

Good afternoon Parents and Guardians

As we enter into the last week of May, I hope you all get a chance, and maybe a re-do from the long weekend, to enjoy nature, family and friends.

Here is the information for the week ahead:

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

PAC Information

PAC Frozen Fridays

The PAC informed me today that they are changing Freezie Friday to Frozen Friday and will now be selling ice cream sandwiches for \$2.00. (For those students who are lactose intolerant or have a dairy allergy or sensitivity, freezies will be available as long as supply lasts)

New Business

Old Business

Friend Requests for 2026/2027

If you would like to request for your child regarding their peers then you must come to the office and ask for a request form. This form will not accept teacher requests and any such requests will be removed from the form.

Please understand that these are requests that we will try to accommodate. The task of class placements is never easy but the staff does a wonderful job to ensure that students are set up to succeed and being with at least one friend is a part of this.

The forms will be **due back to the school by Friday June 12th.**

Moving schools

If you know that you will be moving next year to a different school, not including those in grade 7 who are moving on to high school, can you please notify the office and let us know where you will be moving. We need this information as we begin to plan for the rollover next year.

Please only contact the school if you know for certain that a move is occurring. Those families who are unsure do not need to let us know until it becomes known for sure.

Westmount Turns 50!

On February 19, 2026 Westmount turned 50 years old. Of course we were not in the building at the time to celebrate so we will be hosting an informal gathering on Tuesday May 26th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. We hope to have former staff and students attend to walk through the building and see the many changes that have occurred over the years.

There will be a short ceremony at 6:30pm in the gymnasium.

PAC Carnival

The PAC Carnival will be on Wednesday June 3rd from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. A form was given to your child this past week with information about it. You can order pizza for the carnival night on the hot lunch form and it can be found at the top of the order form (not the bottom).

We will have the same amazing games and activities and Jo Bannock will be back again. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Textile Bins

I want to let all families know that we still have our textile bins at the school. There are two extra large bins, one by Mrs. Zirnhelt's class and the other beside the office.

With spring cleaning beginning in many families, please know that you can drop off clothing, bedding, pillows, blankets, boots, shoes or any other textile like items at the school. We just ask that you bag the items before placing them into the bin.

These items help fund our recycling program and other initiatives at the school.

Drop off/Pick up (the Loop)

The traffic situation at Westmount is not ideal, we understand that, but unless we work together to make it more efficient, then it will not improve. Unless you have parked in a parking stall, or on the street on the block down from the school, leaving your vehicle at any time is not permitted. This stops the flow of traffic moving around the loop and causes greater congestion on Walkem Road and at times backs it up on Westsyde Road, which can create dangerous driving scenarios. We ask that you follow the rules listed below:

- Only park in designated parking spaces; avoid the staff parking lot as this is only for school staff, district staff and any person with a designated accessibility parking pass.
- Stay in your vehicle when picking up or dropping off students, then make your way around the loop
- Stay in the line; trying to pass other cars can create an unsafe situation for oncoming traffic or pedestrians
- Listen to our staff members who are working in the area. They are there to make it safe for everyone and as efficient as possible
- When turning onto Walkem Road please watch for pedestrians and crossing guards in the walkways; **Do not turn or attempt to turn while there are people in the crosswalks**

DISTRICT INFORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Westmount Website/Calendar

Please note that our school has its own website which can be found at <https://westmount.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>. On this site you can find important information under the What's Happening/News section. The calendar is located under the Our Schools/Programs tab and selecting the School Year Calendar tab. There will be national, district and school dates on this calendar, identified by different colours. I will do my best to keep it updated.

This Week's Dates

Tuesday May 26th

- Westmount's 50th Birthday Celebration

Thursday May 28th

- SD73 District Track Meet @ Hillside Stadium

Friday May 29th

- PAC Frozen Friday (weather permitting)

Following Week's Dates

Monday June 1st

- PAC Meeting @ 6:15pm

Wednesday June 3rd

- PAC Carnival

Dates to Plan for:

Thursday June 11th

- District PowWow (Grade 5 students only)

Wednesday June 17th

- Talent Show

Monday June 22nd

- Picnic/Soccer Game @ 12:05pm (soccer game at 1:15pm)
- Grade 7 Parent Info Night @ Westsyde Secondary 6:00pm

Tuesday June 23rd

- Fun Day/Brock Pool

Thursday June 25th

- Last Day of School (12:34 dismissal)

Respectfully,

Roy Styles, Principal