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Dear Bogi,

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of our Grade 2 Team for the enriching learning experiences that you have so generously afforded our students over the past 4 months.

It made for a wonderful culminating activity after our Mapping unit in Social Studies. Although we scheduled our lessons for 1 per month, we appreciate the flexibility in how the program is structured so that it can be easily adapted for four consecutive days, weekly for a month, monthly for a term, even seasonally or tailored however necessary. How convenient that the lessons can also be implemented with various group sizes and ages provided that there are sufficient volunteers to assist in operating and supervising one of the three groups!

Orange Marks the Spot, the pilot of 4 orienteering lessons developed by Orienteering Alberta partnering with Be Fit for Life Network to promote physical literacy can be easily adapted and integrated into many areas of the educational curriculum beyond Social Studies, Physical Education and Outdoor Education. The program also satisfies learning objectives found within the Health, Science and Language Arts curriculum. The students further develop their visual-spatial orientation and apply their navigational skills, develop a greater respect for nature and landmarks. The students exercise good listening skills, following of directions and sharpening the awareness of their surroundings. Cooperative

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social skills and effective communication are engaged while needing to share limited resources and reading the hand held compasses accurately. **Orange Marks the Spot** addresses the physical and mental well-being and encourages increased mindfulness and observations of the world around us.

Orienteering Alberta and Fit For Life certainly stands behind their mandate of promoting physical literacy amongst children as its phenomenal non-profit fee of merely recouping the cost of printing the maps for the 4 lessons and various reinforcing activities within is not prohibitive for any school or group's participation! It has been the privilege of our Grade 2 Team at Westmount Charter School to pilot the collaborative work of the 2 aforementioned organizations and would highly recommend this fortuitous opportunity for any school interested in enriching their educational program.

We would be delighted to assist in further piloting **Orange Marks the Spot** next school year should we presented with the opportunity again! We sincerely appreciate the effective communication, necessary accommodations and flexibility you consistently demonstrated, Bogi. It certainly is a pleasure collaborating with you.

Sincerely,

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