



# ÉCOLE WESTMOUNT PARK SCHOOL

## October 2019 Newsletter

### **GOING GREEN!**

To be more environmentally friendly, we're going green! Please note that this October package is the LAST time we will be sending home hard copies of newsletters and calendars. 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**

Please be reminded that October 21 is a PED Day. There are no classes, but daycare service is available. Please contact Deborah Mete (South campus) or Evelyne Guitta (North Campus) to register.

October 14 is Thanksgiving Day. Both school and daycare are closed.

### **Upcoming Trips**

Trips have been planned for both campuses for the month of October:

- October 1: Cycle 1 North Campus to Cap St. Jacques
- October 7: Grade 4 hiking to Mont St. Hilaire
- October 16: Cycle 1 South Campus to Cap St. Jacques
- October 18: Pre-K and K Apple picking

Consent forms and trip fees to be paid will soon or have gone home.

### **Crazy Sock Day – October 11**

Get your crazy, colorful, funky socks ready! Crazy sock day / dress-down day is on Friday October 11. We ask students to donate \$2.00 for this themed dress-down day. Monies collected will go towards student activities.

### **Halloween & Bake Sale**

Get your Halloween costumes ready. Our Halloween costume day is on October 31. Just remember these rules: No masks that will obstruct your view; No costumes of a violent or sexual nature; No plastic weapons; **Grade 5 will also be holding a bake sale for the school.**

### **Take Me Outside Day – October 23**

Take Me Outside is a global movement to get kids to spend more time outside playing and learning. On October 23, classes will be challenged to take learning outdoors for at least one hour.



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## Parent Committee Meetings

The governing board meeting is on Wednesday October 9 from 4:00-6:00 PM at North campus. This meeting is open to all parents.

The PPO meeting is on Wednesday October 2 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.

## 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.

## School and Lunch Fees

School fees are mandatory and were due on September 20, 2019. School fees are as follows:

Pre-K	K	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6
\$10	\$5	\$60	\$45	\$30	\$25	\$65	\$70

*Lunch supervision fees* are \$200 per year per child. A family of three (3) or more siblings living at the same address is \$600. Non-payment of lunch supervision fees and/or school fees will result in your child being unable to participate in lunch activities or programs until payments are fully paid.

Payments for school fees are made **IN CASH** only. If you have not yet paid the fees, please do so immediately. Individualized letter will go home to parents who have not yet paid. If you require a payment plan, please contact the principal, Mr. Lee, at [dlee@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:dlee@emsb.qc.ca).



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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.

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