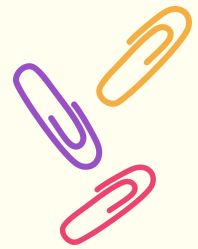


September 2026

Elementary Campus Monthly Principal Report



BACK TO SCHOOL



Dear Westmount Charter School (WCS) Community,

We hope you had a rejuvenating summer and have had a smooth start to the 2026-2027 school year! Our elementary campus team is committed to supporting a caring, safe, connected, and engaging school community, fostering gifted education from the inside out.

Please join us in welcoming returning staff member Ms. Elizabeth Fontana to the Grade 4 team.

We value strong, open communication and encourage you to reach out with any questions, feedback, or concerns. Please feel free to connect with Mrs. Bagnall at karly.bagnall@westmountcharter.com or Ms. Cuthbert at ashley.cuthbert@westmountcharter.com.

September is off to a strong start, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. We were happy to see so many WCS families at our Meet the Teacher evening. Please take a moment to review this report for important updates, reminders, and upcoming events. We look forward to working together to make this a successful and positive school year for our students and community.

Kind regards,

Karly Bagnall (Principal)
Ashley Cuthbert (Acting Assistant Principal)

Submitted: September 10, 2026



Calendar of Events

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your
Calendar

September 2026

September 1	First Day of School for Grades 2-4 Staggered Entry Day #1 for K-1 (T/Th Kindergarten Surnames A-M morning/ Surnames N-Z afternoon. Grade 1 Surnames A-M)
September 2	Staggered Entry Day #2 for K-1 (M/W Kindergarten Surnames A-M morning/ Surnames N-Z afternoon. Grade 1 Surnames N-Z)
September 4	Coffee Talk In-Person 8:50 a.m. with EC Admin & Superintendent
September 7	Labour Day - No School
September 8	Fall Photos K-4 and Class Photo
September 9	Meet the Teacher Night 5:00-6:30 p.m. <i>Note presentation times in the gym for each grade: Grades 1 & 2 5:00-5:30 p.m.; Kindergarten 5:30 -6:00 p.m.; Grades 3 & 4 6:00-6:30 p.m.</i>
September 16	School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
September 18	Terry Fox School Run Event House Colour Day Photos for K-4
September 21	Parent IPP Questionnaire Goes Home
September 24	Admissions Information Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
September 25	Applications open for the 2027-2028 school year until November 27 Fall LEAD Begins
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School

October 2026

October 2	Parent IPP Questionnaire Due Back
October 2	Coffee Talk In-Person 8:50 a.m.
October 5	Blue Shirt Day-World Day of Bullying Prevention
October 9	Non-instructional Day - No School
October 12	Thanksgiving Day - No School
October 21	Picture Retake Day, Fall Photos and Class Photos for M/W Kindergarten
October 30	Spirit Day-Halloween



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Upcoming Events



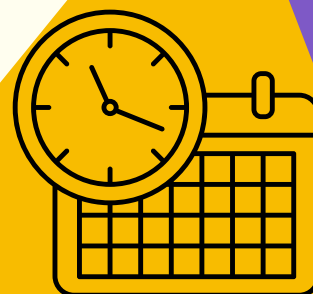
SCHOOL COUNCIL COFFEE TALK

Join Us In Person!



Date: Friday, October 2nd
Time: 8:50 a.m.
In Person @ The EC Campus Staffroom

Save the Date

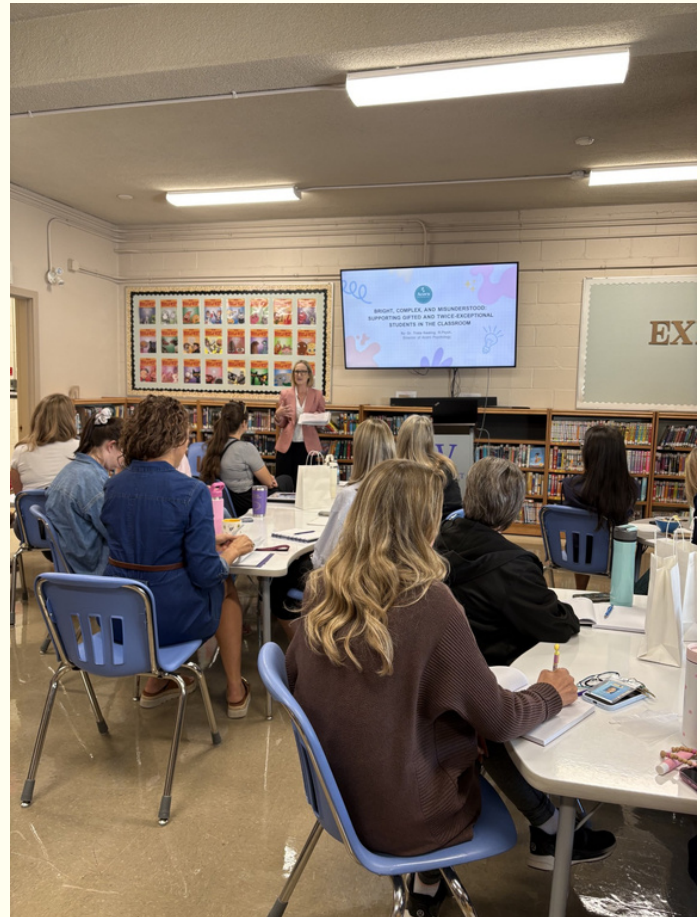


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Professional Learning (PL)

We were fortunate to have several opportunities for professional learning as the school year commenced. All Westmount staff heard an inspiring keynote address from Dr. Brad Johnson on the importance of relational teaching and leadership in schools. *"Learning doesn't happen without connection. That's why education is relationship-centered."* (Dr. Brad Johnson)

The elementary staff also participated in two professional learning sessions the day before welcoming students back. The first session, led by Robin Daultani, a certified sleep science coach, focused on staff wellness, sleep, and performance. The second session, presented by Dr. Keating, provided deeper insights into the complexities of classroom dynamics, specifically within gifted education.



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Music Update





SEPTEMBER MUSIC UPDATE



Music Weekly Learning Time

Grades 1-4
2 × 30 min / week

KINDERGARTEN
1 × 30 min / week

Deck the Halls Concerts

Dec. 9th & 10th, 2:00 pm
Each class will perform on one of the afternoons, TBA

Music Classes

KINDERGARTEN

- Active, play-based experiences
- Building social & group-music skills such as making music together, taking turns and following directions
- Movement, singing, games, imaginative play, listening, and playing simple rhythm instruments

GRADES 1-4

- Singing
- Moving
- Playing basic instruments
- Listening & Responding
- Creating & Improvising
- Working Together
- Reading and Writing Music

Grade 4 students will have the opportunity to learn basic recorder playing.



Extracurriculars and Clubs

CHOIR - Grades 3 & 4
Interest meeting on Sept. 23 at lunch recess

Deck the Halls Choir (Sept-Dec)
Performs in both Deck the Halls concerts

Fine Arts Choir (Feb-May)
Performs at Fine Arts Night in May

Grade 1-2 LEAD Choirs
Fall, Winter, Spring



Physical Education (PE) Update

Ms. Roy will be back in PE this school year! Ms. Roy has been part of the Westmount community and a physical education specialist since 2017. She looks forward to moving with the students again and continuing to bring her energy, learning, and passion for Physical Education and Wellness to the Westmount community.



Each week, students in grades 1-4 have two 30-minute PE classes, and Kindergarten students will have one 30-minute PE class. Students are asked to come prepared for PE with a water bottle and appropriate footwear. For safe and active participation in PE, shoes are the best choice. We aim to take advantage of Calgary's beautiful fall weather, so PE classes will be held primarily outdoors throughout September and October. Students should come prepared for all types of fall weather that Calgary can bring. It is always better to be overdressed than underdressed!

All information pertaining to PE will be included in the elementary weekly newsletter. If you have a PE specific question, please contact Ms. Roy at stephanie.roy@westmountcharter.com.

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Student Services Update

The Student Services team is here to support students in a variety of ways. We work with students who are twice exceptional (students who are both gifted and have learning differences), as well as students who are learning English as an Additional Language (EAL). We also provide extra support in math and literacy for students who may need additional help. In addition, we support students' social and emotional learning by helping them build skills such as self-regulation, confidence, and positive relationships with others. Our goal is to help every student feel successful, supported, and included at school.

If you have a Student Services specific question, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hughes kelilah.hughes@westmountcharter.com or Mrs. Osborne alysa.osborne@westmountcharter.com.



Numeracy/Literacy Screening

2026-2027 Alberta Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Screenings

Kindergarten: Literacy and numeracy assessments (in January)

Grades 1 to 3: Literacy and numeracy assessments (in September, January, and June)

Grade 4: Literacy and numeracy assessments (in September and June)

*Note: June screening is for students who were required to receive additional support based on results of Winter screening for grades 1 to 3, and Fall screening for grade 4.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, 2026, Westmount Charter School staff will visit the Confluence for a day of learning and reflection to honour Truth and Reconciliation.



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TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN



Please support Westmount Charter Elementary School's 2026 Terry Fox School Run fundraising campaign. Together, we can carry Terry's dream forward and make a difference!



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Elementary Campus Terry Fox School Run

On Friday, September 18, 2026, we will host our annual school run. Students will participate in various stations, including a walk/run. We invite students to show their school spirit and wear their house colours!

Students are invited to bring a **'Fiver (\$5) for Fox'** the day of the event. Last year we placed 21st in the Elementary Division for Alberta, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. Our total funds raised were \$6,438.50! Way to go!

This year's fundraising goal is \$7,000. The top fundraiser prize is PE teacher for the day!

On September 22nd, Fred Fox, Terry's brother, will visit the elementary campus to help motivate and inspire our students to go the distance for our school Terry Fox School Run!

House Colour	Student House Colours First Letter of Last Name)
Yellow (Respect)	A B C D
Blue (Trustworthiness)	E F G H
Green (Responsibility)	I J K L
Red (Caring)	M N
Orange (Fairness)	O P Q R S T
Purple (Citizenship)	U V W X Y Z

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Clubs



Spelling Bee

We extend our congratulations to two students from the Elementary Campus, Avyukt (grade 3) and Nanette (grade 3), who attended the 2026 Canada National Super Spelling Bee in Ottawa this summer. Junior Spelling Bee Club will be back for grades 1 and 2 for the 26 -27 school year starting on October 19th for interested students!



Drama

Wizard of Oz

- "Wizard of Oz" Adapted by Heather Lofthouse
- Student Matinee: May 18th
- 2 Show Nights: May 19th and 20th



Run Club



Grades 3 and 4 students participating in Run Club will meet after school for training sessions from 3:35-4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays until October 7, 2026. Grade 4 students in the Run Club are invited to 3 cross-country meets:

Meet 1: September 16

Meet 2: September 22

Meet 3: October 5



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Washrooms Update



This summer, renovations took place on the main-floor student washrooms as well as one of the single-stall washrooms. The changes were made to enhance both functionality and aesthetics. In the student washrooms, modern fixtures have been installed, including touchless faucets. The walls have been freshly painted. These updates reflect our commitment to providing a clean, safe environment for the school community.



Celebration

Celebrating Birthdays

At the elementary campus we celebrate student birthdays by:

- Wishing a Happy Birthday to students during the morning announcements
- A birthday pencil and sticker
- A monthly birthday bulletin board with student photos



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

We asked students what they were curious about.

I love plants and bugs. I think they are very interesting. I wonder if there is a rainbow bug out there? What if there isn't? How many bugs are there?
(Raelene 2D)