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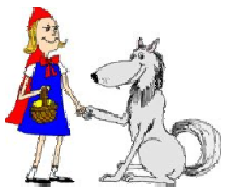
Principal's Message:

Back in December students, staff, and parents completed an online survey called "Tell Them From Me". This survey was used to guide our school improvement goals. All students and staff in Prairie South will now be completing this survey during the month of May. Attached to the newsletter you will find a letter that explains the survey in more detail. During the month of May all grade four through eight students will complete the survey. Parents will be completing the survey in the fall of 2012. If you have any questions about the survey please contact Mr. Swanson.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration for the fall is still open. Our Pre-K program is open to students in the Westmount catchment area who are 3 or 4 years of age by school start up date. Application forms for our Pre-Kindergarten program can be picked up at our school office. Our Kindergarten program at Westmount School is open to any student 5 years of age by December 31, 2012 . **Please Note:** When registering for either Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, you will be asked to provide either Saskatchewan Health Card or Birth Certificate for verification.

Drama Club News:



Ready for some laughs? Well, mark your calendars! Westmount's grade 4-6 Drama Club will be presenting *Not-So-Grimm Tales* on Wednesday, May 23 starting at 7 PM. You won't want to miss this hilarious retelling of some classic Grimm fairy tales!

There will be a silver collection at the door. We hope to see you and your family there!

Craft Club:

The craft club did very well at our recent Friendship Bracelet Sale. We sold out all of the bracelets and raised over $130 for the club. We are continuing to take orders for people who are wanting bracelets. To place an order you need to visit the club during recess in Ms. Miller's room and pick your design and colors. The next project for the club is to start making more bracelets and to start cross stitching ornaments for Christmas.

Safety Patrol News:

April 29th – May 4th is School Safety Patrol week in Saskatchewan. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the patrollers who have given their time to ensure the safety of our Westmount students and parents. They are doing an awesome job and we are very proud of these dedicated, conscientious volunteers!

SCC News:

On April 16th the SCC hosted it's annual general meeting and elections. Next year's SCC executive includes Shirley Widenmaier (chairperson), Nicky Andrews (vice chairperson), Kelly Hartman (treasurer), Tara Longworth (secretary), and Steve Gooding (member at large). There is still room for more members on the SCC. If interested please contact Mr. Swanson or consider attending our next meeting on May 7th. We have two members who have children graduating from Westmount this year. We extend special thanks to Kathy Knudson and Wendy Robbins for their years of involvement in the SCC.

The SCC is hosting a used book exchange on Thursday, May 10th in the library. If you wish to donate books please drop them off in the office.

Riverview Updates:

The final rotation of classes for our students' afternoon programming at Riverview wraps up on Monday, May 14th. Students will begin their final section of classes on Tuesday, May 15th. Also be sure to mark your calendars for May 30th and 31st when Riverview will host a South Hill musical production of "Not So Old School". This rock and roll inspired teen musical comedy will feature many Westmount students. Tickets are $10 and available at the door or for purchase at the Riverview office. We hope to see you there!

Grade 8 Bottle Drive:

Attention grade 8 students and parents. A grade 8 parent committee met recently and is fundraising for your grade 8 farewell evening. There will be a bottle drive at the end of the month and we need your support. If you prefer, you can return your own bottles and make a donation to the committee. Your support is appreciated!

Early Dismissal Dates: Please note the specific dates are: May 14, May 28, and June 11. Dismissal is at 2:25 p.m. on these dates.

Upcoming Performances: Our school is hosting two concert performances for students next week. Monday, May 7th we have the Crimson String Quartet and on Wednesday, May 9th we have a group called Infinitus performing for all students.

Jump Rope for Heart:

Once again our school is taking part in the Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart event this year. **Our Jump Rope for Heart Event Day is Friday, May 11, 2012**. A consent letter will be coming home Wed. May 2nd and is due back Friday, May 4th, 2012. **Collection envelopes and all pledges must be returned to the school by the morning of Friday, May 11th.** Thank you for your support!