Good afternoon Parents and Guardians,

Hopefully the warm weather continues. Enjoy your weekend.

Here is the information for this week coming up:

Events/Recognition

New Business
Cookie Decorating Kits
Purdys Chocolates and Poinsettia Fundraiser **Reminder**

Old Business
Textile Bin
Bottle Drive Fundraiser for Eagle Bay
Criminal Record Checks
Parent Drivers
Parking/Student drop off

District Information

Calendar:
Updated

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Events/Recognition
Remembrance Day Assembly
Westmount's Remembrance and Indigenous Veterans Day Assembly will be held on Tuesday November 10th beginning at approximately 10:50am in the school's gymnasium. Parents and Guardians are invited to attend.

New Business
Cookie Decorating Kits
The Grade 6/7's are doing a cookie decorating fundraiser for their trip to Eagle Bay. Attached to this email is the order form and one should have been sent home with your child. Order forms and payment are due at the school no later than Wednesday December 2nd. Payments can be made by cash or cheque (payable to Westmount Elementary School).

Pick up of all orders will take place on Monday December 14th from Mrs. Hansen's classroom after school at 2:34pm.

Purdys Chocolates and Poinsettia Fundraiser

Thank you to the PAC for bringing back this wonderful fundraiser again this year. All families should have received an order form for poinsettias and Purdy's chocolates.

- All poinsettia orders are due on Wednesday November 18th and pick up date will be Friday December 4th between 1:30 - 3:30pm in the school's gymnasium. You may pay by cheque or cash, but there are no online orders at this time.All cheques payable to Westmount Elementary School.
- All Purdy's Chocolate orders are done online using the following link: Purdys Order Form and the Campaign Name is Westmount Elementary PAC - ID# 000038190. All orders need to be placed and paid by Monday November 23rd. Pick up of orders will also be on Friday December 4th between 1:30 and 3:30pm in the school's gymnasium.

If you have any questions about Purdys please contact Emily Lukic at elukic84@hotmail.com and for Poinsettia questions please contact Jenn Marshall at wmhl2425@gmail.com.

Old Business

Textile Bins

We have two textile recycling bins. This is for any clothing, bedding, towels, footwear, hats or backpacks that you no longer need. We ask that they are not torn or in poor condition and that you place all your items into a plastic bag. All of the donations are picked up every Thursday and the school receives money which we put back into the school to support students.

Time to perform that fall closet purge.

Bottle Drive Fundraiser for Eagle Bay

We have set up an account for bottle drop off at General Grants (North Shore). This account will be open until June and drop off is available at any time. Please use the account name **Westmount Eagle Bay** when dropping off donations.

We appreciate those who have reached out to support us in our fundraising efforts. Your ideas and offers are not being ignored. We are busy creating a balanced calendar of events to be sure all students have the opportunity to participate while keeping in mind to be respectful of all other groups participating in fundraising efforts. All fundraising needs to be organized and communicated by us, the classroom teachers. Keep pitching us your ideas and we will see if we can incorporate them into our plans. Again, we appreciate your support.

Thanks for all you do to support the students and the school.

Criminal Record Check Process

Criminal record checks are a requirement by anyone who wants to volunteer for field trips or as a parent driver. I would advise you to go through this process now instead of waiting before the trip you end up going on. If you wait, there is a higher probability that the criminal record check will not be processed before your trip. Please go to the Westmount website for the link: https://westmount.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx.

This process has been changed slightly this year but only in that you must do it online. No longer can you go to the RCMP detachment to complete a criminal record check. To streamline this process it would be best for you to get the BC Services App on your personal device. To set up your BC Services card on your device takes only a few minutes and it will make the criminal record process much easier and quicker. If you decide against downloading the BC services app then once the criminal record check is received by the school, you will be called to come into the school and bring 2 pieces of ID proving your identity and this must be done in the Principal's presence.

Thank you to those who have been diligent and their criminal record checks done. When you fill out the application online the school receives the document directly.

For those who need to update their criminal record check because it has expired (the district has a renewal rule after 3 years despite the RCMP indicating that the check is good for 5 years), please go to the link on the school's website and there will be a tab to indicate you need your criminal record check re-sent to the school. The school will then accept the criminal record check until the 5 years expiry date or 3 years from the date we receive it.

Criminal record checks stay on file for 3 years, then will need to be renewed. Mrs. Dillman will contact people who have a criminal record check that is expiring and explain what the next steps will be.

If you have any questions please contact the school.

Parent Drivers

Parents are only allowed to drive students from another household, not their own child, if they have completed the criminal record check **and** filled out a parent driving form from the office. Every year the parent driving form must be completed with a proof of a minimum of $1 000 000 liability insurance from your vehicle insurance. You will need to go to the office to do this.

Parking/Student drop off

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, 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

This Week's Dates

Tuesday November 17th

- PAC Snack: Bannock

Wednesday November 18th

- Poinsettia Orders Due

Friday November 20th

- PAC Hot Lunch: Panago Pizza
- PAC Hot Cocoa Fridays

Next Week's Dates

Monday November 23rd

- Book Fair Week begins
- PAC Snack: Popcorn
- Purdys Chocolate Orders due

Wednesday November 25th

- Recognition Assembly (invite only)

Friday November 27th

- PAC Hot Lunch: Mucho Burrito
- PAC Hot Cocoa Fridays

Dates to Plan for:

Monday November 30th

- Pro-D Day (no school)

Wednesday December 2nd

- Cookie Decorating Kit Orders due

Thursday December 3rd

- PAC Hot Lunch: Senor Froggys Mexican

Friday December 4th

- Purdys Chocolate and Poinsettia Pick up (1:30-3:30pm)
- PAC Hot Cocoa

Monday December 7th

- PAC Meeting at 6:15pm (Library)

Tuesday December 8th

- PAC Snack: Booster Juice

Friday December 11th

- PAC Hot Lunch: White Spot
- PAC Hot Cocoa

Monday December 14th

- Pick up of Cookie Decorating Kit orders

Thursday December 17th

- Christmas Concert
    - Afternoon at 1:15pm
    - Evening at 6:00pm

Friday December 18th

- PAC Hot Lunch orders due for January
- PAC Hot Lunch: Edo Japan
- Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long (families invited) at 1:15pm

Respectfully,

Roy Styles, Principal