

WPS NEWSLETTER

November 2023

WPS Important Information:

Picture Day

Picture day at Westmount Park School will be held on November 8th, 2023. Retakes will take place on December 6th, 2023. Please see the flyer below for more information.

[PictureDayFlyer.pdf](#)

Halloween Activities

We invite all our students to wear a Halloween costume on October 31st!

However, no weapons or masks are permitted. We also ask that the costumes not interfere with our students' regular activities, like sitting, going to the bathroom, participating in physical education, etc.



Goodie Bag Fundraiser!

The grade 5 classes will be able to host their annual fundraiser! This fundraiser is for the Grade 5 classes and all money raised will go towards special projects. All Westmount Park students will be invited to purchase a Halloween Goodie Bag. Each goodie bag will be at a cost of \$3.00 and will consist of several yummy Halloween treats (all individually wrapped items) to be sold on October 31st, 2023.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held in person for the first term on November 23rd, 2023. All our parents will be welcome to meet the teachers and discuss their child's progress. The interviews will be by appointment. Please check your emails for our online booking system.

Support for Indigenous Students at WPS

Jordan's Principle is a legal rule in Canada that ensures no gaps exist in publicly funded health, social and educational programs, services and supports for First Nations children.

Through Jordan's Principle and the Inuit Child First Initiative, all First Nations and Inuit students attending EMSB schools can access funding for any products, services, or support they need. The school can coordinate these requests on behalf of the student, and we encourage you to contact the office if you believe your child could benefit from this program.

Pedagogical Days

November 1st and 23rd, 24th are pedagogical days. There will be no school on those days. Daycare will be open for those who have registered.

Upcoming Strike Actions

Please check your emails regularly for updates on upcoming strikes.

Community Resources:

TYNDALE ST-GEORGES COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre has offered empowering, supportive programs and services to the community of Little Burgundy in South-West Montreal.

Their Children, Youth and Families Department caters to participants from Kindergarten to grade 11 through various programs offered from September to August. They pride themselves on offering a balance of academic and socio-recreation programming, including after school programs.

For more information or to register, please visit:

<https://tyndalestgeorges.com/index.php>

Greene Avenue Community Centre

Centre Greene is an independent, not-for-profit organization with a strong commitment to its community dedicated to providing quality social, cultural and recreational services. We are open to the community at large regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, ability or socio-economic status. We aim to provide inclusive programs and services supporting education, informational programs on issues of interest, cultural activities; and to improve community physical and mental well-being through sports, recreational and leisure activities.

Our After-School Program prioritizes a home away from home feeling. We keep our ratios low to ensure that each child is able to form bonds with their peers and our staff. Activities include gym time, arts and crafts, science experiments and even cooking from time to time! Children are welcomed with a healthy afternoon snack, and at least 30 minutes are dedicated to homework help each day. Our qualified staff have been carefully selected to provide the best environment. The After-School Program also provides all-day Ped Day programming following the English Montreal School Board Calendar.

In addition to the After-School Program, Centre Greene also provides monthly Friday Evening Programming! Parents, need a night off? Come see us for TGIF! The TGIF program offers fun thematic recreational activities on Friday evenings monthly. Centre Greene takes care of dinner and entertainment.

Does your child have a special interest in cooking? Kids' Kitchen is a fun food based education program teaching basic skills and techniques to children ages 8+. These hands-on culinary workshops are not only a great time, but have even convinced some picky eaters to try new things!

For more information on Children's Programs, or to register see www.centregreene.org, or get in touch with programs@centregreene.org.

We hope to see you soon!

WPS Important Dates:

October 31	Halloween
November 1	Pedagogical Day (NO SCHOOL)
November 8	PICTURE DAY
November 23	Parent/Teacher Interviews (NO SCHOOL for students)
November 24	Pedagogical Day (NO SCHOOL)