

Westie's News

September 2022 Newsletter

Message from Mrs. Hampson

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Dear Families,

We are very excited about the new school year! We want to extend a huge **welcome back** to our returning students and a very **warm welcome** to families who are new to us. We have a lot to look forward to this year! It will be filled with amazing learning opportunities as we help your children grow as collaborative, passionate learners within our school, local and global communities. As a staff, we are committed to providing our students with an education that is meaningful, engaging, and extends beyond the walls of our school.

About 400 students will call Westmount School home this year. This makes for a busy building full of diverse opportunities. As always, our focus this year is to 'live' our school's vision, mission, and motto (see above) through school activities in classrooms, assemblies, the gym, and the library. We are extremely excited to see how our year progresses as we continue to create opportunities for students to think critically and creatively, collaborate, and excel.

Access to information about our school and upcoming events is always just a 'click' away: [Westmount School Website](#). Our [calendar](#) is always up to date and highlights our school-wide activities. In addition, you will receive weekly updates from your child's teacher. Another great place to get information and check out what we are doing is on our social media. Please follow us on Instagram ([westmounelementaryschool](#)) and Facebook ([Westmount School](#))!

Each of our students will be assigned to one of our house league teams: Red Coyotes, Blue Huskies of the Green Wolves. Students stay on the same team for the entire time they are at Westmount School. Throughout the year, students will have opportunities to earn points for their house league. Point updates are announced at each assembly. At the end of the year, a trophy is awarded to the team with the most points! Good luck to all 3 of our house league teams!

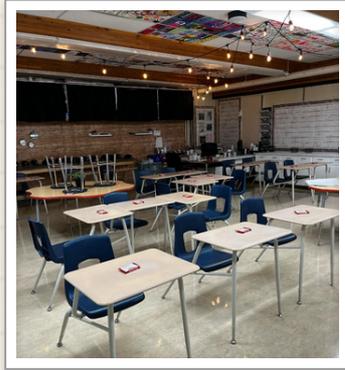
Thank you for allowing the staff at Westmount School to be a part of your children's lives.

I look forward to seeing you around the school!

Here's to an amazing year!

Cori Hampson

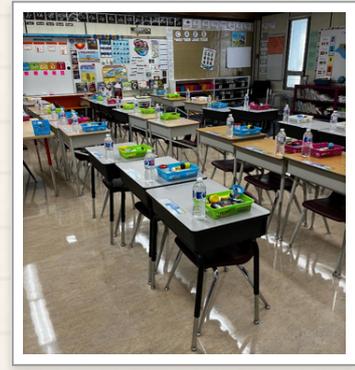
Principal



**A Peek into
Grade 6**



**A Peek into
Kindergarten**



**A Peek into
Grade 3**

Messages to Students During the School Day

If you need to get a message to your child, please call the office at 403-934-3041 BEFORE 2:45. This way we can ensure that your child receives the message before the end of the school day.

WESC (Westmount Elementary School Council) AGM

WHEN

Wednesday, Sep. 21st, 6:30pm

WHERE

220 Wheatland Trail
Strathmore, AB

MORE INFORMATION

Westmount Elementary School Council's AGM is COMING SOON!

WESC is an invaluable part of Westmount School. We are extremely appreciative of their support throughout the school year. WESC meets bi-monthly and is a fantastic way to get involved in the school and learn more about where your child spends much of their time! There is minimal commitment with a huge benefit!

Each time you attend a WESC meeting throughout the school year, you are entered into a draw to have your school fees refunded. The draw takes place at the final meeting of the year.

Babysitting is provided and you get the opportunity to connect with other families!

Bring a friend! We would love to see you there!

What Does WESC Do?

- **Organizes one fundraiser/year**
- **Organizes Teacher Appreciation Week**
- **Organizes Hot Lunch**
- **Provides Teachers with supper during Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- **Provides funds for: Grade 6 Grad, Western Day, Technology, Cultural Events, Busing for Field Trips, In-Line, Playground, Grade 6 Edmonton Trip, etc.**

Why Come to WESC Meetings?

- **Have a voice in our school**
- **Find out what's going on at school**
- **Learn about the school budget**
- **Find out ways to support our school**
- **Help make decisions about how to support the school**
- **Meet other parents**



#passionatelearners #community #inclusive #thinkingculture #collaboration

Meet the Teacher

WHEN

Thursday, Sep. 8th, 5:30-6:30pm

WHERE

220 Wheatland Trail
Strathmore, AB

MORE INFORMATION

Join us for an informal event where you can meet your child's teacher and tour the school. This is your chance to check out classrooms, the gym, the music room, and our library. We can't wait to see you!

Transportation

If your child requires bussing, please ensure that you register through THE Golden Hills School Division Transportation Department. Follow this link to register: [REGISTER FOR TRANSPORTATION](#). For inquiries, you can contact them directly by calling 403-361-2214.

Devices at School

While students are in the classroom, the focus is on learning, collaborating, thinking, and exploring. We ask that students leave their phones, smartwatches, and other communication devices at home or in their lockers or backpacks. If a student needs to contact their family, they can speak to their teacher about calling home. This helps to reduce distractions but also reduces the risk of lost or damaged devices.

On occasion, teachers may encourage their students to bring a device to school. This will be communicated separately (usually in the weekly email).

Parking Lot Safety

We want everyone to be safe during drop-off and pick-up times! Please see the image below to help us to ensure the safety of our students and visitors.

Parking Lot Reminder

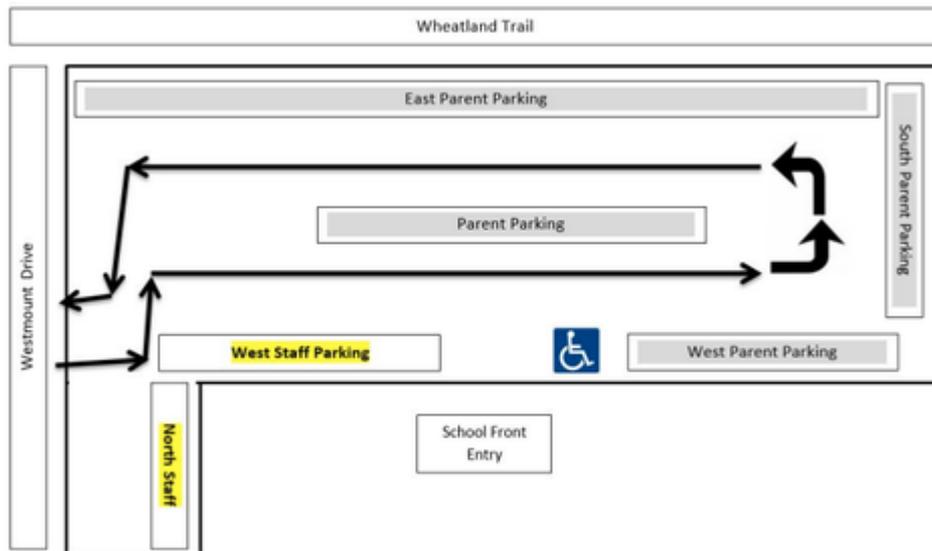
Our goal is to ensure that all of our students and families are safe at school. This includes our parking lot.

Please see the image below for safe traffic flow in the parking lot.

Things to Remember:

- ❖ Do not park behind other vehicles
- ❖ Please park in a stall before letting your children out
- ❖ Please do not stop in the areas of traffic flow

With your help, our parking lot can be a safe place for EVERYONE!



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