

# February 2026



## Elementary Campus Monthly Principal Report



Dear Westmount Charter School (WCS) Community,

We concluded January with a variety of engaging events, such as Gifted from the Inside Out Day on January 23rd and professional learning featuring keynote speaker Dr. Matthew Makel on January 30th.

This month, our house color challenge will center around kindness. February is Black History Month, during which both staff and students attended a presentation, on February 6th, by local author and Westmount community member, Yewande Daniel-Ayoade.

In Physical Education, students will also enjoy skating and karate this month. Additionally, our grade three students will have a field trip to Telus Spark. The clubs available this month include the spelling bee (grades 1 and 2), chess club (grades 1 and 2), and trivia club (grades 3 and 4). We are thrilled to welcome back pre-service teachers to 4Hogg and 1Young classrooms later this month.

Please be aware that there will be no school for students on February 12 and 13 as teachers will be attending the Calgary City Teachers' Convention, followed by Family Day on February 16. Enjoy the extended weekend!

Kind Regards,

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# Calendar of Events

Mark  
your  
Calendar

## February 2026



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| February 6     | Westmount Wear Friday<br>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  |

## March 2026

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| March 6  | Westmount Wear Friday/Wear Purple for International Women's Day<br>Coffee Talk online 9:15-9:45 a.m.    |
| March 11 | School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  |
| March 17 | Spirit Day - Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day   |
| March 19 | Spirit Day - Rock your Fun Socks - World Down Syndrome Day<br>(March 21)                                |
| March 19 | Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:00 p.m. (in-person)   |
| March 20 | Parent Teacher Conferences - No School<br>9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (in person) and 12:00-3:00 p.m. (online) |
| March 23 | Spring Break Begins - No School Until April 6 <sup>th</sup>   |



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## Upcoming Events


JOIN US



**SCHOOL COUNCIL COFFEE TALK**  
Join Us In Online!



**Date: Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 9:15 a.m.**  
**Location: Online**



WESTMOUNT  
CHARTER SCHOOL

**RED AND WHITE SPIRIT DAY**

Monday, February 9th

Go Canada Go!



## Music Update



# FEBRUARY MUSIC UPDATE



### HIGHLIGHTS

**Kindergarten** - Developing a steady beat through songs, rhymes and singing games, as well as singing about penguins and doing The Penguin Polka.

**Grade 1** - Developing aural awareness of melodic and rhythmic concepts through songs, singing games, and movement. Some favourites are Bluebird, Bow Wow Wow, We are Dancing in the Forest and Apple Tree.

**Grade 2** - Working on aurally identifying melodic contour and pitches through a variety of songs and singing games. Students learned a new rhythmic concept with Tideo, a lively double circle movement game.

**Grade 3** - Students had fun learning a hand clapping game *Double Double This This* which also reinforced new rhythmic learning.



**Grade 4** students worked hard to learn *This is Me* from the Greatest Showman. Their performance at the Inside Out Assembly was beautiful and sung with heartfelt conviction. Way to go!



### Coming Soon: Recorders for Gr. 4

Grade four students are getting excited to start recorders.

#### Why Recorders?



- Learning an instrument teaches how to read and hear music
- Students build teamwork skills and learn to work together to make music
- Develops hand-eye coordination
- Overcoming the challenge of learning a new skill builds confidence and self-esteem
- Students learn that practice will improve their skills

### FINE ARTS CHOIR



Fine Arts Choir is now in full swing! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 12:15-12:35.

They will perform at Fine Arts Night in conjunction with the Drama performance of Cinderella.

The evening performance with choir is on Thursday, May 21 from 5:15-7:30.



### LEAD CHOIR

The Grade 1/2 Winter LEAD Choir will perform at the March Assembly.  
Friday, March 13  
9:15 am

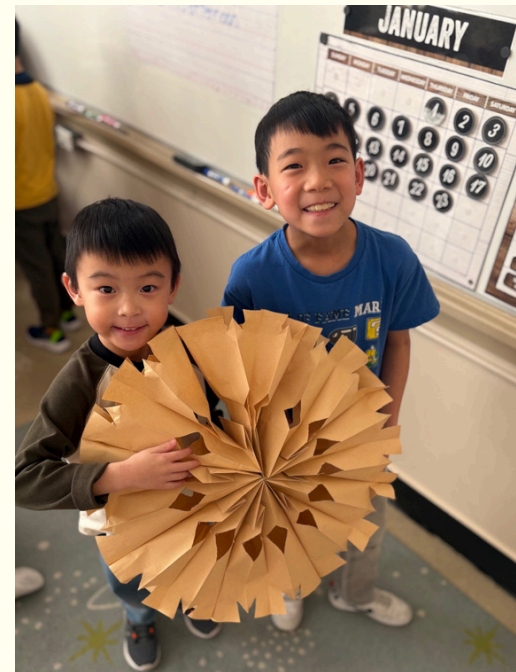
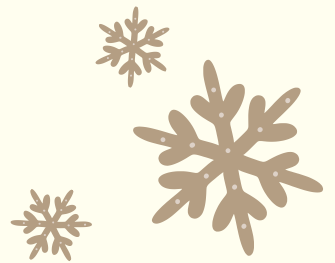
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## Professional Learning

Our recent professional learning day on January 30th featured a keynote by Dr. Matthew Makel, professor at the Werklund School of Education and Chair in High Ability Studies. Staff then participated in a variety of sessions chosen based on their interests, covering topics such as enrichment, AI, gifted assessments, overexcitabilities, differentiation in math and science, technology tools, creativity in gifted education, and resilience. The day offered a rich opportunity to deepen understanding, exchange ideas, and explore practical strategies for supporting gifted learners.

## Buddies

Kindergarten students in Mrs. Ball-Eistetter's class and their Grade 4 buddies from Mrs. Hopper/Anderson's class teamed up to collaboratively craft beautiful snowflakes.



# Information

## January House Colour Challenge

The January House colour challenge centered on the theme of goal setting, encouraging students to reflect on their goals for the new year.

There were a total of 107 entries. The Orange House won with the most entries, submitting 27 in total.

**GOALS**

## Skating

Physical Education Classes Are

# SKATING

PARKDALE  
COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION

Parent  
volunteers will  
be required!

Feb 9th-11<sup>th</sup> - Skating Cancelled  
Feb 17-19<sup>th</sup> - Weather Permitting  
Feb 23 - 24<sup>th</sup> - Weather Permitting

This February, Grade 1-4 students will enjoy a fun skating program at the Parkdale Community outdoor rink as part of their physical education curriculum.

Weather permitting, each student will have two one-hour skating sessions, with make-up sessions built into the schedule.

Thank you to the Casino Fundraising Society for supporting this experience.



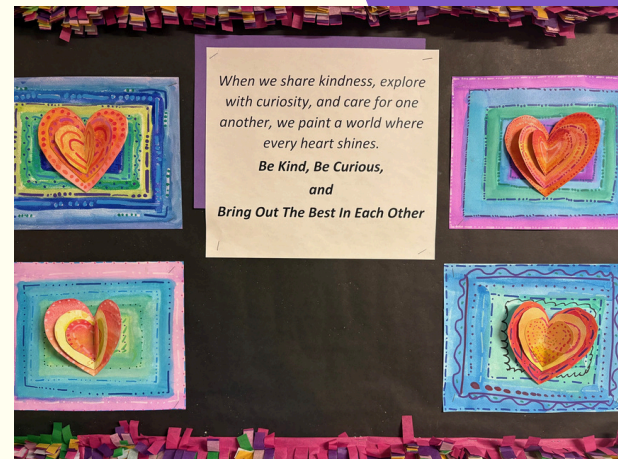
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## Kindness Quest

This February, our House Colour Challenge is the “Kindness Quest”! Each week, we will focus on a different kind of kindness: toward ourselves, others, our school, and the wider world. On the morning announcements we will share simple daily kindness ideas, and staff will recognize students showing genuine kindness. Recognized students’ names will be shared in the announcements, and their acts may be celebrated on a special bulletin board. Let’s see how kindness grows this month!



“At Westmount we are kind when we help each other. We show curiosity when we read books. We bring out the best in each other when we let each other do our best work.” (Enzo 1Y)



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## Trivia Club



Trivia Club is an opportunity for grade 3 and grade 4 students to engage in some friendly competition and challenge themselves. Students collaborate in teams and share their knowledge to answer as many questions as they can on a variety of subjects, while good sportsmanship and resilience skills are emphasized. Winning teams have their team names announced in the announcements the following Monday morning as a fun incentive.

## Jr. Spelling Bee Club

At Junior Spelling Bee Club meetings, students enhance their spelling skills through games and activities while fostering growth, resilience, and sportsmanship. They learn about spelling bees and can participate in mini competitions, with the chance to compete in the spring's Junior Spelling Bee. 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.



## Chess Club

Grades 1 and 2 students are invited to play chess during the lunch recess once a week. Students who do not know how to play are given direct instruction and students who do know how to play have the opportunity to play against their peers and learn from each other.



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## Black History Month

We were pleased to welcome local author, Yewande Daniel-Ayoade, to present at the Black History Month Assembly on Friday, February 6. Yewande is the author of the Sade series, *The Little Regent*, and *What's the Worst That Could Happen?* She is also a Westmount parent. You can learn more by visiting her website: <https://www.ydaniel-ayoade.com/>

Thank you to the Casino Fundraising Society for supporting this author visit.



## URSTRONG WORKSHOPS - Coming Soon!

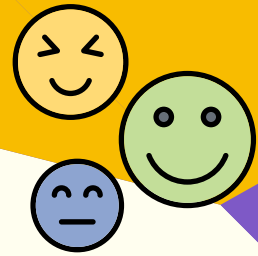
On February 24<sup>th</sup> all students (grades 1-4) will participate in a virtual URSTRONG workshop.

- Grade 1 and 2: Fuzzies and Friends: Students learn the basics of friendship including The 4 Friendship Facts, qualities of a Green-Zone Friendship, and how to use the Friend-o-Meter to reflect on how they're feeling in their friendships.
- Grade 3 and 4: Heart of Friendship: Through fun role-play with teddy bears, students explore The 4 Friendship Facts & learn the WWW strategy to get strategic in their friendships.

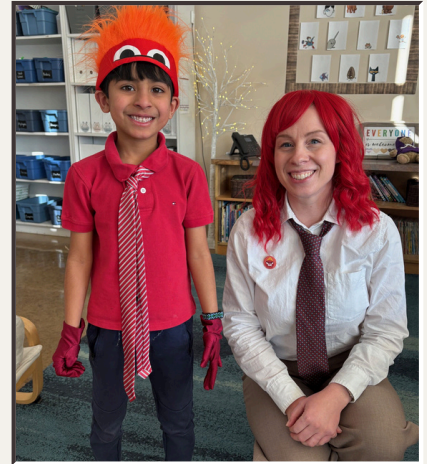




# Celebrate



## Gifted From the Inside Out



Thank you to the Grade 4's for hosting the Gifted from the Inside Out assembly on January 23rd.

Through poetry, skits, and song, the performances gave us powerful and inspiring insights into what it means to understand gifted from the inside out including overexcitabilities, emotional intensities, and self-acceptance.

