

September 2025



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Elementary Campus Monthly Principal Report



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TO
SCHOOL

Dear Westmount Charter School (WCS) Community,

We hope you had a restful summer and are ready for the 2025-2026 school year ahead. Our team is committed to supporting a welcoming, connected, and engaging school community by fostering gifted education from the inside out.

Please join us in welcoming two new staff members to the Elementary Campus: Ms. Petrowich to the Grade 2 Team and Mr. Khawaja as the Physical Education Specialist.

We value strong communication and encourage you to reach out with questions or feedback to Mrs. Bagnall at karly.bagnall@westmountcharter.com; and to Ms. Cuthbert at ashley.cuthbert@westmountcharter.com. September is set to be a strong start to the school year, please review this report for important updates and upcoming events.

We look forward to a successful year together.

Kind regards,

Karly Bagnall (Acting Principal)

Ashley Cuthbert (Acting Assistant Principal)

Submitted: September 12, 2025



Calendar of Events

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Calendar



September 2025

September 2	First Day of School for Grades 2-4 Staggered Entry Day #1 for K-1 (T/Th Kindergarten Surnames A-M morning/ Surnames N-Z afternoon. Grade 1 Surnames A-M)
September 3	Staggered Entry Day #2 for K-1 (M/W Kindergarten Surnames A-M morning/ Surnames N-Z afternoon. Grade 1 Surnames N-Z)
September 5	Westmount Wear Friday Coffee Talk In-Person 8:50 a.m.
September 9	Fall Photos K-4 and Class Photo for T/Th Kindergarten
September 10	Kindergarten House Colour Photos M/W Kindergarten
September 12	House Colour Photos for K-4
September 17	School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
September 18	Meet the Teacher Night 5:00-6:30 p.m. <i>Note presentation times in the gym for each grade: Grades 3 & 4 5:00-5:30 p.m. Kindergarten 5:30 -6:00 p.m.; Grades 1 & 2 6:00-6:30 p.m.</i>
September 19	Spirit Day-House Colour Day, Terry Fox Run
September 22	Parent IPP Questionnaire Goes Home
September 25	Admissions Information Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
September 26	Applications Open for 2026-2027 School year until November 28
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School

October 2025

October 1	Parent IPP Questionnaire Due Back
October 3	Westmount Wear Friday Coffee Talk Online 9:15-9:45 a.m.
October 6	Blue Shirt Day-Bullying Prevention
October 6	Picture Retake Day, Fall Photos and Class Photos for M/W Kindergarten
October 8	School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
October 10	Non-instructional Day - No School
October 13	Thanksgiving Day - No School
October 31	Spirit Day-Halloween





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Upcoming Events

WCS Meet the Teacher

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 5-6:30 P.M.


PRESENTATIONS IN THE MAIN GYM:
5 P.M. GRADE 3 & 4
5:30 P.M. KINDERGARTEN
6:00 P.M. GRADES 1 & 2



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, September 25, 2025
6 - 7 p.m. in the Main Gym


For students applying to Kindergarten-Grade 4 for the 2026-2027 school year.



JOIN US ONLINE!

School Council Coffee Talk

Date: Friday, October 3, 2025
Time: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
Location - Zoom



Save the Date



Information

Music Update



ELEMENTARY MUSIC



Welcome to Music with Mrs. Nysetvold!

Grade 1-4 students have two 30 minute blocks per week and Kindergarten students one 30 minute block

Contact: tiffany.nysetvold@westmountcharter.com



Click the link to hear and learn Westmount's school song **A World of Difference**, by Joseph and Pamela Martin.

SEPTEMBER MUSIC UPDATE



In Kindergarten we are getting to know each other, the space, and routines with with name games, action songs, and singing games.

In grades 1-4, we are familiarizing ourselves with our classmates and routines as we review known concepts through a variety of welcome back songs and activities.

Key Concepts

Enjoyment of music, ensemble and collaboration, creativity and self-expression

- values we work toward that apply to the music setting as well as life outside the music room.

Musical Skills

Sing, play, move, listen, read, write, create, and aurally identify

- What you see and hear in the music room at all grade levels.

Musical Concepts

Rhythm, melody & tonality, form, texture & harmony, expression

- All grades work on the same foundational concepts but at different levels or intricacies.

CHOIR

There will be two entry points for students in grade 3 & 4 to join choir this year.

Term 1 - Fall Choir will perform at Deck the Halls concerts in December.

Term 2 - Fine Arts Choir will perform at Fine Arts Night in May.

More details to follow.



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Student Services Update

The Elementary Campus Student Services Department continues to provide targeted supports designed to enhance student success and well-being across the school community. Core services include social-emotional learning support, small group instruction for English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners, and specialized math and literacy groups. These initiatives are aimed at fostering academic growth, developing essential skills, and supporting the holistic needs of all students, through an inside out approach.



Numeracy/Literacy Screening

Government of Alberta Early Years Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

Kindergarten: Literacy and numeracy assessments (in January)

Grades 1 to 3: Literacy and numeracy assessments (in September, January, and June)

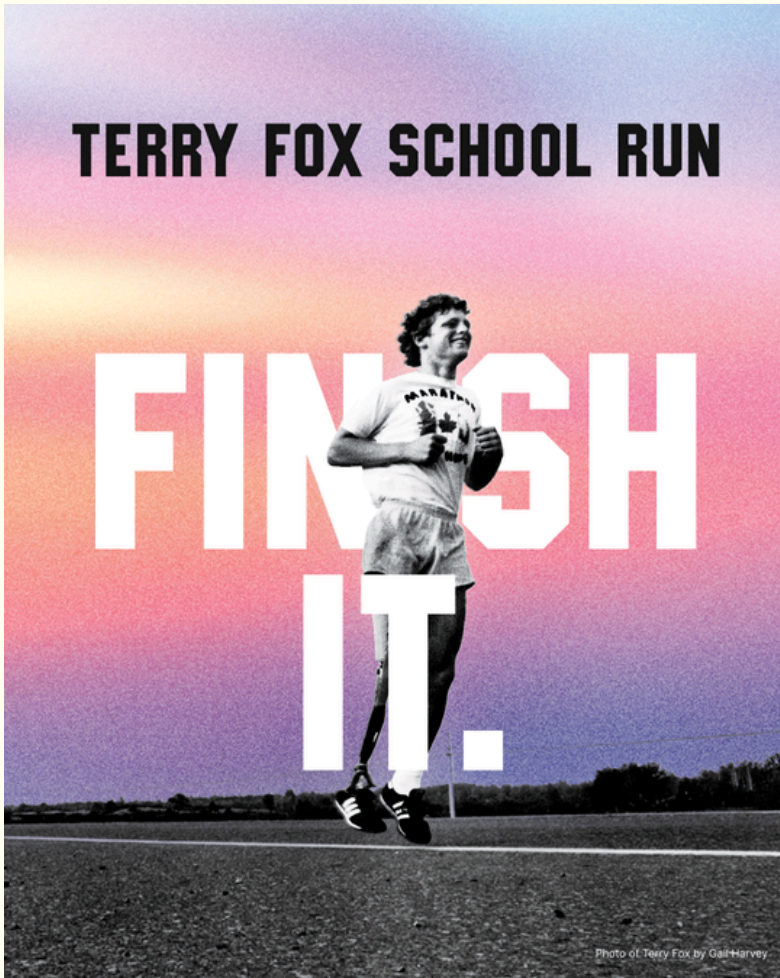
Student Services Update

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, 2025, Heritage Park will welcome Westmount Charter School staff for a day of learning and reflection, with meaningful programming to honour Truth and Reconciliation.



Information



Our online fundraising campaign will run until September 25, 2025.



Please scan the code to access our Terry Fox Fundraising Page

Elementary Campus Terry Fox School Run

On Friday, September 19, 2025 we will host our annual school run. Students will participate in various stations including a walk/run. We invite students to show their school spirit and wear their house colours!

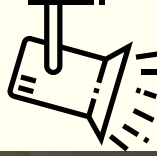
Students are invited to bring a **'Fiver (\$5) for Fox'** the day of the event. Last year we placed 25th of Top 50 Alberta Terry Fox Fundraisers of 2024 (Elementary Division). Our total funds raised were \$5,637.00! Way to go!

This years fundraising goal is \$6,000.

House Colour	Student House Colours (First Letter of Last Name)
Yellow	A B C D
Blue	E F G H
Green	I J K L
Red	M N
Orange	O P Q R S T
Purple	U V W X Y Z

Information

Clubs



Drama

A Westmount Carol

- Elementary and Mid-High Collaboration of "A Westmount Carol"
- Adapted by Director Heather Lofthouse
- December 12th at 4:00 p.m. in the EC Main Gym

Cinderella

- "Cinderella" Adapted by Carmella Gates and Heather Lofthouse
- Student Matinee: May 19th
- 2 Show Nights: May 20th and 21st



Run Club

Grades 3 and 4 students participating in Run Club will meet after school for training sessions from 3:35-4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays until the beginning of October. Grade 4 students in the Run Club are invited to 3 cross-country meets:

Meet 1: September 17

Meet 2: September 24

Meet 3: October 1



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