



ÉCOLE WESTMOUNT PARK SCHOOL

December 2019 Principal's Newsletter

GOING GREEN!

To be more environmentally friendly, we're going green! All monthly documents will be EMAILED to your email addresses in our records. Please ensure that you provide the school with a valid functioning email address if you have not yet done so. The documents will also be posted on our school website (when the school board launches the new site) as well as on our social media pages.

School Picture Retake Day – December 6

Both campuses have their school picture retake day for students who were absent last picture day and for those who have requested a retake on Friday December 6. **All students must wear a white top for picture day.**

Holiday Sweater Day – December 19

The holiday season is quickly approaching! On December 19, all staff and students are invited to participate in this holiday fun dress day and show some school spirit!

Breakfast with Santa – December 19

This year, all WPS students will be gathered together at the North campus (high school cafeteria) for Breakfast with Santa. The breakfast consists of scrambled eggs, waffles, bagels with cream cheese, chicken sausages and fresh fruits. Chocolate milk will be offered to students. Students from South Campus will be transported by school bus to the North Campus. They will leave the South Campus at precisely 8:20 AM and return for lunch by 12:00 PM.

Annual Food & Toiletry Drive

Once again, the WPS community will run its annual drive to collect non-perishable foods and toiletries so that we may prepare holiday baskets for WPS families in need this holiday season. The drive runs from now until December 16. We greatly appreciate and thank you for your generosity.

Pyjama Day – December 20

To get comfortable on the last day before winter break, all students and staff are invited to participate in pyjama day on December 20.



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Report Cards – Term 1

Term 1 report cards were sent home with your child on November 20. If you are unable to attend the parent-teacher interviews on November 28 but would still like to meet your child's teachers, you are welcome to make a separate appointment to meet in person or speak by telephone.

Parent Committee Meetings

The governing board meeting is on Wednesday December 11 from 4:00-6:00 PM at North campus. This meeting is open to all parents.

The PPO meeting is on Wednesday December 4 from 4:00-6:00 PM.

School Dress Code and Winter Dress

Students are reminded to respect the school uniform policy and to wear the proper colors when coming to school (white tops and navy blue bottoms). Jeans are not permitted. Furthermore, students are expected to dress appropriately for winter – gloves, boots, tuque, scarf, warm winter coat and snowpants. All students must have a pair of clean, dry shoes in school to change into. Outdoor winter boots must not be worn around indoors.

Absences and Tardiness to School

All students deserve to get a good start to their day by being on time and entering school with their classmates. School starts at 7:55 AM, so please ensure your child is dropped off between 7:50 and 7:55. Students late to school MUST sign in with the secretary at the office for a late slip. The school day ends at 2:35 PM. If your child is not using daycare services and does not take a school bus, please ensure that you pick up your child on time. Otherwise, they will be placed in daycare at your expense.

If your child will be absent from school, please call (514-935-4388) to leave a message to let us know, preferably before 7:30 AM.

Changes at the End of the School Day

If your child's end-of-day routine changes (for example, if your child is normally in daycare but you decide to pick them up instead on a certain day) please call to inform us as soon as possible before 1:30 PM.

Bus Passes

If your child takes a school bus, please ensure that they have their bus pass attached to their school bag at all times. This will be needed to board the bus daily.



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Communication

Parents and school share the responsibility of teaching children. As a key partner in your child's education, I encourage you take the time to talk to your kids and find out how their day in school went. Also, you should maintain regular communication with their teachers to keep up-to-date on their academic progress.

Nutrition and Allergies

We have students in our school who are severely allergic to certain food products, such as peanuts, sesame, etc. We ask that snacks and lunches brought from home be NUT/PEANUT/SESAME FREE. For this reason, students are not allowed to share their food and snacks with other children.

We also ask that the snacks and lunches provided from home be healthy. For healthy eating guidelines, please visit <https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/>.

Visiting the School

You may visit the school if you have an appointment with a staff member. At no time should parents enter the school and wander around or go to classes without the school administration's knowledge and consent. All visitors must sign in at the office prior to going to their appointment.

Cell Phones

Students are not permitted to bring cell phones to school. They will be confiscated and returned only at the end of the school day.

The school and daycare will be closed from December 21 to January 5. Classes resume on Monday January 6.

On behalf of the WPS administration, faculty and staff, I wish all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday season and a happy new year.

WPS Administration