

January 2026

Elementary Campus Monthly Principal Report



HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026

Dear Westmount Charter School (WCS) Community,

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful winter break. We kicked off our first Friday back with a show of Westmount spirit by wearing purple and gold for Westmount Wear Friday. This month, our house colour challenge focuses on goal setting. Mr. Khawaja will conduct a goal-setting lesson with each wellness class. After the lesson, students will have the opportunity to set a goal for the year, earning points for their house!

From January 19 to February 6, we will administer the Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Screeners to our Kindergarten through Grade 3 students. Please save the date for January 23, when we will celebrate Gifted from the Inside Out Spirit Day!

Please note that Progress Reports will be sent digitally on January 27. Additionally, there will be non-instructional days at the end of the month with no school for students on January 28, 29, and 30.

Kind Regards,

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Submitted: January 9, 2026



Calendar of Events

Mark
your
Calendar

January 2026

January 5	School Resumes
January 9	Westmount Wear Friday Coffee Talk Online 9:15-9:45 a.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

February 2026

February 6	Westmount Wear Friday Coffee Talk In-Person 8:50 a.m.
February 11	School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
February 12-13	Non-Instructional Days (Teachers' Convention) - No School
February 16	Family Day - No School
February 25	Spirit Day - Pink Shirt Day



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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

Gifted from the Inside Out Day
January 23rd is
Inside Out Day!

Dress up as your favourite Inside Out movie character
or wear your clothes inside out!



Music Update



JANUARY MUSIC UPDATE



JANUARY HOUSE CHALLENGE GOAL SETTING

All students are invited to take part in our Goal Setting Challenge! Students will be encouraged to think about something they would like to learn, practice, or improve.

Each class will take part in a goal setting lesson, after which students may submit a personal goal to earn a point for their house colour. The house with the most points will win the challenge!



RECORDERS FOR GRADE 4

Each student will receive a quality Aulos Baroque recorder and student book which they will keep at the end of the school year. The cost of \$15 has been added to the school fees for each student. We kindly request that the fee is paid at your earliest convenience so the recorders and books can be ordered.

We look forward to working on note reading and ensemble playing.



SHARE YOUR MUSICAL TALENT

JANUARY 19–23 GRADES 1–4



New Format

- No forms
- Musical talents only
- No backup tracks
- Come prepared on your music day
- Optional

Monday 1G, 1AL, 1Y, 3C, 3R, 4HU
Tuesday 2AV, 2AU, 2P, 3LO, 3M, 4HO, 4F
Wednesday 1AL, 1AMB, 1G, 3LO, 3M, 4HA, 4HO, 4F
Thursday 1Y, 2P, 2AV, 2D, 3C, 3R, 4HA, 4HU
Friday 1AMB, 2AU, 2D

Information

Professional Learning

On Friday, December 19th, our Professional Learning Day featured a Movement Lab session facilitated by Ms. Stein-Harries. This session focused on activities inspired by a sensory diet, integrating cognitive and motor exercises to enhance executive skills and address sensory needs. This proactive approach supports emotional regulation, mental alertness, focus, and executive functioning skills. Movement Lab is currently being piloted at the Elementary Campus.

Led by Ms. Hughes, the staff also had the chance to participate in a painting activity. Thank you to the Charter Board for providing a holiday lunch, which was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season, strengthen our sense of community, and connect with colleagues across campuses.

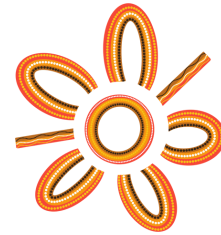


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Land Acknowledgement

Westmount Charter School is inviting students to help create a new visual background for our school Land Acknowledgment. This updated background will reflect our commitment to truth, reconciliation, and respectful relationships with Indigenous Peoples, especially the Nations whose traditional lands we learn on.

Submissions are due on February 4, 2026.



Winter LEAD

With LEAD classes, the opportunities are limitless! Teachers delve into their passions to design eight engaging sixty-minute sessions aimed at inspiring students to Learn, Explore, Acquire, and Discover—LEAD. Winter LEAD starts on **January 9, 2026**.



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Celebrate

Coat Mountain

We extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed coats to support the collaborative initiative between the elementary and mid-high campuses for Coats for Calgary. The donation bins were filled with warm coats.

Thank You



December House Colour Challenge

The December House Colour challenge was the holiday food drive!

Westmount Elementary Holiday Fundraiser 2025

- Online Donations: \$53.20
- Food Donated: 630 pounds

WCS District Total

- Total Online Donations Raised: \$632.50
- Total Food Donated: 880 pounds

Thank you for your support!

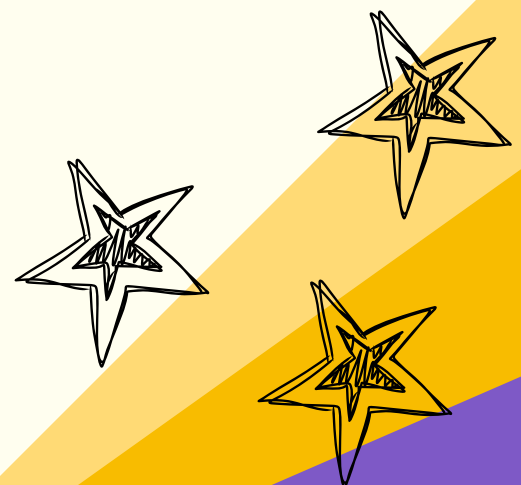
**A SMALL
DONATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE**

Yearbook Contest

The November House Colour Challenge was the Yearbook Cover contest.

Congratulations to:

Fatima (3M)-Front cover and Nishka (4HA)-back cover



Celebrate

December Spirit Week

School Spirit



SPIRIT WEEK	
ELEMENTARY CAMPUS 2025	
MON 15	HOLIDAY WEAR 
TUE 16	FLANNEL TUESDAY 
WED 17	HOLIDAY SWEATER 
THUR 18	PAJAMA DAY 



Appreciation

Holiday Treats

A heartfelt thank you to the school council for providing warm drinks and snacks for the staff before winter break. We also extend our gratitude to the many WCS families who brought in treats for staff in December.



Art Fundraiser

Thank you for your generous support of the School Council's Created by Kids art fundraiser! This fundraiser raised a total of \$2,673.00!



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