



# ÉCOLE WESTMOUNT PARK SCHOOL

## November 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.

### **No School**

The following days are Professional Days. There are no classes for students, but daycare service is available. Please contact the daycare technician, Deborah Mete, at [dmete@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:dmete@emsb.qc.ca).

November 1, November 15, November 28 and November 29.

### **School Picture Day – November 6**

Both campuses have their school picture day on Wednesday November 6. So get those haircuts and put your best smile on. All students must wear a white top for picture day.

### **Ugly Sweater Day – November 21**

It's sweater season! Got any funky or ugly sweaters? We invite all staff and students to participate in this fun dress day and show some school spirit!

### **Remembrance Day**

Students will be taking part in Remembrance activities in November. Grade 4-6 will hear from veterans while Pre-K to grade 3 will be engaged in a Poppy workshop.

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews – November 28**

Parents are invited to our parent-teacher interviews on November 28, taking place at their respective campuses. Please note that you will be receiving written instructions on how to book your appointments online through the online booking system [westmountpark.schoolappointments.com](http://westmountpark.schoolappointments.com). You will be signing up for 10 minute appointment blocks per teacher.

The online booking system opens to parents on November 12 and close on November 26.

### **Report Cards – Term 1**

Term 1 report cards will be sent home with your child on November 20.



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## Grade 4 Vaccinations

Grade 4 students from both campuses who have returned their consent forms will receive their first vaccination dose on November 22.

## PPO Pizza Day – November 22

On November 22, PPO has organized a Pizza fundraiser. If you would like to order pizza slices for your child, please print the order form (attached in the monthly email) and return it with the payment no later than **November 8**. If you any questions about pizza day, please contact PPO at [westmountparkschoolppo@gmail.com](mailto:westmountparkschoolppo@gmail.com).

## Parent Committee Meetings

The governing board meeting is on Wednesday November 13 from 4:00-6:00 PM at North campus. This meeting is open to all parents.

The PPO meeting is on Wednesday November 6 from 4:00-6:00 PM at North campus.

## School Dress Code

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.

## Take Me Outside Day – October 23

Our school's first Take Me Outside Day was a huge success! Classes from both campuses took play and learning outdoors to benefit from the beautiful weather and fresh air. Learning happens beyond the classroom walls!

## 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.



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## 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.

## 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.

WPS Administration