

December 2025



Elementary Campus Monthly Principal Report



Dear Westmount Charter School (WCS) Community,

As winter break approaches, the Elementary Campus has been buzzing with excitement! Students were delighted to showcase their performances and artwork during our annual Deck the Halls event. It was wonderful to see such a large audience cheering them on, thank you for your support! We also look forward to the first Mid/High - Elementary drama collaboration for A Westmount Carol on Friday, December 12th.

The week of December 15th- 18th promises to be full of spirit as we celebrate Spirit Week, encouraging staff and students to wear their holiday attire, flannel, festive sweaters, and pajamas. Please note that Friday, December 19th, will be a non-instructional day, no school for students. We appreciated your support this month for various initiatives, including Coats for Calgary, the holiday food drive, the School Council art fundraiser, and the School Council direct donation campaign.

We wish the Westmount community a joyful holiday season and a wonderful winter break as we eagerly anticipate the new year!

Warm regards,

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Calendar of Events

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your
Calendar

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

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January 5	School Resumes
January 9	Westmount Wear Friday Coffee Talk Online 9:15-9:45a.m.
January 14	School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
January 23	Spirit Day - Gifted From the Inside Out Day
January 27	Term I Progress Reports Sent Out Digitally
January 28-30	Non-instructional Days - No school

Be Kind,
Be Curious,
Bring Out the Best
In Each Other



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Upcoming Events

JOIN US



SCHOOL COUNCIL COFFEE TALK

Join Us Online!



Date: Friday, January 9th
Time: 9:15-9:45 a.m.
Location: Online

Music Update

WCS Holiday

Spirit Week

MON DEC 15 HOLIDAY WEAR DAY

TUES DEC 16 FLANNEL TUESDAY

WED DEC 17 HOLIDAY SWEATER DAY

THURS DEC 18 PJ DAY

FRI DEC 19 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY - NO SCHOOL



Happy Holidays!



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DECEMBER MUSIC UPDATE

GRADE 3-4 DECK THE HALLS CHOIR

Please wear a white top & dark bottoms, or a holiday dress or suit on both concert days. We will celebrate this impressive group of singers on Wednesday, December 17 at lunch recess.



Click to practice the songs.

Click the link for a list of family friendly holiday musical events in the city.



DECK THE HALLS

You won't want to miss our highly anticipated Deck the Halls concerts!

Wednesday, December 10th
2:00 p.m.

KO, KBE, 1Y, 1G, 2P, 2D, 3R, 3M, 4HO,
4HU, 1-2 LEAD Choir, 3-4 Choir

Thursday, December 11th
2:00 p.m.

KA, KBE, 1AL, 1AM, 2AV, 2AU, 3LO, 3C,
4F, 4HA, 1-2 LEAD Choir, 3-4 Choir



LEAD CHOIR

The Fall LEAD choir is a vibrant group of singers from grades one and two. Please wear a white top & dark bottoms, or a holiday dress or suit on both performance days. We will celebrate their hard work during our final LEAD class on Friday, December 12.

Click to practice the songs.

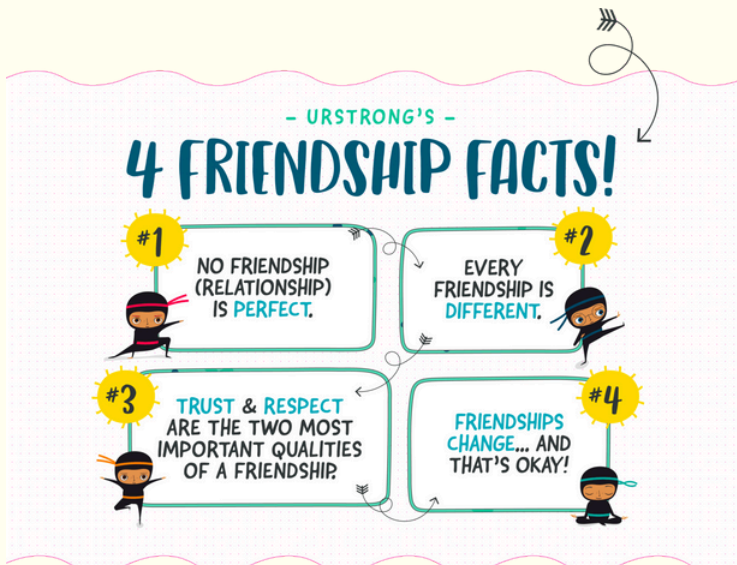


Information

URSTRONG Assembly

November 17th to 21st was **National Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week**. We came together as a school community during this week for a URStrong assembly. A special thank you to the Student Services team, Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Hughes, and Ms. Rostad for facilitating the assembly as well as the Grade 3 student leader presenters.

The students reinforced important friendship facts:



Westmount is a URStrong school, offering free resources to parents/guardians, please visit <https://urstrong.com/parents/>.



National Child Day

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!



Information

Coat Mountain

The Elementary and Mid/High campuses are once again joining forces to build a mountain of coats in support of Coats for Calgary. Together we hope to assist in keeping those in need as warm as possible. Donation bins can be found in the front foyer of either campus. The donation bins are for coats only as other winter gear is not being collected at this time. Thank you in advance for any coats you can donate. Donation drop-off goes until December 15, 2025.



December House Colour Challenge

Westmount Charter School will be having the annual holiday food drive, for non-perishable food items at both campuses running from December 1st – December 12th. At the Elementary Campus this will be our House Colour Challenge for the month. The House with the most items will win a house colour point!



Information

Appreciation



Holiday Cards

Ms. Leong and Ms. Oke's third-grade students have been enthusiastically creating cards to be delivered to seniors this holiday season.



Fall LEAD

The Fall LEAD session wraps up on Friday, December 12th! With LEAD classes, the possibilities are endless! Teachers immerse themselves in their passions to create eight engaging sixty-minute classes aimed at inspiring students to Learn, Explore, Acquire, and Discover – LEAD.

Students choose three LEAD options throughout this school year. The Winter LEAD session is set to kick off on **January 9, 2026**.



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Celebrate

Westmount Wear Fridays

Show Your School Spirit with Westmount Wear!

Both staff and students proudly display their school spirit by wearing Westmount Wear or sporting purple and gold!

Upcoming Westmount Wear Fridays:

- January 9, 2026
- February 6, 2026
- March 6, 2026
- April 10, 2026
- May 1, 2026
- June 12, 2026



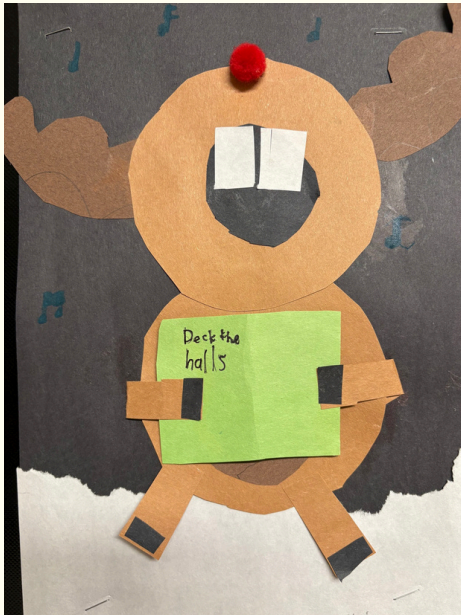
Distinguished Teacher Award

Congratulations to Mrs. Theresa Eldridge for receiving the MENSA Canada Distinguished Educator Award! This honour recognizes her excellence in education and the significant, positive impact she has had on the education and lives of a Mensan. Theresa retired from Westmount Charter School in 2022, and continues to substitute teach at the Elementary Campus. This award was nominated by the Phui family.



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Deck the Halls



Westmount's Deck the Halls is a wonderful event that brings the school community together in a joyful celebration of the holiday season. Spanning two afternoons, the performances feature students from Kindergarten to Grade Four, who show their creativity through an array of music, songs, and performances. This event also featured performances from both the LEAD and grade 3/4 Choirs.

Thank you to all who attended the 2025 Deck the Halls! A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms. Nysetvold for her exceptional leadership with this event.



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Intramurals

Westmount Charter Elementary's Belly Baseball Intramural League featured 12 teams, consisting of nearly 130 students from grades 3 and 4. The league emphasized teamwork, collaboration, communication, sportsmanship, and resilience throughout the 7 to 8 week season.

The league concluded with playoffs, culminating in the Grand Finals on December 4th. The top team, Team 3, faced off against the Teachers Team, with enthusiastic cheers from all the intramural students. In an exciting, friendly match, the Teachers Team emerged victorious! Thank you to Mr. Khawaja for leading intramurals this fall.



Yearbook Contest

Our House Colour Challenge for November was a competition to design the front and back covers of the 2025/2026 yearbook. The theme this year is: Be kind, be curious, and bring out the best in each other.



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A Westmount Carol

Westmount proudly presents its first collaborative production with the Mid-High and Elementary Westmount Players: A Westmount Carol, adapted by Heather Lofthouse on Friday, December 12th.

Thank you

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to preparing for this event!

- A special acknowledgment to the student performers and stage crew for their hard work!
- To families, and friends for their support.
- We thank Ms. Roulston, and Ms. McDowell for their support at the MH Campus.
- Our great appreciation goes to Ms. Lofthouse, Ms. Hamilton, and Isla (Gr. 10) who tirelessly worked to bring their vision to fruition!

We take pride in having drama as a vibrant part of our school community.



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