

# Westmount Elementary School

## April Newsletter 2018

### SAFETY REMINDERS:

#### Dropping off Students:

Please note that the front of the school on Edward Arab Ave. is a NO PARKING zone. You can drop your child off. Also make note you are not to do a U-Turn on the corner across the street from the front of the school. You must go down the Cul de Sac and come around. Tickets may be issued.

George Dauphinee Dr. Please drop your child off in the designated stopping zones. We have two special needs buses dropping off children and one of those drop offs is the sidewalk on George Dauphinee. Please do not block this area. Children are able to enter through the doors located on the other side of the chained off area.

**\*\*STUDENTS ARE NOT TO WALK THROUGH THE PARKING LOT. THEY ARE TO STAY ON THE SIDEWALK UNTIL THEY REACH THE FIELD.\*\***

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### New Bell Schedule for 2018-2019

In September, 2018 our daily bell schedule will change. Following is the new schedule:

(changes are in bold font)

8:35 am	Teacher on duty
8:50 am	Students enter
8:55 am	Instruction begins
10:25 am	Recess
11:55 am	Lunch
<b>12:55 pm</b>	<b>Lunch bell rings</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Instructions begins</b>
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>All students dismissed</b>

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### Renovation:

Over the March Break, we had the administrative offices renovated. You will now notice that the main office entrance is in the main foyer, directly to the left. We are extremely pleased with this renovation and those who have seen it thus far have commented on how welcoming this new arrangement is. The foyer update is our next project.... Stay tuned!

### Westmount School Breakfast:

On April 27<sup>th</sup> we will hold a Westmount school breakfast at 9:00am. All students will have breakfast at school on that day! We will provide a variety of breakfast food selections for the children to choose from.

### Spring Concert:

On Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> our grade 4-6 students will be showcasing a selection of songs from the Lion King. We will have two performances; 1:45pm, 6:30pm. Stay tuned for more info!

### Parents/Guardians & Visitors to the School

**Any person visiting the school for any purpose must enter through the building's main door and report to the main office.** Those remaining in the building for any period of time must sign in and receive an HRSB visitor or volunteer badge. This must be worn at all times. Upon leaving, all visitors must sign out and return the badge. All assigned staff are required to wear identification badges at all times. For student safety purposes, all doors will remain locked. The buzzer at the main entrance will allow you to gain access. Parents/Guardians waiting for students at dismissal times are asked to please wait outside. This will enable teachers to arrange for a safe, orderly and timely dismissal.



### EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019:

Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2018/2019 school year are encouraged to mark the following important dates on your calendars:

- **Monday, April 23rd** - Beginning at 8:00 am current participants of the 2017/2018 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system or in-person at the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. On April 16<sup>th</sup> Account Holders of current participants will receive an email containing their user name and password providing them exclusive access to the online application system.

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Current participant families that have additional siblings that will be registering for the first time with EXCEL are eligible to register all children in their family during this early registration period.

- **Monday, April 30th** - General Registration begins for all EXCEL Before and/or After school programs at 8:00 am on April 30th. Applications may be submitted via the online system or in-person at the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. Individuals paying by Pre-Authorized Payment, MasterCard or Visa ONLY may register on-line. Go to <https://secure.hrsb.ns.ca/excel> to access.

*We encourage parents to submit their applications in a timely manner to ensure the greatest opportunity for entry into the program as demand often exceeds capacity. Applications will be accepted on a first-received, first-accepted basis. (Priority is not given to Before & After participants over After only.) Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information regarding registration procedures, program fees and the program structure.*

### New Primary Students for September 2018

If you have a child that was born in 2013, please come in and register your child for school for September.

You will need:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Health Card
- Your latest NS Power Bill (Proof of residency)
- \$35.00 school fees

If your child was not born in Canada we will need the parent's and child's immigration documents.

We have 42 Primaries registered so far.

Primary Orientation will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 3:00-4:30pm.

When you arrive please bring your child to the gymnasium.

### Looking Ahead...

- Primary Orientation, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm-4:30pm
- Professional Development Day; May 18<sup>th</sup>, No school for students
- Victoria Day Holiday, May 21st, No school
- Spring Fair, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm
- SAC, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm
- WSA AGM, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

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