

Reporting Absences on Mozaik

We have recently activated the absence tile on the Mozaik Portal.

- You can use the Mozaik Parent Portal to signal an absence to the school directly, without having to call or email them. You can use this to advise the school of an absence the same morning or in advance.
- You can also view the history of absences for your child(ren)
- You can justify an absence, late, or early dismissal for your child(ren)

Please see the attached documents with further instructions.

[Absence Instructions.docx](#)

[Parent User Guide - How to notify or justify your child\(ren\)'s absence in Mozaik.docx](#)

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will take place on December 6th, 2023. We will also be taking our class group pictures at this time.



Winter Ready

As winter approaches, it's essential to ensure that our students are dressed appropriately for the colder weather to stay warm, comfortable, and safe during school hours. Here are some guidelines and suggestions to help you prepare for the winter season:

Snowsuit: Be prepared for cold and snow with a warm and waterproof jacket and snowpants.

Layering is Key: Dress in layers to trap heat and provide flexibility as temperatures fluctuate

Protect Your Extremities: Keep your head, hands, and feet warm with a hat, gloves or mittens, and winter boots.

Winter Accessories: Scarves and neck warmers help to keep your neck warm on chilly days.

Bus Strike

The bus strike is ongoing and unfortunately, we have no new information to share. Please check your emails regularly for updates from the EMSB.

Students may use the entrance on Academy road to enter the building between 7:50am and 8am, as this will alleviate some of the traffic from the main entrance. Parents who are driving may also drop off their children on the corner of Melville and Academy road to alleviate the congestion on Park Place.

As the bus strike is ongoing, students will be lined up on Academy Road for pick-up at 2:35pm. We kindly ask that parents allow all the classes to exit before dismissing their child, as this can pose a security risk to all our students.

We recognize the inconvenience for our families but we urge everyone to remain respectful and to follow traffic rules. The security of our families is of utmost importance and we are grateful for your cooperation.

Early Dismissals

Please advise the school of an early dismissal by 1:00pm. Furthermore, there will be no early dismissals between 2:00pm and 2:35pm, as students are ending their day and preparing to exit at this time.

School Fees

All school fees can be paid in cash at the WPS office. As partners in your child's education, we greatly appreciate your timely contributions, which play a crucial role in maintaining the high standard of education.

Upcoming Strike Actions

The Common Front has announced that they will be on strike from December 8 - 14. If no agreement is reached, the school will be closed from December 8 - 14 inclusively. School will resume on December 15th. Please check your emails regularly for updates on upcoming strikes.

Upcoming Events:

PPO Movie Night - "My Neighbor Totoro"



PPO will be hosting a movie night on December 1st in the WPS auditorium!

Snacks and t-shirts will be sold on site.

The doors open at 6pm and the movie will start at 6:30pm. The event is first come first serve, so don't be late!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

PPO Pizza Lunch - December 7th

A poster for "Pizza day" on December 7th. The background is a gradient of red and orange. At the top, it says "Pizza day" in white and "DECEMBER 7TH" in white on a blue background. Below this, there are five pizza slices with prices: \$3, \$5, \$8, \$10, and \$12. At the bottom left, there's an illustration of a stack of three pizza boxes. To the right of the boxes, it says "PPO PIZZA LUNCH" and "Regular cheese pizza". At the very bottom, there's a note: "Please pay in cash with the exact change. Return the filled out order form and payment to your child's teacher by December 1st."

Silly Sweater Day - December 15th

Wear a silly sweater on December 15th and help support our families! Any donation is welcome. Please see the flyer below for more information.



SILLY HOLIDAY SWEATER DAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

We are raising money to help our Westmount Park Families in need.

**DONATE WHAT YOU CAN!
EVERY DONATION IS APPRECIATED!**

- ❖ Wear a silly holiday themed sweater to school on December 15th
- ❖ Bring a donation
- ❖ Support a WPS family in need

The flyer features a green and white snowflake pattern background. It includes two illustrations of sweaters: a green one with a reindeer and a red one with a Santa Claus face.

WPS Important Dates:

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| December 1 | PPO Movie Night |
| December 6 | Photo Retakes and Group Pictures |
| December 7 | PPO Pizza Lunch |
| December 8 -14 | Strike Days (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS) |
| December 15 | Silly Sweater Day |