



# Westmount Weekly

Apr. 27 – May 1, 2026



Dear Westmount Families,

It has been a wonderful, busy week! Seeing so many smiling faces heading home on Friday with a **donut treat** in hand was a highlight—I hope they provided a sweet start to your weekend!

As we transition into the final stretch of the school year, we are focusing on both safety and wellness. This past week, we conducted our **first fire drill of the spring**. The students did an exceptional job exiting the building quickly and quietly. We will conduct two more drills in the coming weeks to ensure everyone remains prepared and confident.

## **Traffic Alert: Chapman Road Construction**

The Toronto Basement Flooding Program is now underway on Chapman Rd. To avoid delays when coming from Royal York Rd., please allow extra time or consider these **alternative routes** for the next 2–3 weeks:

- **Option A:** Left on Griggsden Ave → Right on Munhall Rd → Right on Drury Lane → Left on Chapman Rd.
- **Option B:** Right on Griggsden Ave → Renault Cres → Ridgemount Rd → Right on Chapman Rd.

*Note: Chapman Rd. remains "Open to Local Traffic," but the detours above will save you time! For questions, contact Field Ambassador Marijo Lamb at 416-338-5497 or [BFPP@jacobs.com](mailto:BFPP@jacobs.com).*

## **Upcoming Dates & Events**

- **Monday, April 27 – Spring Dance:** Get those dancing shoes ready! We're kicking off the week with high energy and school spirit.
- **Wednesday, April 29 – Wolverine Wednesday:** Wear your Westmount gear or school colours! 🐾
- **May 4–8 – Children's Mental Health Week:** We are organizing daily lunchtime events focused on mindfulness and connection. Stay tuned for the full schedule!
- **Tuesday, May 5 – Family Literacy & Math Night:** Join us in the Gym/Library from 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM for games, snacks, and prizes! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) (Deadline: April 30).
- **Thursday, May 21 – Jump Rope for Heart:** Our fundraiser is live until June 4th. Help us reach our goal by visiting our **School Donation Page** [here](#).

## ☀️ Stay Hydrated, Stay Focused!

Ontario spring weather is famously unpredictable! Please continue to dress your children in **layers** so they stay comfortable.

As temperatures rise, hydration is key to concentration. Please send a **labeled, refillable water bottle** daily. Having water at their desk keeps students in the classroom and engaged, rather than making frequent trips to the hallway fountains.

## ☀️ Community Initiatives: We Need Your Help!

📦 **Girl's Group Supplies** Our Girl's Group is creating handmade bracelets and keychains for the Graduation Fund! We are seeking donations of:

- Beads & bracelet string
- Keychain hardware (rings/clips)
- *Drop-off: Main Office*

🍎 **News from the Dirt Squad!** Our "vermiculture" (worm composting) bins are hungry! We need **carbon-rich "browns"** to balance our system. Please drop these in the foyer collection box:

- Used newsprint and magazines
- Clean cardboard egg cartons
- Toilet paper/paper towel rolls

Thank you for being such an integral part of the Westmount community. Have a wonderful week ahead!

Warmly,

Shikha Nalin, Principal, Westmount Junior School

### This week at a Glance

Date	Activity
<b>Monday, Apr. 27</b> <b>Day 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Osmow's Day</li><li>● Send recyclables (egg carton, toilet paper rolls, newsprint to school) to school</li><li>● School Dance</li><li>● <b>Mindful Monday - enjoy mindful activities in the sun</b></li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, Apr. 28</b> <b>Day 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>●</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, Apr. 29</b> <b>Day 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Wolverine Wednesdays</b> - wear Westmount gear/colours</li></ul>

<b>Thursday, Apr. 30</b> <b>Day 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thankful Thursday - donate to school initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, May 1</b> <b>Day 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BarBurrito Day</li> </ul>

### **TDSB Updates:**

#### **Literacy Newsletter for TDSB Families**

In this [English/Literacy Newsletter for TDSB families](#), you'll find practical, easy-to-use strategies, activities, and tips that support literacy learning at home for all ages. Whether it's supporting early reading, building vocabulary, or encouraging meaningful conversations, these ideas are intended to fit naturally into your daily routines.

At the TDSB, we recognize families as children's first teachers and partners in learning. This newsletter is one way we aim to strengthen that partnership—empowering you with tools and ideas to help your child grow as a confident and joyful learner.

#### **EQAO Math Resources on TDSB Website**

We are excited to introduce the [EQAO Math Resources Site](#) on the TDSB public website. You will find weekly questions for students in grades 3, 6 and 9, the EQAO glossaries linked for families, parental resource support from the [TDSB Mathematics for Families & Caregivers page](#) and other resources.

[Bookmark this page](#) and check it every week if you have a child in Grade 3, 6, or 9.

#### Grade 3 Math Resources

1. [EQAO Weekly Practice Questions Grade 3](#)
2. [Google Form for Answers](#) - Students can submit their answers here for the weekly questions
3. [EQAO Grade 3 Glossary](#) - Math Vocabulary which will help students answer questions
4. Parent/Caregiver and Student Practice Package Grade 3 - Families can download this practice package
5. [EQAO Questions and Supports on the TDSB website](#)
6. Families can access the archived EQAO questions to share with families in [Grade 3](#).

**Sign up for EQAO Math Family Night here:**

[https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6wqgo4KfSFuj2W-uy4GLTg](https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6wqgo4KfSFuj2W-uy4GLTg)

**TDSB Math Supports for everyone**

[TDSB Mathematics for Families & Caregivers page](#)

Free Math Help Available at [TVO Mathify](#), a free online tutoring service for grades 4 to 12

**Making Math Make Sense for Families Raising Black Children - April 29 Webinar Wednesday**

Are you looking for ways to support your child's math learning at home? Join us for an engaging virtual session designed specifically for Black families and families raising Black children in Grades K-8.

This [123's of Numeracy session](#) will help demystify math by breaking down key concepts from the Ontario Mathematics Curriculum and providing practical strategies to support Black students in culturally responsive ways.

- April 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (6:30 to 7:25 for K-3, 7:35 to 8:30 for 4-8.)
- [Register for the Microsoft Teams webinar here](#)

**Italian Heritage Month (June 2026) - Student Poster Contest**

The TDSB recognizes Italian Heritage Month each June. This year's theme is *Insieme in Piazza - Together in the Town Square*. The theme beautifully captures the heart of Italian identity—people coming together in a shared space to connect, celebrate, and simply be with one another.

We invite all TDSB students in your schools and classrooms to participate in the Italian Heritage Month Poster Contest! We look forward to receiving submissions before the deadline on **May 20 at 3 p.m.**

[Read the full message for complete details](#). Questions? Contact [Simona Emiliani](#) and [Katherine Collier](#).

