

May 2026

Elementary Campus Monthly Principal Report



Dear Westmount Charter School (WCS) Community,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the final couple of months of the school year! We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the kind notes, emails, and treats sent to staff during Education Week (April 13 - 17). We took the opportunity to show our gratitude on Administrative Professionals Day (April 22) and Bus Driver Appreciation Day (May 4). Also, please join us in welcoming Ms. Kendra Cameron to the Elementary Campus Office Team.

We are excited to announce that the Elementary Campus ranked 21st among Alberta Terry Fox school fundraisers in the elementary division, raising an impressive \$6,438.50. Thank you for your donations.

This month is Asian Heritage Month, and we began by exploring the history and significance of the lion dance, which included storytelling and demonstrations.

We held our Jump Rope for Heart event on May 8th, surpassing our fundraising goal of \$3,000! On May 11th, we hosted our 4th Annual Health Summit, and would like to thank the many presenters for sharing their wellness expertise!

Kind regards,

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Calendar of Events

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your
Calendar

May 2026

May 1	Westmount Wear Friday
May 4	Spirit Day-Star Wars Day
May 6	Spirit Day-Hats On! for Mental Health Day
May 8	Jump Rope for Heart Event Coffee Talk online 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
May 13	School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
May 15	Non-instructional Day - No School
May 18	Victoria Day-No School
May 22	Stampede Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

June 2026

June 5	School Council - End of Year Event 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. and 30 th Anniversary Celebrations Spirit Day - Westmount Pride Coffee Talk In-Person 8:50-9:50 a.m.
June 8	Volunteer Tea at EC 12:30-1:30 p.m.
June 10	School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
June 12	Westmount Wear Friday
June 23	Sports Day Last Day for Lost and Found Items
June 24	Last Day of School Term 2 Progress Reports Sent Out Digitally



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Upcoming Events

SCHOOL COUNCIL COFFEE TALK

Join Us In Person!



Date: Friday, June 5th
Time: 8:50 a.m.
In Person @ The Elementary Campus



PRESENTS

WCS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND
9:00-10:00 A.M.
ELEMENTARY CAMPUS
COURTYARD
K-GR. 5 FAMILIES



Music Update



MAY MUSIC UPDATE



HIGHLIGHTS

Kindergarten

Exploring high/low with our voices and with glockenspiels.



Grade 1 & 2 - With the book, *First Notes of Spring*, and the music *Spring* from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, students are adding rhythm patterns with words and body percussion, moving to the music with scarves, and playing rhythmic accompaniments with instruments. Click to hear the music.



Grade 3 - Students are creating their own melodies on xylophones to go with their chosen 'Bubblegum' rhythm patterns.

Grade 4 - Students are progressing well with recorder fingerings and note reading. Soon they will be earning coloured bands for mastering selected songs.

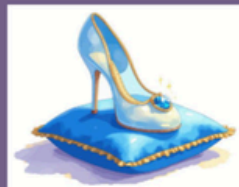
FINE ARTS NIGHT

Cinderella

Choir & Drama Performance
Thurs. May 21, 5:15-7:30

Drama Only Performance
Wed. May 20, 5:45-7:30

Tickets available at the main office for \$5



CHOIR NOTES



Tuesday, May 19 - Dress rehearsal in the afternoon for students and staff.

Thursday, May 21, 5:15 - Performance in conjunction with the Drama Club's production of Cinderella.

The choir is not in the show on Wed. May 20.

GRADE 1/2 SPRING LEAD CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Parent Volunteer Tea
Monday, June 8th
1:00 pm.



Information

Welcome to Westmount

On May 25th we will host a Virtual Information Night for new WCS families. This session is designed to give information about Westmount and answer questions. Topics include:

- Gifted Education: Understanding our unique approach to learning.
- Programming & Schedules: A look at daily routines and programming.
- School Processes: Navigating the day-to-day logistics of our campus.
- Volunteering: How you can get involved and support our students.

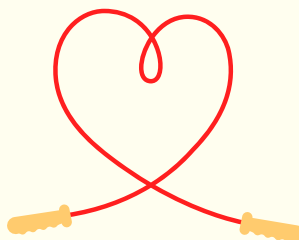


Jump Rope For Heart



**The Elementary
Campus Jump Rope
for Heart Event is
Friday, May 8th!**

Donate Today!



Our Jump Rope for Heart Event was on Friday, May 8th. Each class participated in 30 minutes of skipping activities!

Jump Rope for Heart motivates kids to get active and reinforces healthy habits like eating healthy and physical activity.

This event also empowers kids to make a difference by supporting a good cause while boosting school spirit. Thank you to our Grade 4 leaders for helping out during the event!



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Drumming Workshop

Following student drumming workshops, we welcomed Chantal Chagnon back to the Elementary Campus on Friday, April 17th for a staff storytelling and drumming workshop. Chantal is a Cree/Métis multi-disciplinary artist, educator, and knowledge keeper and we appreciated her sharing her talents with our team.



Professional Learning (PL)

We have been fortunate to have had several opportunities for professional learning recently. School leadership members attended the ULead conference in Banff on April 19 -21, learning from keynote speakers Dr. Jared Conney-Horvath, Dr. Brad Johnson, Shane Safir, Dr. Sean Lessard, and Brenda Reynolds as well as session presenters.

The elementary staff participated in an Edcamp on April 24th led by the Elementary Leadership Group and included learning and conversations around classroom complexity, bringing movement lab to the classroom, integrating LOFT screens, exploring new curriculum resources, and using Generation Genius to support science learning aligned with the curriculum.

We are looking forward to our next PL day on May 15th, when we will welcome Dr. Soroush Sabbaghan from the University of Calgary to share his expertise on AI.



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Health Summit

On Monday, May 11th, the EC held its 4th annual Health Summit, where students dedicated the afternoon to exploring Health and Wellness! The sessions covered a variety of topics, including:

- Fire Safety
- Financial Literacy
- Sun Safety
- Mindful Eating
- A visit from the author of *One of a Kind Kid*
- Digital Footprint and Online Safety
- Dental Hygiene
- Mindset Matters

We were excited to welcome two Mid/High students, Aniv and Rishaan, back to the EC to share about their learning around sugar science.

A heartfelt thank you to all the presenters and volunteers for making this a fantastic experience!



Grade 1 Genius Hour

Ms. Allegro and Ms. Ambrosio's classes had a Genius Hour Showcase on May 7th. Families were invited to learn about the animals they had researched, including their habitat, diet, and physical features. Students also shared fun facts and why they were interested in learning more about the animal they researched.



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Drama

Mark your calendars, The Westmount Players presents:

Save
The
Date



May 20th Opening Night and May 21st
Fine Arts Night.

WCS EC Main Gym. Tickets \$5.00 General Admission



Enrichment Experiences

Grade 4 Field Trip

The Grade 4 students participated in a program titled “Botanical Investigators” at Telus Spark. They engaged in hands-on experiments related to the Living Systems unit in Science. Students were also given free exploration time based on their interests to learn from the various exhibits and planetarium shows offered by Telus Spark. A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers for their support with this field trip! As well as the School Council and the Casino Fundraising society.



Kindergarten

Ducks have hatched in the Kindergarten classrooms! The students were able to watch one duckling start and complete a full hatching. They have been learning about the duck life cycle, and students have asked “I Wonder” questions to help guide their exploration. Students were able to compare the life cycle of a duckling to that of many other animals and plants for similarities and differences.



House Colour Challenges

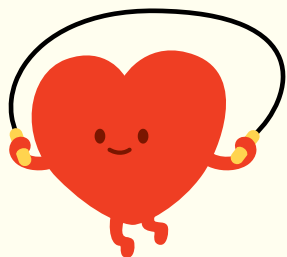
April Challenge

Congratulations to Nika (2P), Aaron (3C), and Amelia (2AV) for winning the Drama Poster Contest! These posters will be framed and on display during Fine Art Night, May 21st, for a silent auction. The Yellow house will receive a point!



May Challenge

Our May House Colour Challenge coincided with the Jump Rope for Heart event on May 8th. We are thrilled to announce that the winner of the jump rope challenge was Jayden from 4HA—congratulations! As a result, the Purple House has earned a point.



Celebrate

Assemblies

We would like to extend our appreciation to the Grade 1 and T/Th Kindergarten teams for the incredible effort put into our whole school spring assembly on April 29th! The students performed read-alouds, songs, and poetry. There was also artwork displayed around the gym!

May is Asian Heritage Month, and we started the month off with an assembly learning about the history and significance of the lion dance, which included a WCS student performer!



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Principal For the Day

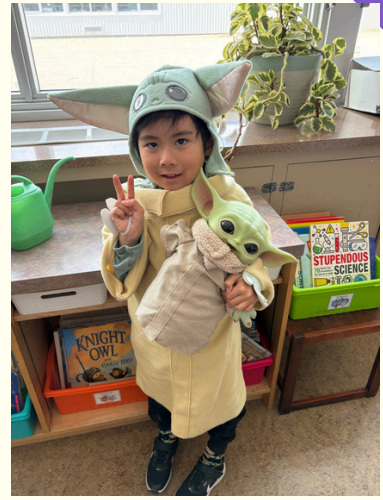
On May 1, 2026, the Read-A-Thon overall winner, Dhyanam, stepped into the role of Principal for the Day! He helped with bus supervision, led the morning announcements, and wrapped up the school assembly like a pro! He also visited every classroom, showed appreciation for our amazing staff, and challenged the grade three and four students to a fun math challenge. We are so proud of his leadership and enthusiasm!

Mrs. Hogg's grade four class, as the class that read the most minutes, also enjoyed an ice cream treat! Thank you to School Council for facilitating this initiative and fundraiser!



Celebrate

We had many reasons to celebrate this month: Star Wars Spirit Day, Hats! on for Mental Health, Bus Driver Appreciation, and Administrative Professionals Day.



We have now been participating in the Terry Fox School Run for 20 years! We are thrilled to announce that this year we were in the Top 50 Fundraisers in Alberta, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. We were 21st in the Elementary Division, raising \$6,438.50.

Congratulations to the top fundraisers at our campus: Xiaver (4R), Madeline (4Hu), and Tyson (2AV).

