



# February 2016 Westmount Junior School



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Children born in 2013 should be registering for school, call to book appt.		1 Day 2	2 Day 3 National Sweater Day Groundhog Day Subway Lunch	3 Day 4
6 Day 5 Bob Marley Day Gumboots Dancing (bring rubber boots)	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 Dental Screening begins today until the 13 <sup>th</sup>	9 Day 3 Pizza Lunch	10 Day 4 Provincial Reports Go Home
13 Day 5 Book Fair in Library all week JK Registration all week, by appointment only	14 Day 1 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School Parents may visit the Poetry Café 9-10am or 2-3pm	15 Day 2	16 Day 3 Sub Lunch Parents may visit the Book Fair during Interviews this evening 3-7:30pm	17 No School for Students Parents may visit the Book Fair during Interviews 8:30-12:00pm
20 Happy Family Day! No School	21 Day 4 Ms. Leavoy's class at EFSC	22 Day 5 Pink Shirt Day! Skating Grade 1-5 2:10 pm Character Assembly: Fairness/African Heritage Parents Welcome	23 Day 1 Girls Volleyball @ Howard PS Boys Basketball @ Kingsview Pizza Lunch	24 Day 2
27 Day 3	28 Day 4			

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Discipline is about giving students the structure they need,  
not the consequences they deserve. Ronald Morrish

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Dear Westmount Families,

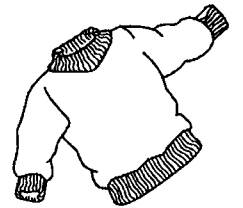
We wanted to provide more information about two of the great things happening this month:

### February 2

We will be taking part in National Sweater Day on Thursday, February 2! National Sweater Day is an annual event organized by World Wildlife Fund Canada. On National Sweater Day, WWF asks Canadians to turn down thermostats by two degrees Celsius at home, at school and at work to highlight the role that energy conservation plays in preventing climate change. Our school buildings will be a little chillier on February 2, so we are asking that all students wear or bring a sweater to school. In addition to turning down the heat and turning up our sweaters, our class will be participating in a number of activities designed to help students understand how everyday actions affect our planet's future.

We are looking forward to a cozy day in the classroom! **Please wear your sweaters ☺**

To learn more about National Sweater Day, please visit [sweaterday.ca](http://sweaterday.ca).



### February 6

**Program:** Gumboots Workshops

"Gumboots" started in South Africa's diamond mines during racial segregation. Workers were given gumboots to wear, but were not allowed to talk. The workers then invented a non-verbal method of communication with stomps, slaps and claps, which is today an educational dance.

Gumboots Workshop introduces students to a percussive dance where the body becomes a musical instrument practiced with rubber boots. Gumboots dance is a first influence of Stomp and originated in South Africa developed by miners using rhythm and dance to communicate. Students learn the history and cultural development, learn basic steps and choreography, and have the opportunity to create a routine.

Students will learn the African dance history. Students will explore how thoughts, feelings and ideas can be conveyed through dance. Students will improve their listening, communication, and teamwork skills through movement. Students will practice basic steps and/or drumming techniques.

**Please send rubber rain boots to school if you have them on Monday ☺**

You can see the presenter in these videos:

<https://vimeo.com/191696029>, <https://vimeo.com/74665689>



*Ms Lawrence*