



# Westmount Weekly

May 18 - May 22, 2026



Dear Westmount Families,

As we head into another busy week, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible creativity, community spirit, and resilience of our students and staff. There is always so much happening around our school, and I am grateful for your continued partnership.

Here are the updates and highlights for the upcoming week:

## **Celebrating Student Success: Collective Voices Cover Art**

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Westmount student **Almudena's** artwork has been selected for the front cover of this year's *Collective Voices* anthology - a TDSB publication!

Almudena's piece, which brilliantly integrated learning about Peru's food plate, was chosen out of numerous submissions. This is a significant achievement. Her artwork thoughtfully reflects the themes of identity, belonging, and student voice, highlighting the creativity and lived experiences that make this project so meaningful. Please join me in congratulating Almudena on this wonderful honor! Please see the Coverpage Anthology.png and congratulatory note for Almudena.pdf.

## **Mental Health & Community Highlights**

- **Children's Mental Health Week:** We wrapped up our targeted activities this past week with a fantastic sidewalk chalk experience and a sensory bottle-making workshop. It was wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of these calming, creative lunchtime activities.
- **Welcome to Kindergarten & Book Fair:** A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our *Welcome to Kindergarten* night, and to the wonderful volunteers who helped out at the *Beguiling Book Fair*. Both events were a massive success because of your support!

## **Weather Alert: Staying Cool & Safe**

The spring weather continues to be unpredictable. Tomorrow is forecasted to be very hot before a significant cool-down on Wednesday. Please ensure students are

dressed in light-colored, breathable clothing to stay cool, and remember to apply sun protection (hats and sunscreen) before heading to school.




## **School Advisory Council (SAC) Updates**

**Freezie Fridays Continue** - Buy jumbo freezies on Friday, May 22nd after the last recess for \$1.00 - funds raised will be used to support Grade 5 graduation.

## **Construction & Traffic Alert**

Roadwork continues on **Chapman Rd.**, **Drury Lane**, and **Royal York Road**.

To ensure the safety of our students and a smoother drop-off/pick-up routine, please note the quickest school access for parents and staff:

- **Avoid** accessing Chapman Rd. directly from Royal York Rd.
- **Alternate Routes:** Use La Rose Ave  Arcade Dr  Chapman Rd **OR** Scarlett Rd  Chapman Rd.

Thank you for your patience and for driving carefully through our school zones.

Thank you for your ongoing support, collaboration, and dedication to making Westmount such a vibrant place to learn and grow. Have a wonderful week ahead!

Warmly,

**Shikha Nalin**, Principal, Westmount Junior School

**This week at a Glance:**

| Date                       | Activity  |
|----------------------------|---|
| Monday, May 18             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day - No School</li> </ul>  |
| Tuesday, May 19<br>Day 1   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swim to Survive - Grade 4</li> </ul>   |
| Wednesday, May 20<br>Day 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wolverine Wednesdays</b> - wear Westmount gear/colours</li> <li><b>Jump Rope for Heart event</b></li> </ul> |
| Thursday, May 21<br>Day 3  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thankful Thursday - donate to school initiatives</li> <li><b>Pizza Day</b></li> </ul>                          |
| Friday, May 22<br>Day 4    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BarBurrito Day</li> <li>Freezies for sale (once a week only)</li> </ul>  |

### **TDSB Updates:**

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

[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.

1. [EQAQ Weekly Practice Questions Grade 3](#)
2. [Google Form for Answers](#) - Students can submit their answers here for the weekly questions
3. [EQAQ 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. [EQAQ Questions and Supports on the TDSB website](#)
6. Families can access the archived EQAQ questions to share with families in [Grade 3](#).

### **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.** Questions? Contact [Hotho Farah](#).

### **Panfest Vybz 2026 - May 28 Celebration of Music, Arts, and Community**

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and the TDSB Arts Department welcome staff, students, and community members to Panfest Vybz, a free evening community event that celebrates Caribbean Carnival culture through the Arts!

The evening will include performances by student musicians from a variety of schools and the professional Impulse Steel Orchestra. Questions? Contact [Rukiya Mohamed](#) or [Miranda Blazey](#).

- **May 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
  - Reception from 6:30 - 6:50. Procession and Performances 6:50 - 8:30.
- **Winston Churchill CI** (2239 Lawrence Ave E., Scarborough, ON)
- **[Register here](#)** or **[see the flyer](#)** for more details.

### **Special Education and Inclusion - May 2026 Messages for Parents & Caregivers**

- Administrators are asked to share the blurbs below in your monthly/weekly communication to families.

### **Special Education and Inclusion Newsletter –**

#### **May 2026 Edition**

The [May 2026 edition](#) of the Special Education and Inclusion Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers is now available on the [Special Education and Inclusion site!](#) This monthly newsletter includes important updates, tips, and resources to support students with disabilities and special education needs, and indeed all students.

### **Parent/Caregiver Engagement Sessions –**

#### **May 2026**

Special Education and Inclusion is pleased to offer a number of sessions for parents/caregivers in May. Please find additional information [in this flyer](#). All parent engagement sessions for the 2025-26 school year can be found [here on the TDSB website](#).

### **Latin-America History Month (October 2026) - Creative Art Showcase**

Latin-America History Month celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, Afro-descendant communities, and people from Latin-America and its diasporas. The theme for October 2026 is *Honouring Our Roots, Illuminating Our Paths / Honrando Nuestras Raíces, Iluminando Nuestros Caminos*.

Students across the TDSB are invited to submit a creative art piece that reflects the theme and explores how our roots, memories, and communities shape who we are and the paths we walk today. [Read the full showcase message for details and instructions](#). The submission deadline is **June 5 at 4 p.m.**

### **Navigating Pathways to Wellness – May 30 TDSB Mental Health Resource Fair**

On May 30, the Social Work/Attendance and Child and Youth Services departments warmly invite students, families, and parents/caregivers to the inaugural Navigating Pathways to Wellness: A TDSB Mental Health Resource Fair for All students and Families.

[See the flyer for registration and full details](#). This dynamic, community-powered event will feature an incredible lineup of presenters and partners from the City of Toronto, Toronto Public Health, and leading mental health and community agencies across the city. Together, they will offer engaging sessions, resources, and supports to help families navigate well-being, connection, and care as we head into the summer months. Grounded in the deep connection between mental health and developmental needs, this event creates a vibrant space to learn, connect, and access support.

