

# October 2025



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## Elementary Campus Monthly Principal Report



Dear Westmount Charter School (WCS) Community,

It was wonderful to see so many families during the Meet the Teacher evening last month. The Terry Fox event was a tremendous success, exceeding our fundraising goal. We recognized Orange Shirt Day with our students on September 29th and observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Heritage Park for staff professional learning. We kicked off October celebrating Custodian Appreciation Day (October 2nd) as well as World Teachers' Day (October 5th). Additionally, we are excited to announce that admission registration is now open. Halloween Spirit Day will wrap up the month!

Please join us in welcoming two new staff members to the Elementary Campus: Ms. Kendra, and Ms. Ahona who are serving as lunchroom supervisors.

We value communication and encourage you to reach out with any questions or feedback. You can contact Mrs. Bagnall at [karly.bagnall@westmountcharter.com](mailto:karly.bagnall@westmountcharter.com) or Ms. Cuthbert at [ashley.cuthbert@westmountcharter.com](mailto:ashley.cuthbert@westmountcharter.com). Please review this report for updates and upcoming events.

We are looking forward to a fantastic October!

Kind regards,

Karly Bagnall (Acting Principal)  
Ashley Cuthbert (Acting Assistant Principal)

*Submitted: October 3, 2025*



# Calendar of Events

Mark  
your  
Calendar

## October 2025

October 1	Parent IPP Questionnaire Due Back
October 3	<b>Westmount Wear Friday</b> Coffee Talk Online 9:15-9:45 a.m.
October 6	Blue Shirt Day-Bullying Prevention
October 6	Photo 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

## November 2025

November 5	Spirit Day-Wear Red for Remembrance Day
November 6	Non-instructional Day - No School Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m. (in-person)
November 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School 9:00-11:00 a.m. (in-person), 12:00-3:00 p.m. (online)
November 10-14	Fall Break - School Closed
November 19	School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
November 20	Spirit Day - Wear Blue for National Child Day
November 21	<b>Westmount Wear Friday</b> Coffee Talk In-Person 8:50 a.m.
November 28	Non-instructional Day - No School
November 28	Last Day to Apply for Admission to 2026-2027 School Year.



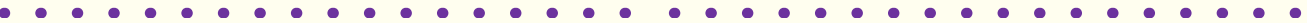
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# Upcoming Events



Get ready! **The Scholastic Book Fair** is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

The Book Fair will be hosted in the Elementary Campus Learning Commons for student previews and purchases from October 27 - November 5, 2025.



# Music Update



## OCTOBER MUSIC UPDATE



Singing is the heart of the music program. At every grade level we are striving to sing in tune together with a beautiful sound.

Kindergarten students are exploring the Four Voices: speak, whisper, shout, & sing; and will use loud & quiet in rhymes and songs to make music.

Students in grades 1-4 have been practicing and reinforcing previous learning through new songs and rhymes, and are learning to aurally identify, read, write, and arrange with new melodic and rhythmic elements.

### CHOIR

**DECK THE HALLS CHOIR**  
Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 12:15 (during lunch recess)


Performance Dates:  
Wednesday, December 10, 2pm  
Thursday, December 11, 2pm



### Musical Storytelling Workshop

Each grade 3 and 4 class will participate in a one hour workshop led by Sydney Ball, a talented Grade 12 student from the Mid-High Campus.

Students will learn and experience how music and sound can impact and enhance storytelling.




# Information

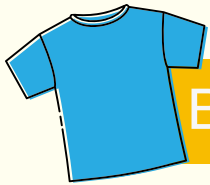
## Admissions

On September 25th, the Elementary Campus hosted an Admission Information Evening. Applications opened for submissions on September 26, 2025 and will close on November 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.



Thank You 

Thank you to Corey Hogan M.P. Member of Parliament for providing the Elementary Campus with a Canadian flag.



## Blue Shirt Day

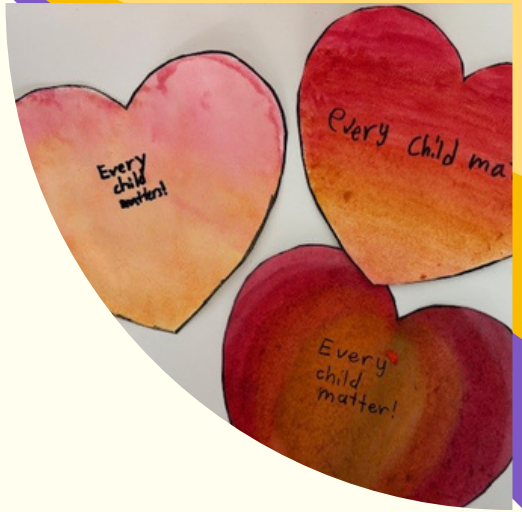
October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and the Elementary Campus will honour the World Day of Bullying Prevention on Monday, October 6th by wearing blue. We are focused on building understanding around the difference between bullying and other unkind behaviour. Students are encouraged to practice kindness, guided by the motto "Be kind. Be curious. Bring out the best in each other." Westmount is a URStrong school, offering free resources to parents/guardians, please visit <https://urstrong.com/parents/>.

# Information

## Orange Shirt Day

On September 29th, the Elementary Campus recognized Orange Shirt Day. Earlier in the month, on September 12th, all students took part in an assembly welcoming Walter White Bear to our campus and deeply appreciated the music and stories he shared.

This year's Orange Shirt Day initiative expanded upon our previous heart-shaped art projects. Students decorated heart templates and wrote meaningful messages, which were collected and shared with local Indigenous organizations. Classes also engaged in thoughtful discussions about the significance of Orange Shirt Day. Some classes chose to walk around the playground field in their orange shirts as a way to show support within the greater community. The Elementary Campus was pleased to welcome author Sandra Lamouche to our Grade 1 and 2 classrooms, where she shared her story *We Belong to the Drum*.



## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, 2025, WCS staff attended a full day of ceremony, storytelling, and programs at Heritage Park. The programming reflected the national theme Together as One, guided by the spirit name Bezhig miigwan (One Feather).

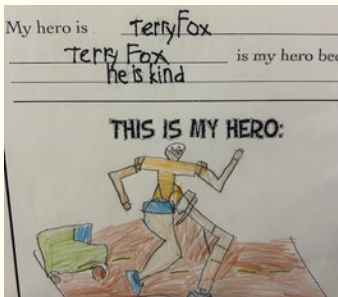
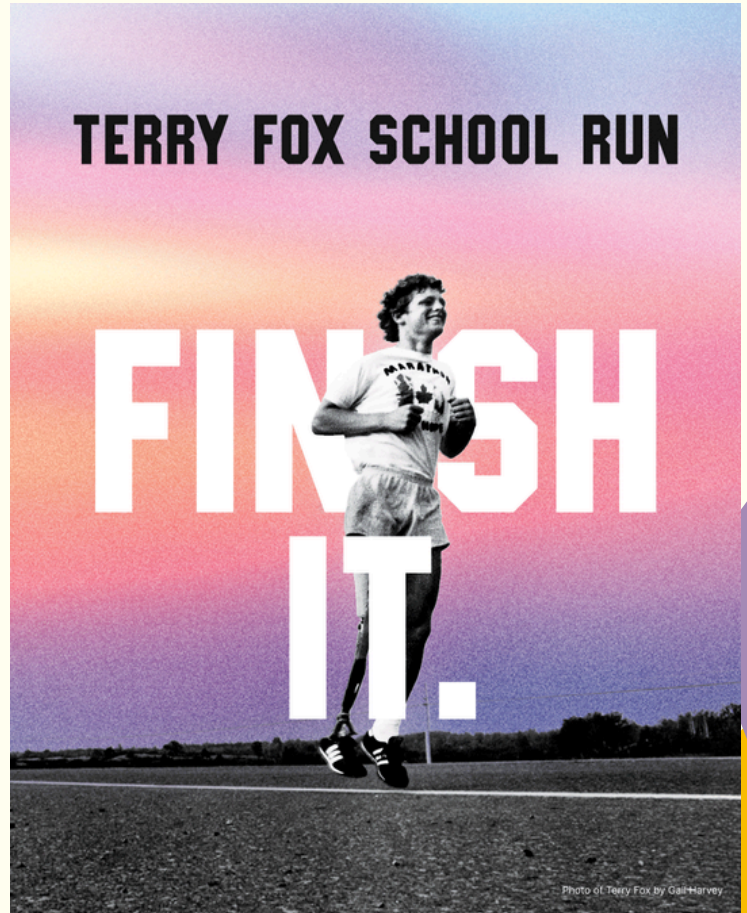


# Celebrate

## Elementary Campus Terry Fox School Run

On Friday, September 19, 2025, we hosted our annual school run. Students engaged in various activities, including a walk/run while proudly wearing their house colors! A heartfelt thank you goes out to Mr. Khawaja and all the parent volunteers for contributing to the success of this event!

We are grateful for all the donations. This year, we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$6,000 by raising \$6,108.00 to support cancer research.



# Celebrate

## Appreciation



We celebrated our staff on Friday, October 3rd, in recognition of **World Teacher Day** (October 5th). The School Council generously provided delightful treats for the occasion. Additionally, we acknowledged our fantastic custodial staff on October 2nd, which was **Custodial Appreciation Day**.

## Fall LEAD

Fall LEAD is now underway! The LEAD program at the Elementary Campus is an innovative initiative that opens up a world of possibilities. With LEAD classes, the sky's the limit! Teachers dive into their areas of passion to develop classes designed to inspire students to Learn, Explore, Acquire, and Discover =LEAD. Grades 1 - 4 students have the opportunity to self-select three LEAD options throughout the 2025-2026 school year.

Key features of LEAD classes include incorporating a teaching component, introducing students to new and exciting learning experiences, and providing a fun way to wrap up the week. Fall LEAD ends December 12, 2025.



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## Clubs

### Run Club

Grades 3 and 4 students participated in Run Club! Grade 4 students in the Run Club were invited to 3 cross-country meets.

- Meet 1: September 17
- Meet 2: September 24
- Meet 3: October 1

Congratulations to Angela, Evan, and Dhyanam for placing top 10.

### Math Club

This optional lunch-time math club for grade four students offers a fun and engaging space to delve into mathematical concepts and enhance problem-solving skills, nurturing a passion for math beyond standard classroom lessons. The club is led by Bill Keen, a former teacher who dedicated 20 years to teaching grades 3 and 4 at Westmount Charter School before his retirement. Additionally, the grade 4 teaching team will help facilitate the club.



## Drama

The Drama team is thrilled to announce Isla Landry as our Co-Director for the Mid/High Westmount Carol Cast. Isla, a Grade 10 student, has been with WCS since Kindergarten and has participated in all our productions since Grade 3.

**\*\*Casting Update\*\*:**

- Casting is finalized for Cinderella in May and our collaborative project, \*A Westmount Carol, with Mid/high
- Rehearsals for the Westmount Carol cast started two weeks ago on Fridays after school, and the excitement is infectious among everyone.
- It is heartwarming to see older students mentoring younger ones with support and encouragement.

Mark your calendars for A Westmount Carol on Friday, December 12th at 4:00 PM in the Elementary Campus Main Gym.



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