thanks to our very capable organizers, a small army of parent volunteers, hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers and most of all, our determined and spirited students. The day taught us all a lot about Terry Fox's resilience and determination, and we managed to raise \$5178.00. The fundraising campaign ends on October 11, so there is still time to contribute, as you are able.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 27 and 29, as part of the week leading up to National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we were honored to host Elder Bruce Starlight Jr. from the Tsuut'ina Nation. Elder Starlight set up an impressive teepee each day and spoke to all of our students, two homerooms at a time. Students were impressively respectful and attentive as they heard stories of Elder Starlight's people's experiences.



Orange Shirt Day



Coffee Talk

It was a joy to be able to share an hour on line with parents at Coffee Talk on Friday, September 23. Our next Coffee Talk will be IN PERSON (Yay!!) for the first time in two and a half years! Please join us in the Staff Room on Friday, October 14, at 9:15 AM for conversation, coffee and treats.

Schoology: Online Q and A for Parents

On **Wednesday, October 12**, directly after the online School Council Meeting, Westmount staff will be available on Zoom to answer your questions about Schoology. (*Same Zoom link for Council meeting and Schoology Q&A*).



IPPs

Teachers spent the day on Friday, October 7 writing student IPPs. We hope to have these ready for parents to see by the end of October.

UR Strong

Our Grade 3 and 4 classes will attend a presentation by UR Strong on Wednesday, October 16, from 2PM to 3:30PM. (<https://urstrong.com/>)

Safety Drills

We'll have our first Bad Weather Drill on Wednesday, October 16. Bad Weather Drills involve having students quickly leave their classrooms to sit quietly in the hallways. This drill is to teach and practice how to take safety precautions in the event of a bad weather event such as a tornado.

Student Teachers

As part of our contribution to the field of education in Alberta, we host student teachers. This year, we will have student teachers from the Werklund School of Education, Mount Royal University and Ambrose University. It is a great opportunity for those aspiring to be teachers to gain some important experience with learners who are gifted. Having student teachers also gives Westmount a chance to discover keen people who have an interest in gifted kids as well as the desirable personal attributes to be successful with them. We have been lucky enough to hire some excellent teachers through the student teacher experience.

LEAD

After a long absence due to COVID, LEAD begins again on Friday, October 14. Students and teachers spend Friday afternoons taking LEAD classes, which give students the chance to work in split grade classes in passion areas not usually found in the curriculum.



Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone and a safe, fun Halloween



Respectfully Submitted,
Hal Curties, Principal