November 2026

Elementary Campus
Monthly Principal Report



Dear Westmount Charter School (WCS) Community,

It was wonderful to connect with many of you during the Parent-Teacher conferences before Fall Break. Thank you to School Council for providing coffee and dinner for staff during conferences.

On November 4th, we observed Remembrance Day with an assembly led Mrs. Nysetvold and the Grade Three team, which included musical performances that encouraged us to reflect on themes of peace, service, and remembrance.

This month, students will be actively engaged in music class as they prepare for our Deck the Halls events next month. Additionally, we will be recognizing National Bullying Awareness Week and Métis Week during the week of November 16th.

We wish everyone a wonderful Fall Break and eagerly anticipate welcoming students and staff back on Monday, November 16th.

Kind regards,

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Calendar of Events

Mark your Calendar

November 2026

November 3-6	Scholastic Book Fair in the Learning Commons
November 4	Spirit Day-Wear Red for Remembrance Day
November 5	Non-Instructional Day - No School Parent/Teacher Conferences 9:00 a.m-3 p.m. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. (in-person)
November 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School 9:00-11:00 a.m. (in-person), 12:00-3:00 p.m. (online)
November 9-13	Fall Break - School Closed
November 18	School Council Online Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
November 20	National Child Day
November 27	Non-Instructional Day - No School
November 27	Last day to apply for admission to 2027-2028 school year

December 2026

December 9	Deck the Halls Performance #1 2:00 p.m.
December 10	Deck the Halls Performance #2 2:00 p.m.
December 14	Spirit Day: Holiday Wear Day
December 15	Spirit Day: Flannel Tuesday Last Day for Lost and Found Items
December 16	Spirit Day: Holiday Sweater Day
December 17	Spirit Day: Pajama Day Last Day of Classes
December 18	Non-Instructional Day-School Closed for Winter Break until January 1st



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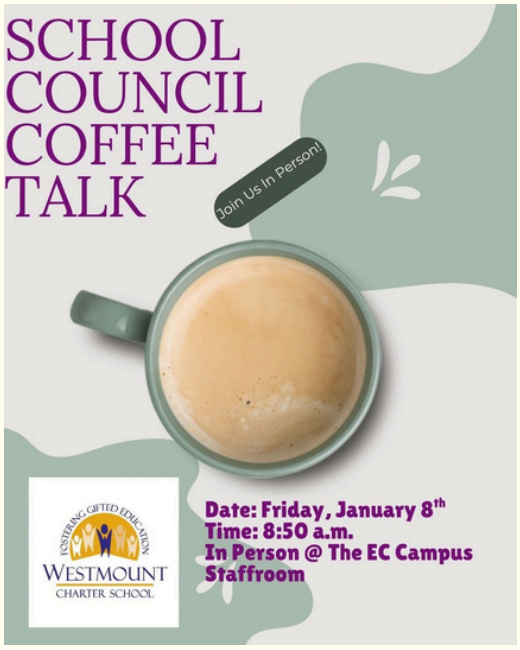
Upcoming Events

CELEBRATE **NATIONAL CHILD DAY** NOVEMBER 20

NOVEMBER 20 is NATIONAL CHILD DAY, a day to celebrate child rights!

All children in Canada up to the age of 18 have rights, below are only a few examples. All your rights are written in a document called the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.**

Visit Canada.ca/national-child-day to learn more about your rights!



Music Update

NOVEMBER MUSIC UPDATE

Kindergarten
We are exploring our voices through speaking, singing, whispering, and shouting activities, while discovering how dynamic contrasts (loud and quiet) can be used expressively.

Grades 1-3
We are exploring the building blocks of rhythm through songs, chants, games, and instrumental activities. Students are developing the ability to maintain a steady beat, recognize and perform rhythmic patterns, and connect movement with music.

Grade 4
Students are developing their ensemble skills by learning to listen attentively, respond to musical cues, and work collaboratively with others. We are focusing on the importance of individual responsibility and cooperation in creating a successful group musical performance.



Concert Dates

Wednesday, December 9th
2:00 pm
KBE, KH, 1Flood, 1Y, 2AU, 2G, 3C, 3K, 4R, 4H

Thursday, December 10th
2:00 pm
KBE, KR, 1Ferg, 1AN, 2D, 2AR, 3M, 3LV, 4O, 4F

Choirs will sing at both concerts.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Students in 3LV and 3K sang a heartfelt arrangement of ***In Flanders Fields***, while students in 3M and 3C beautifully performed the song ***A Wish For Peace***. A special shoutout to Brayden in 3K for sharing his talents by playing *The Last Post* and *Reveille* on the violin. What a wonderful and meaningful contribution!



Information

Pre-service Teachers



This fall, we had the pleasure of welcoming many Pre-Service Teachers to our campus.

From Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary:
9 Pre-Service Teachers observed in classrooms over a two-week period.

From Ambrose University:
27 Pre-Service Teachers have joined us or will join us for their observation experiences by the end of the month.

We extend our gratitude to our mentor teachers for their support of these future educators and for nurturing a positive learning community at the Elementary Campus.

Professional Learning



The Elementary Campus Leadership Team and our Student Services Coordinator attended the first of six Charter Leadership professional learning sessions alongside Kurt Sacher and Ray Hoppins. The opening session focused on the theme “You Matter & Your People Matter: Setting the Stage,” emphasizing the importance of leadership, relationships, and creating the conditions for people to feel valued, supported, and empowered. We look forward to continuing this learning journey and bringing these insights into our work as a leadership team.

The biannual professional learning *CharterVerse* event took place at the end of October. This conference was an opportunity to gather and learn. The day was capped off with a closing keynote from Westmount’s Superintendent, Dr. Adriana Klassen.

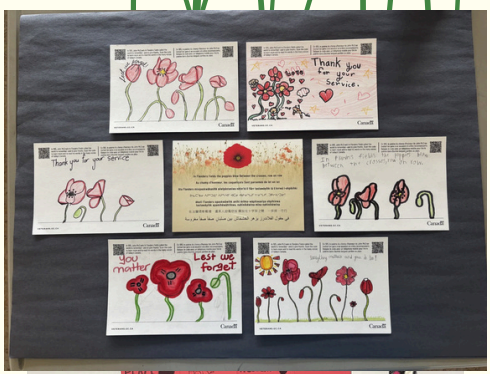
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Remembrance Day

The Grade Three team proudly hosted our Remembrance Day Assembly, providing an opportunity for our school community to pause, reflect, and honour those who serve, or have served, and sacrificed for our country. The thoughtful program included the Last Post, a minute of silence, and Reveille, followed by a video exploring the meaning of being a veteran. Students also shared musical performances, *In Flanders Fields* and *A Wish for Peace* directed by Mrs. Nysetvold, along with a wreath-laying ceremony. Thank you to our Grade Three students and teachers for leading such a meaningful and respectful assembly.









Students made recognition cards featuring messages of gratitude for Canadian veterans.

Sticky notes serve as a reminder of important thoughts. Utilizing sticky notes provided by the Royal Canadian Legion and Veterans Affairs Canada, students created vibrant poppy murals, filled with messages of remembrance, encouraging us all to *Never Forget.*

Celebrate

Spirit Day HALLOWEEN

Halloween Spirit Day was filled with joy and creativity as both students and staff wore their costumes! To support our Drama program, many staff members chose to wear Wizard of Oz themed outfits. A friendly competition emerged as students showcased their pumpkin decorating skills in the House Colour Contest!

Congratulations to Tyson from the **Blue House** for winning first place, and a big shoutout to Ellie and Ayden for being the runners-up!











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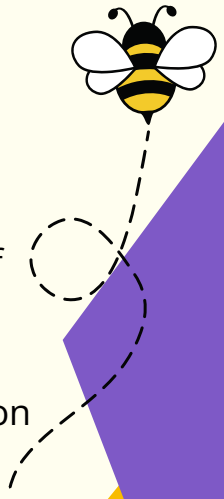
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Intramurals

Westmount Charter Elementary's Wheelie Ball Intramural League is off to a great start for its Fall 2026 season! With 10 teams, comprised of approximately 91 students from grades 3 and 4, the Wheelie Ball intramurals is an opportunity for students to demonstrate teamwork, collaboration, communication, and resilience throughout the fall and into the winter months. The round robin culminates with the top four teams playing a playoff round and then finals. The top student team gets to test their mettle against the Teachers Team, an event watched by the whole intramural club!

Jr. Spelling Bee Club

Spelling Bee Club for grades one and two students is off to a great start! Students build spelling knowledge and strategies through games, practice and skill building activities at Junior Spelling Bee Club meetings. Growth, resilience and understanding sportsmanship are reinforced and focused on throughout. Students learn about how spelling bees work and what to expect when participating. Students will be given the opportunity to practice in mini bees of various sizes and have the option to participate in the Junior Spelling Bee competition in the spring. 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.



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the Westmount Players Drama Production:

The Wizard Oz

Wednesday, May 19, 2027 (Drama Open Night)
Thursday, May 20, 2027 (Fine Arts Evening with Choir)
Elementary Campus Main Gym.



National Bullying Awareness Week

Westmount is proud to be a UR STRONG school, providing free resources for parents and guardians. For more information, please visit: https://urstrong.com/parents/.



From November 16th to 20th, we will observe **National Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week**. Throughout this week, we will share daily announcements focusing on friendship, kindness, and awareness about bullying.

Celebrate - Diwali





Staff came together to celebrate Diwali.

Poster Contest

All Kindergarten to Grade 4 students were invited to show their creativity and school spirit by participating in the 2026 Poster Contest inspired by the EC theme: **"Be Kind, Be Curious, Bring Out the Best in Each Other!"**

Each winning poster, one from each grade level, is now proudly displayed in a gold frame in our school hallway for the school year. All poster contest submissions will be displayed in the main hallway as well for one month. Thank you to all students who participated and showed our school spirit through art!

Kindergarten: Ivaan KBE
Grade 1 - Lynda 1Y
Grade 2 - Suki 2G
Grade 3 - Lora 3K
Grade 4 - Kingston 4R



Appreciation

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Elementary Campus Scholastic Book Fair! Students and families had the chance to purchase books during the first week of November, resulting in over $7,500 in sales, which will benefit and support our school community!





Art Fundraiser

The Elementary Campus is participating in a fundraiser, where our students become professionally published artists, and every order raises funds for our school! Thank you to everyone who has placed an order. The art items are anticipated to be delivered to the school between November 23 and 27. Stay tuned for pick-up details.

Thank You

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