



Friday, May 1, 2026

Dear Westmount Community,

This year marks a very special milestone for Westmount Charter School (WCS) as we celebrate 30 years of gifted education. Since opening our doors in 1996, Westmount has grown into a vibrant learning community grounded in curiosity, creativity, and a deep commitment to supporting the unique strengths of gifted learners. This anniversary offers us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our journey, celebrate our community, and look forward to the future we will continue to build together.

As part of this celebration, I am pleased to share our new Westmount logo! The updated logo honours our vision of fostering gifted education from the inside out.



Anniversaries are also about recognizing the people who have helped shape our story. We are incredibly grateful to three dedicated staff members who began their Westmount journey in 1996, the year the school opened.

- Ann Dodd, at the Elementary Campus
- Wendy Cole, at the Mid-High Campus
- Chris Byron, at the Mid-High Campus

Their commitment, care, and contributions have left a lasting impact on generations of students and colleagues. We are deeply thankful for their dedication to Westmount over the past 30 years.

I would also like to extend sincere appreciation to the WCS 30th Anniversary Planning Committee, who have been working since the fall of 2025 to organize the various celebrations and activities taking place this spring:

- Charter Board of Director: Cathy Feehan
- School Council Executive: Melissa Wolsey
- Central Office: Maria Bernardin
- Fine Arts: Heather Lofthouse
- Elementary Campus: Karly Bagnall and Ann Dodd
- Mid-High Campus: Graeme Finlay

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Their thoughtful planning has helped create meaningful ways for our community to celebrate this important milestone.

Another highlight of our anniversary celebrations has been the student Land Acknowledgement Design Contest. Thank you to all the students who submitted their creative designs. We received 17 paper entries and 2 digital entries from students in Grades 2, 3, 5, 8, and 10. The creativity and thoughtfulness reflected in these submissions were truly inspiring.

Congratulations to our winning student, Quinn H., in Grade 10, who submitted a beautiful digital painting featuring the Three Sisters mountains in Westmount colours. Quinn shared the following reflection on the inspiration behind the artwork:

*“In my digital painting, I show the Three Sisters mountains in the Westmount colours. Their natural beauty reflects the charm of the Treaty 7 area, and they stand proudly, unchanged by colonial rule. I think they are a symbol of resilience and perseverance, qualities that, as a community, Westmount values. Showing them behind our land acknowledgment would be a great way to honour these extraordinary relics.”*



Quinn’s artwork accompanies our updated land acknowledgment, helping us honour the land on which we learn and grow.

### WCS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit of respect and truth, Westmount Charter School acknowledges we are on Treaty 7 territory, the ancestral territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy, which includes the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations, as well as the Tsuut’ina First Nation, and the Îyârhé Nakoda, which includes the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations. This is also the homeland to the historic Northwest Métis and to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, Nose Hill Métis District 5, and Elbow Métis District 6.

Here at Westmount, we strive to learn on this land, as we walk and grow together “in a good way.” We pay our respects to the Indigenous peoples, cultures, traditions, and leaders, past, present and emerging. We make these acknowledgements as we journey in gratitude and reconciliation, as our commitment to all those on whose territory our school resides.



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Throughout May and June, we look forward to celebrating our 30th anniversary together with a variety of special events and activities, including:

- May 14: WCS 30 Aerial Photography with staff and students
- May 19-22: Anniversary activities across both campuses for students
- May 21: Elementary Campus Fine Arts Event, which includes an alumni concept (note - this is a ticketed event for any community member who wishes to attend)
- May 22: Virtual Alumni Event
- June 5: In-Person Alumni Event
- June 5: Celebration at the School Council Year-End Event (open to all families)

These events will provide opportunities for members of our Westmount community to connect, reflect, and celebrate the community that makes WCS so special.

As we mark this milestone, we extend our gratitude to the students, staff, families, alumni, and board members who have supported Westmount Charter School over the past 30 years. Your dedication, passion, and belief in our vision and mission have helped shape a school where gifted learners can truly thrive.



Together, we celebrate the legacy we have built and look forward with excitement to the years ahead as we continue fostering gifted education from the inside out.

With gratitude and celebration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adriana'.

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