

November 2025



Elementary Campus Monthly Principal Report



Dear Westmount Charter School (WCS) Community,

It was nice to see many of you at Parent Teacher conferences.

On November 5th, we commemorated Remembrance Day with a virtual assembly hosted by the Grade Three team with staff and students wearing red to honour the occasion.

We encourage all staff and students to show their Westmount spirit by wearing Westmount gear or purple and gold on Friday, November 21st! That same day we will have a student-led assembly for National Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week focused on friendship.

We wish everyone a delightful Fall Break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, November 17th.

Kind regards,

Karly Bagnall (Acting Principal) | karly.bagnall@westmountcharter.com

Ashley Cuthbert (Acting Assistant Principal) | ashley.cuthbert@westmountcharter.com.

Submitted: November 7, 2025



Calendar of Events

Mark
your
Calendar

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	Westmount Wear Friday 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.

December 2025

December 5	Westmount Wear Friday
December 10	Deck the Halls Performance #1 2:00 p.m.
December 11	Deck the Halls Performance #2 2:00 p.m.
December 15	Spirit Day-Holiday Wear Day
December 16	Spirit Day-Flannel Tuesday Last Day for Lost and Found Items
December 17	Spirit Day- Holiday Sweater Day
December 18	Last Day of Classes Spirit Day-PJ Day
December 19	Non-instructional Day-School Closed for Winter Break until January 5 th

Save
the
Date



Upcoming Events

CELEBRATE **NATIONAL CHILD DAY** **NOVEMBER 20**

NOVEMBER 20 is NATIONAL CHILD DAY, a day to celebrate child rights!

All children in Canada up to the age of 18 have rights, below are only a few examples. All your rights are written in a document called the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.**

Visit Canada.ca/national-child-day to learn more about your rights!



SCHOOL COUNCIL COFFEE TALK

Join Us Live!



Date: Friday, November 21
Time: 8:50 – 9:50 a.m.
Location: EC Staff Room



Music Update



NOVEMBER MUSIC UPDATE



Kindergarten students are building readiness for musical concepts through joyful, play-based experiences based on singing, creative movement, active listening and rhythm instrument play.

Grade 1&2 students have been exploring voices and instruments to create soundscapes for poems and stories.

Grade 1's brought the poem *Five Little Pumpkins* to life with instruments including triangles, sand blocks, drums, woodblocks, and tambourines.

Grade 2's used wood blocks, finger cymbals, sand blocks, drums, triangles, and tambourines to create sound effects for the story *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*.







REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Remember

Thank you to the Grade 3 students for hosting the Remembrance Day Assembly. All were touched by the performances of *In Flanders Fields* and *A Wish For Peace* and the thoughtful reflections from the MC's.

SAVE THE DATE

DECK THE HALLS Concerts December 10 & 11 at 2:00 p.m. Each class will perform on one of those days. We'll share the concert schedule after Fall Break so you'll know which day each class performs.

Grade 4 students learned *Black and Gold*, a Halloween song with instrumental parts on metallophones, glockenspiels, and the following percussion instruments: cabasa, hand drum and wood block. Part-work challenges students to work on listening and moving together as an ensemble while developing rhythmic and melodic accuracy.


Information

Remembrance Day Assembly



Lest We Forget.



The Grade Three team hosted the Remembrance Day virtual assembly on November 5th. Honoured guest, Alexander Watson from the Parkdale community and the Memory Project Organization, spoke to the students about community and service. Staff and students wore red for this meaningful event.



Blue Shirt Day



October was National Bullying Prevention Month, and the Elementary Campus honoured the World Day of Bullying Prevention on Monday, October 6th by wearing blue. Westmount is a URStrong school, offering free resources to parents/guardians, please visit <https://urstrong.com/parents/>. **November 17th to 21st** is National Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. The week will conclude with a student assembly focused on friendship.



@wcselementary

Information

Pre-service Teachers

We have welcomed a number of Pre-Service Teachers to our campus so far this year.

From Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary:

- 9 Pre-Service Teachers observed in classrooms.
- 2 Pre-Service Teachers are currently completing their practicum with Ms. Young and Ms. Hogg, teaching up to 75% under their mentorship.

From Ambrose University:

- 8 Pre-Service Teachers have joined us for their observation experiences.
- 3 additional students are expected to arrive at the end of the month for classroom observations.

We are grateful to our mentor teachers for supporting these future educators and for fostering such a strong learning community within our school.



Professional Learning

The leadership team participated in a Professional Learning session on the Pruning Principle, led by Simon Breakspear, on October 22nd. On November 6th, the Elementary Campus hosted Professional Learning sessions, which covered topics such as classroom complexity, the new social studies curriculum, mathematics, and technology tools. These sessions facilitated conversations that connected our learning back to Westmount's Mission.



Celebrate

Field Trips

Confluence

The Grade 4 students enjoyed a special field trip to The Confluence in Calgary. During their visit, they experienced *We Are All Treaty People*, a captivating performance by Quest Theatre that presented the history of treaty signing in a way that was both age-appropriate and engaging.

Waste Management

Grade 4 students recently visited Calgary's Composting Facility and Shepard Landfill, learning about waste management and environmental impact through:

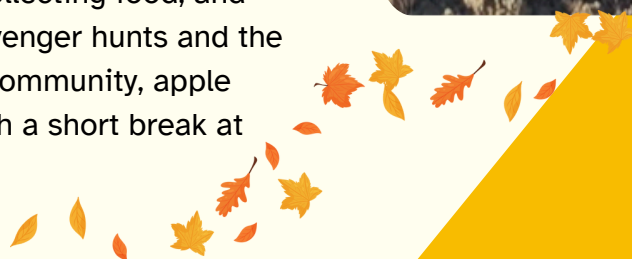
- A workshop with a city waste educator
- A virtual tour of the composting facility
- 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) activities
- Discussions on conserving resources

On a bus tour of the Shepard facility, they learned about landfill construction, waste diversion, and composting's importance, linking classroom lessons to real-world environmental care.



Fall Walk

Kindergarten students enjoyed their Fall walks this October. They explored the Bow River Pathway searching for signs of Fall such as changing leaves, squirrels collecting food, and cooler morning temperatures. Using scavenger hunts and the 5 senses, they noticed pumpkins in the community, apple trees, and more. They ended the walk with a short break at their favourite Parkdale playground!



Celebrate

Spirit Day

H A L L O W E E N

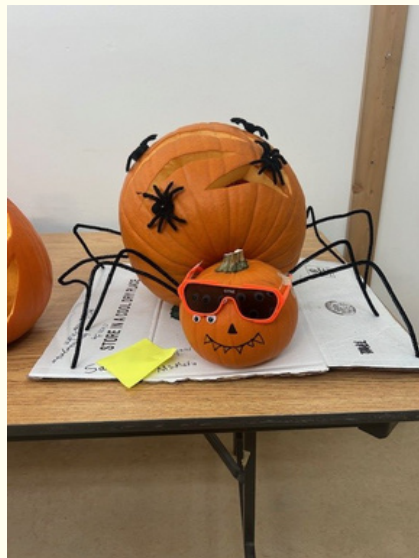


Halloween Spirit Day was filled with joy and creativity as both students and staff wore their costumes! To support our Drama program, many staff members chose to wear Cinderella-themed outfits. A friendly competition emerged as students showcased their pumpkin decorating skills in the House Colour Contest!



Congratulations to Evan from the Yellow House for winning first place, and a big shoutout to Sadra and Olivia for being the runners-up!

Thanks to the School Council and generous parents who provided delicious treats that morning.



Celebrate

Intramurals

Westmount Charter Elementary's Belly Baseball intramural league is off to a great start for its Fall 2025 season! With 12 teams, comprised of nearly 130 students from grades 3 and 4, the Belly Baseball intramural is an event that many students look forward to each year. Teams, which are a random combination of Grade 3 and 4 students, demonstrate teamwork, collaboration, communication, sportsmanship, and resilience during the 7 - 8 week long season, as they compete against each other during morning and afternoon recess. The league culminates through playoffs to the Grand Finals, where the top student team gets to test their mettle against the Teachers Team, an event watched by many of the students at WCS.

Jr. Spelling Bee Club

Students build spelling knowledge and strategies through games, practice and skill building activities at Junior Spelling Bee Club meetings. Growth, resilience and understanding sportsmanship are reinforced and focused on throughout. Students learn about how spelling bees work and what to expect when participating. Students will be given the opportunity to practice in mini bees of various sizes and have the option to participate in the Junior Spelling Bee competition in the spring. The top three spellers from our school competition will have their names submitted to the National Super Spelling Bee organization and have the opportunity to compete at a national level.



Save the Date!

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

Drama



@wcselementary

Celebration



**HAPPY
Diwali**



Appreciation

Book Fair



Thank you for supporting our Elementary Campus Scholastic Book Fair! Students had the chance to purchase books, resulting in over \$8,000 in sales which will benefit and support our school community!

Chip Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the School Council chip fundraiser.

Art Fundraiser

The Elementary Campus is participating in a fundraiser, where our students become professionally published artists, and every order raises funds for our school! If you would like to place an order, please return the original artwork back to the school by November 19, 2025.



@wcselementary