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WELCOME TO THE EC Monthly Report

Dear WCS Community,

As we conclude the 2024-2025 school year, May wrapped up on a high note with two significant events showcasing our students' incredible talents. Our inaugural Fine Arts Evening was a vibrant display of creativity in visual arts, music, and movement, while our Drama Finale captivated audiences with their remarkable performance of *Alice in Wonderland*, bringing the cherished tale to life with energy and imagination. These events truly celebrated the arts and highlighted the dedication of our staff and students.

June remains a bustling month at the elementary campus, filled with various planned activities. Our Grade 4 students will engage in several experiential learning opportunities, including trips to Jumpingpound Demonstration Forest and the Mid-High campus. Spirit Days, such as Colours of the Rainbow, Fancy and Formal Day, and Orange Shirt Day, will continue to promote school spirit and inclusivity. We also invite families to participate in key community events, including the School Council Year-End Event, Volunteer Tea, and Kindergarten Family Picnics. The month will culminate with Sports Day, our Summer Kick-Off Assembly, and the distribution of final progress reports on June 25.

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to everyone for contributing to such a wonderful school year. It has been an honour for Karly and I to serve as the leadership team at the EC campus over the past two years. We are thankful for the collaboration, support, and shared commitment to fostering gifted education from the inside out that characterizes our community. As I continue in my role as Superintendent of WCS (starting June 13), I have full confidence in the strong leadership ahead, with Karly stepping into the acting principal position to conclude the 2025 year.

We take pride in all that has been achieved and wish our students, families, and staff a safe and restful summer break.

Warm regards,

Adriana Klassen (Principal) and Karly Bagnall (Assistant Principal)

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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- June 4 & 5: Grade 4 Field Trip to Jumpingpound Demonstration Forest
- June 6: Spirit Day - Colours of the Rainbow
- June 6: School Council Coffee Talk - Online 9:15-9:45 a.m.
- June 6: School Council Year End Event 2:15-4:30 p.m.
- June 9: Spirit Day - Fancy and Formal Day!
- June 9: Volunteer Tea 1-2 p.m. (main gym)
- June 11: School Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- June 13: Westmount Wear Friday
- June 13: Fun Lunch - Saucy Bread Company
- June 15: Father's Day
- June 16: Grade 4s to Mid-High in the morning
- June 19: TTh Kindergarten Family Picnic 12:25-1:25 p.m.
- June 20: Spirit Day - Orange Shirt Day
- June 20: Fun Lunch - Mucho Burrito
- June 20: National Indigenous Peoples' Day Assembly
- June 21: National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- June 24: Sports Day
- June 24: Fun Lunch - iHop
- June 24: Last Day for Lost & Found Items
- June 25: Last Day of School
- June 25: Summer Kick-Off Assembly
- June 25: Reporting Period 2 Progress Reports Sent
- June 25: Lost & Found Packed Up
- June 25: MW Kindergarten Family Picnic 12:25-1:25 p.m.
- June 26, 27, 30: Organization Day - No School

JUNE HOUSE COLOUR
CHALLENGE:
BOOKMARKS
(DESIGN BASED ON A
FAVOURITE BOOK
READ)



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR! TO HONOUR YOUR ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO A VOLUNTEER TEA.

DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2025
TIME: 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.
LOCATION: MAIN GYM AT THE EC CAMPUS



SEPTEMBER



- September 2: 1st Day of School:
 - Staggered Entry for T/Th Kindies
 - Surnames A-M 8:35-11:35 a.m.
 - Surnames N-Z 12:35-3:35 p.m.
 - Staggered Entry for Grade 1 Surnames A-M (all day)
 - Regular 1st Day of School for Grades 2-4
- September 3: 1st Day of School for:
 - Staggered Entry for M/W Kindies
 - Surnames A-M 8:35-11:35 a.m.
 - Surnames N-Z 12:35-3:35 p.m.
 - Staggered Entry for Grade 1 Surnames N-Z (All Day)
- September 18: Meet the Teacher Night 5-6:30 p.m.
- September 25: Admissions Information Night 6-7 p.m.
- September 26: Terry Fox Day Run
- September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

Note: These dates and times are subject to change



JUNE LEARNING COMMONS UPDATE

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



IMPORTANT DATES

June 13th
Last Day of LC Classes

June 18th
All Books Returned to LC



TOOLS TO CODE

Students in K-4 continued to explore many of the tools and gadgets in the LC used to code. Students were challenged to complete maps and mazes using the Indi Sphero cars, Ozobots, Bee bots and/or Tale Bots.

HOUSE COLOUR CHALLENGE

Students are invited to design and decorate a Westmount inspired bookmark during the month of June. The house colour that submits the most bookmarks will win this challenge. Bookmarks must be submitted to the LC by Friday, June 13th and will be returned to students before the end of the school year.



JUNE MUSIC UPDATE



As we look back on the school year, it's exciting to see how much our students have grown and learned. We're proud of all they've accomplished! It's been a joy to watch their musical journey unfold this year!

In music class, students move through three key stages of learning as they explore musical concepts.

First, in **Making Music**, they actively sing, play games, and have fun making music together. Next, they are guided to begin noticing and exploring the new element through activities such as improvisation or creative movement, using aural questions and visual representation to deepen understanding.

In **Communicating Music**, students learn that the same sound can have different names, and practice using consistent vocabulary together.

Finally, in **Making Music Consciously**, students build on their skills by reading and writing notation, identifying sounds by ear, expanding partwork skills and making creative choices through arranging, composing and improvising.

FINE ARTS NIGHT

The choir gave beautiful and heart-felt performances at the Fine Arts Night. Thank you to each choir member for their talent, dedication and commitment, with a special thank you to Max. G. for accompanying the choir in the finale.

Alice in Wonderland



Congratulations to the cast and crew for their amazing performances and production.

LEAD CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The Grade 1 & 2 Spring LEAD Choir will be performing at the Parent Volunteer Tea on Monday, June 9th at 1:00 pm. See you there!



Jump Rope for Heart Event- May 8-9

The Jump Rope for Heart event on May 9 aimed to promote healthy habits and giving among students. With clear skies, students showcased their skipping skills for 30 minutes, guided by Grade 4 leaders and energized by Grade 7 student Riley. The online fundraising campaign exceeded expectations, raising \$2,500 for heart health, meeting our goal.

Special thanks to parent volunteers for their support. Additionally, the May House Colour Challenge Skip-Off on May 8 saw Jayden from 3C win for Purple House. Thanks to all who participated and contributed to this important cause.



FitSet Ninja - May 14-15

Thank you to the Casino Fundraising Society for sponsoring Fitset Ninja in our Physical Education classes! On May 14th and 15th, the Elementary campus was excited to host Fitset Ninja as part of our PE program.

Students had a fantastic time balancing, jumping, and swinging through various challenging obstacle courses, both indoors and outdoors, under the guidance of professional obstacle course Ninjas.

Due to the cancellation of much of our skating unit because of extreme temperatures, the remaining casino funds were utilized to help cover the cost of this thrilling experience.



Third Annual Health Summit– May 12

On May 12th, the Elementary campus proudly held its third annual Health Summit, uniting health professionals, parents, and community members to promote holistic wellness and student engagement. The event showcased 12 expert presenters who provided valuable insights on various topics, including nutrition, mental health, and physical health, all in alignment with the Physical Education and Wellness curriculum.

Special appreciation was extended to the presenters for their vital contributions to creating a healthier school community, along with gratitude to Mrs. Cuthbert for her efforts in organizing this event.



Scott Southwood <i>Chartered Professional Accountant, and is a Manager and Tax Specialist at KMSS LLP</i>	Financial Literacy
Ranita Charania <i>Mindset and Confidence Coach for Kids</i>	Positive Self-Talk "Who I am"
Jamie Gervais-Rietveld <i>Executive Director, Food Discovery Foundation</i>	Food Impact - child nutrition and food literacy
Mary Lofthouse <i>Registered Nurse, Peter Lougheed ICU</i>	Germes
Cpt. Jason Matthews <i>Calgary Fire Department</i>	Safety / Fire Truck
Matt Morrison <i>Westmount Parent</i>	Screen Time and the Developing Brain: Understanding the Cognitive Cost
Dr. Charlene Elliott <i>Research Excellence Chair</i>	Media Literacy & Food Marketing
Jenna Galloway <i>Founder and CEO Fledge</i>	Tech Hygiene and Social Media
Dr. Trista Keating <i>Registered Psychologist and Director/Owner of Acorn Psychology</i> Faith Comeau <i>Registered Psychologist</i> Acorn Psychology Gabrielle Kind Dano <i>Psychometrist and Therapist</i> Acorn Psychology	Being Your Authentic Self
Sherry Kwok <i>Accredited Financial Counsellor Canada</i>	How to Use Money to Live Your Best Life
Michelle Greenhough <i>Acupuncturist, Momentum Health</i>	Posture
Lisa Gonzalez <i>Cardiac nurse, Peter Lougheed</i>	Heart Health



Staff Undercover Spirit Week: May 12–16

Staff participated in a fun and engaging Undercover Spirit Week to build community and school spirit. The daily themes included:

- Monday – Monochromatic Monday
- Tuesday – Anything But a Cup
- Wednesday – Mismatched Shoes Day
- Thursday – Denim Day

The secret was that the staff's enthusiasm helped foster a joyful and connected atmosphere throughout the week, and as the days progressed, some students started to pick up on the fun!



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Tuesday – Anything But a Cup



Wednesday – Mismatched Shoes Day



Thursday – Denim Day

Professional Learning Day – May 16

On Friday, May 16, our staff came together for a productive professional learning day, which kicked off with treats provided by our School Council. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support! The day's highlight was a captivating presentation by Stephanie Chan, an AI specialist from the Calgary Board of Education, entitled “Leveraging AI for Task Design and Personalized Learning.”

During this session, staff delved into innovative and responsible methods for incorporating AI into classroom practices, acquiring practical strategies to boost student engagement and tailor learning experiences. This was a valuable opportunity to enhance our understanding of emerging technologies and their influence on teaching and learning.



Terry Fox Run Update

The Elementary campus received notification in mid-May that we ranked 25th among the “Top 50 Alberta Terry Fox Fundraisers of 2024” in the Elementary Division. In September 2024, we raised a total of \$5,637.00! Great job, everyone!



House Colour Challenge– April Results

The Alice in Wonderland April House colour challenge allowed every student to participate in Fine Arts Night. We received remarkable submissions, all of which were showcased on the 28th and 29th. The top three posters selected were framed and raffled off to benefit the Fine Arts Program.

- 1st Place: Amber W, Grade 3 (Purple House)
- 2nd Place: Abbie C, Grade 3
- 3rd Place: Zoe L, Grade 4



Fine Arts /Drama Finale – Alice in Wonderland

This year's production of Alice in Wonderland was a stunning tribute to nine months of creativity and collaboration, directed by Mrs. Lofthouse and Mrs. Hamilton. The exceptional energy and dedication of the student cast over this period truly captivated the audience. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the backstage crew, volunteers, and families for their relentless efforts in making this magical experience possible.

For the first time, we also showcased a student art exhibit featuring works from Grades K–4. Curated by Mrs. Coulthard and the Fine Arts Committee (comprising Mrs. Stein-Harries, Ms. Kondrat, and Ms. Dodd), this exhibit highlighted the creativity of our young artists. Under the direction of Mrs. Nysetvold, Ms. Dodd, and Mrs. Rostad, the elementary choir provided a memorable musical backdrop, featuring Grade 4 student Max on piano.

We extend our gratitude to families and individuals, including:

- The Landry, Matthews, Shivji, Klassen, Reid, and Alimohamed families for their generous contributions.
- Senior Stage Crew members for their dedicated efforts: Isla L., Archer L., Brenna G., Kensie G., Amelia M., Aidan H., and Cameron H.
- Lyle F. for woodworking, Victoria L. for artwork, Alyssa K. for makeup, and Ethan W. for filming.
- Mrs. Cuthbert, Ms. Hughes, and Mrs. Rostad, for sharing their facilities (gym and student services).
- Martin Atkinson for his support with facilities.

This event truly exemplified the spirit of community, artistic excellence, and the joy of learning at Westmount. The enthusiasm from the audience meant the world to our students.





Celebrating Our STEM C Participants – May 31

This year, our Grades 1-4 students participated in STEM C. This Math contest is intended for Grades 1-6 students, is organized by Mid-High Westmount students, and is sponsored by the University of Calgary. We have 13 students in Grades 1 and 2 (completing the Level 1 contest) and 10 students in Grades 3 and 4 (completing the Level 2 contest) who will be recognized at an award ceremony for their high scores on May 31st, 2025.

Level 1: Bryan Q., Sadra A., Nora L., Dawson C., Eason H., Avyukt R., Avir G., Agastya K., Fatemeh M., Alexander G., Aiden W., Enoch L., Ken R.

Level 2: Jeremy G., William W., Espen W., Aadyant S., Ethan Y., Aarya M., Chloe C., Jasper W., Joseph K., Maxwell G.



CESMC

This year, our Grade 4 students took part in the CESMC, a math contest designed for students in Grades 4 to 6 and sponsored by Mount Royal University. We proudly announce that 30 students received certificates of distinction for scoring in the top 25% of all participants: Omar A., Alveera A., Sarmin A., Amreena D., Bryson G., Jeremy G., Maxwell G., Aaron H., Luke H., Aniket J., Joseph K., Aliyana L., Ahana L., Sean L., Marcus L., Omeed M., Alamelu M., Ashwin M., Rennea R., Advik S., Nolan S., Krishna S., Avaneesh S., Praatmi T., Samuel W., William W., Espen W., Arthur W., Jeremy Y., Ethan Y.

Additionally, four students are being honoured as top Level 1 individual winners (Jeremy G., Maxwell G., William W., Espen W.). Moreover, our school has secured one of the top 5 positions and is eligible for a trophy or certificate as a group winner during the awards ceremony on June 6th, 2025.

Vertical Collaboration

This school year, our Math teachers participated in a new initiative designed to enhance collaboration and communication within our Math regrouping process. During dedicated collaboration time, teachers met across grade levels to share effective resources and discuss strategies for differentiation, student engagement, enrichment, assessment, the integration of technology, and how to best support gifted learners. These vertical collaboration groups met three times over the course of the school year.



Apegga Science Olympics – May 24

Westmount Charter School is proud to celebrate a record-breaking year at the 2025 APEGA Science Olympics on May 24, with multiple student teams earning top awards across all divisions!

Division 2 (Grades 4–6):

- Gold Award & Top Overall Scoring Team: The Aqua Ninja Ducks – Rishaan, Aniv, Advik (Grade 4), and Akshay and Jax (Grade 5) triumphed in both the “Water Harvesting” and “Mud Slide” challenges.

Division 1 (Grades 1–3):

- Gold with Distinction: Team Sweatshirt – Oliver, Aiden, Swar, Evett, and Zac (Grade 3) achieved a perfect score, earning their second consecutive Gold.
- Gold Awards: APEGASUS – The Ducks, Team Chicken Jockeys, and another outstanding Grade 3 team (Aarya, Hannah, Elliot, Grace, and Dhyanam) all brought home Gold for creativity, innovation, and teamwork.
- Gold Medalists: Team Aquatic Architects – Shaoli, Alveera, and Alamelu (Grade 4) wowed judges with engineering excellence.
- Silver Awards: Grade 1 Stars (Jasper, Tyson, and Emerson), Westmount Quack Attack (Gwyneth, Mila, Ella, Eloise, Zola), and Wondrous Water Works delivered strong performances, with impressive results in design and execution.

Special thanks to everyone for supporting students and families, cheering them on. Our young scientists and engineers exemplified creativity, problem-solving, and the Westmount spirit throughout this prestigious competition.



Eco Warriors and Mayor's Expo – June 3

The Eco Warriors Club for grades 3 and 4 students focused on environmental initiatives at the EC. Starting in September, they aimed to collect refundable items from K-4 classrooms every Friday. This year, 31 members in six teams raised over \$300. In previous years, they donated to Calgary charities like Kids Cancer Care and The Calgary Food Bank. This year, students chose whether to donate or save for future projects. The Eco Warriors acted as eco ambassadors at Westmount Campus and beyond. Their efforts earned us Eco School Gold Status, enabling members to present at the Calgary Mayor's Expo on June 3rd with expenses covered by a grant. They also received \$250 for making bug hotels and bee baths for our garden. They will celebrate the year of hard work on June 17th with a lunchtime pizza.

