Good afternoon Parents and Guardians,

Have a safe and a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

For those of you who celebrate Halloween, I hope you are able to enjoy festivities with friends and family.

Here is the information for this week coming up:

Events/Recognition
Remembrance Day Assembly

New Business
PAC Hot Chocolate Fridays

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Textile Bin
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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

PAC Hot Chocolate Fridays

The PAC will be kicking off Hot Chocolate Fridays next Friday, November 6th!

- $2.00 per cup
- With or without marshmallow's
- Available after school until 3:00pm

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.

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

Boys and Girls Club: Parent Together (see attached)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This Week's Dates

Friday November 6th

- PAC Hot Lunch: Fat Burger

Next Week's Dates

Monday November 9th

- PAC Meeting

Tuesday November 10th

- Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45am)

Wednesday November 11th

- Remembrance Day (school closed)

Friday November 13th

- PAC Hot Lunch: White Spot

Dates to Plan for:

Tuesday November 17th

- PAC Snack: Bannock

Friday November 20th

- PAC Hot Lunch: Panago Pizza

Monday November 23rd

- Book Fair Week begins
- PAC Snack: Popcorn

Wednesday November 25th

- Recognition Assembly (invite only)

Friday November 27th

- PAC Hot Lunch: Mucho Burrito

Monday November 30th

- Pro-D Day (no school)

Respectfully,

Roy Styles, Principal

bgc Kamloops and Williams Lake Club

Parent Together

For Caregivers of Neurodiverse Teens

Free two part workshop for **parents and caregivers of Neurodiverse teens**. In this workshop, participants will learn how to support their teens transition from childhood to adulthood.



When: Saturday, Nov 21st (pt.1) and 28th (pt.2), from 9 am to 1 pm

Who: Caregivers of Neurodiverse teens ages 13- 18 years old.

Where: John Tod Centre on 150 Wood St

For more information and to register, **scan QR code below!**

For even more information, contact Kelsey at k.mcarthur@bgckwl.com or call (250) 554-5437