



# Westmount Weekly

June 15 – June 19, 2026



Dear Westmount Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend! As we head into the second last week of school, we are getting ready to celebrate our students and their incredible achievements throughout the year so we can finish the school year strong.

Please review this week's important updates, upcoming event details, and our Week at a Glance schedule below.

## Important School Updates

### Transitioning to a **Balanced Day Schedule (2026-27)**

For families returning to Westmount in September, and new families joining us, I want to share a very important update. Westmount is transitioning to a **Balanced Day model** for the 2026-27 school year.

- **How it works:** A regular school day consists of 300 minutes. In a Balanced Day model, this time is broken into **three 100-minute instructional blocks**, separated by **two 40-minute nutrition/outdoor breaks**. To learn more about Westmount Balanced Day, [check this infographic](#).
- Many school boards (such as Niagara, Peel, and York) already successfully implement this model. We are proud to be one of 15 schools within the TDSB piloting this schedule next year. To learn more about TDSB Balanced Day, [click here](#).
- On September 8, 2026, when students return, our day will start at 9:10 AM and the dismissal will be at 3:30 PM. For a template of detailed timetable, [click here](#).

### **Planning Ahead: Families Moving/Leaving**

Each year, some families relocate to different schools, school boards, provinces, or countries. If you are leaving Westmount after this school year, **please look out for a paper form coming home this Monday**. Please fill it out and return it to the school by **Friday, June 19th** to help us with our planning for next school year. We greatly appreciate your support!


## **Library Book Return**

As we wind down the school year, we need your help retrieving our school resources. Please help your children hunt for any Westmount library books at home and return them to the school library as soon as possible.

## **Construction & Traffic Alert (BFPP Update)**

For the remainder of June, construction work will be taking place on **Drury Lane**.

- **Chapman Rd** is fully open; however, due to restoration work, you may experience vehicular delays.
- **Quickest School Access for Parents & Staff:** Avoid accessing Chapman Rd from Royal York Rd.
- **Alternate Routes:** Take La Rose Ave to Arcade Dr to Chapman Rd **OR** Scarlett Rd to Chapman Rd.

 Thank you for your ongoing patience, for choosing safety over speed, and for driving carefully through our school zones to keep our students safe!

## **Upcoming Highlights & Special Events**

### **X-Movement & Aussie X is Here This Week!**

This week, our students will participate in **Aussie X**, a high-energy program that brings the excitement of Australian sports (Aussie Rules Footy, Cricket, or Netball) to our community. Regardless of ability, Aussie X levels the playing field and connects children to their inner strength, combining physical activity with profound social-emotional learning (SEL).

Students will be encouraged to master the power of "**I don't know it YET**" while building resilience, teamwork, and positive communication skills in a fully inclusive environment.

### **Grade 5 Graduation**

We are so proud of our graduates! The Grade 5 Graduation ceremony will be held this week on **Thursday, June 18th** right here at Westmount.

### **FIFA World Cup & School Spirit Days!**

- **Thursday, June 18:** Canada takes on Qatar in the FIFA World Cup! Let's support Team Canada by wearing **Red and White**.
- **Friday, June 19:** Show off your team pride by wearing your **favourite sports**

*jersey!*

 **Looking Ahead: Westmount Annual Fun Day (June 23)**

Our Annual Fun Day is just around the corner on **Tuesday, June 23 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM!**

- **Stations:** Students will remain outdoors for about 2 hours moving from station to station with their class.
- **Beat the Heat:** We know it will be warm, if not hot! We will have a **Cooling Station** with freezies and a **Rest Station** with school snacks.
- **What to Wear/Bring:** 1. Running shoes 2. A hat & sunscreen 3. A water bottle **clearly labeled** with the student's name and teacher's name.

*Please reach out to your student's class teacher and let them know if your child will require any special accommodations to participate in this outdoor activity. We are looking forward to a fantastic, fun-filled event!*

*Thank you for your continued support, collaboration, and dedication to making Westmount Junior School such a vibrant community. Have a wonderful, safe, and happy week ahead!*

*Warm regards,*

**Shikha Nalin** Principal, Westmount Junior School

**This Week at a Glance:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Monday, June 15 Day 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Osmow's Day</li><li>● X-Movement</li><li>● Grade 4/5 class visits Richview Library</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, June 16 Day 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● X-Movement</li><li>● Pizza Day</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, June 17 Day 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Wolverine Wednesdays</b> - wear Westmount gear/colours</li><li>● Dental Screening for Kindergarten</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, June 18 Day 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Thankful Thursday</li><li>● Canada Day - wear something red and white</li><li>● X-Movement</li><li>● Grade 5 graduation</li></ul>

<b>Friday, June 19 Day 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Favourite Jersey Day</li><li>● X-Movement</li><li>● Volunteer Tea</li></ul>
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### **TDSB Updates:**

#### **Keep children learning during Summer: Check the TDSB Virtual Library**

The TDSB Virtual Library is a vital hub of resources and tools to support learning at school and at home. Whether students are finishing culminating projects or looking for summer reading inspiration, the Virtual Library is accessible 24/7. Need a hand getting started? [Click here to watch our video guide](#) on how to navigate the virtual library.

#### **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

#### **Somali Heritage Month (October 2026) - Creative Art Poster Competition**

Each October, the TDSB recognizes Somali Heritage Month. The 2026 theme, *Echoes of Somalinimo: Stories and Legacies*, highlights the enduring power of storytelling within Somali culture and its vital role in preserving identity, history, and community.

All TDSB students across the TDSB are invited to submit a creative art piece inspired by *Echoes of Somalinimo: Stories and Legacies*, reflecting on the power of storytelling in shaping identity, preserving history, and strengthening community. **Please read the full message** for more information about eligibility, prizes, and more.

The submission deadline is **June 19 at 4 p.m.**