



# The Westgate Window



**Westgate Elementary School Newsletter**

Jan. 12, 2018

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## A Few Notes From the Principal...

### Mission

The mission of Westgate Elementary School is to educate each child to achieve (his/her) full potential in collaboration with school, family and community.

### Westgate School

**Our goal for this year is:**  
Westgate Elementary will ensure maximum student engagement and achievement.

### News Briefs

#### Wednesday Dismissal

Don't forget...Students will be dismissed every Wednesday at 3:00. Please be prompt as teachers are scheduled to leave the building each week to participate in professional learning communities.



Dear Westgate Families,

Welcome to 2018! I hope that everyone had a great winter break and that students are ready to get the second semester started. Please remember that our next Community Club meeting will be Tuesday, January 9th @ 6:00. I hope that you will be able to join us for this meeting. We will be sending our report cards home in your child's backpack on January 12th, so please look for this in the backpack. As we begin the third quarter, please ensure that you are signing your child's green student notebook each night and supporting them with homework/reading at home. Our building goal is that 100% of notebooks are signed consistently each night.

Lastly, I am due towards the end of January with Baby Boy Moon. Ruby Larson, former Hillside Principal and K-6 Director of Elementary Education, will be filling in for me during my eight weeks of maternity leave. It is always hard for me to step away from Westgate, so I appreciate your support for Mrs. Larson, Mr. Elliott, and our staff during this time as they continue the great work they are already doing to provide our students the best education possible!

Sincerely,  
Amanda Moon  
Principal-Westgate Elementary



**Numbers You Need**  
Office/Attendance  
402-390-6495  
Pre-School/Club 66  
402-390-8202


**Westgate's Expectations**  
Be Safe  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible

## Calendar Reminders

- Jan. 8 **School Resumes**
- Jan. 9 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm
- Jan. 15 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
- Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 19 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm
- Jan. 23 Planet Sub Night 4-8pm
- Jan. 26 Movie Night 6:30pm in the Westgate Gym

- Feb. 5 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
- Feb. 8 2nd/3rd Vocal Music Concert @WMS 7pm
- Feb. 13 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm
- Feb. 14 Spring Parties 2:30pm
- Feb. 16 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm
- Feb. 19 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
- Feb. 19 President's Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- Feb. 27 6th gr. Strings Solo Night @ WMS 6:30pm
- Feb. 27 Planet Sub Night 4-8pm

## Safety Patrol

 Jan. 8th - Febr. 2nd

### **Morning: 8:20 - 8:35**

#### **79th and Hascall:**

Caleb B.  
Destiny B.

#### **East Drive #1:**

Ty L.  
Maxine D.

#### **Main Entrance:**

Davion F.  
Marin D.

### **Afternoon: 3:25 - 3:40**

#### **79th and Hascall:**

Ethan A.  
Ella T.

#### **East Drive #1:**

Miles L.  
Zoey C.

#### **East Drive #2**

Destiny B.

#### **Main Entrance:**

Jordan C.  
MJ P.

### **Lunch Money**

Tired of writing a check or sending cash for school meals?  
Go to [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) to pay for meals online. Your child's ID number is required.

### **Easy Ways to Help Your Community Club**

- \*Box Tops for Education
- \*Campbell's Labels for Education
- \*Hy-Vee Receipts dated from 9/1 - 12/31

### **Newsletter on the Web**

The Westgate Window is available online. Go to the district website [www.westside66.org](http://www.westside66.org). Click on School Websites, choose Westgate Elementary click on Newsletter and then choose the date.

## Monthly Reminders



2nd Tuesday of every month - Community Club Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

3rd Friday of every month - Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9pm

4th Tuesday of every month - Planet Sub Night 3-8pm

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### January 15th, 2018

## NO SCHOOL

## Nebraska Robotics Expo

The Nebraska Robotics Expo (<http://neroboticsexpo.unl.edu/>) will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum. This is a great way to expose students of all ages to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) concepts.

Westside will be registering 6 elementary teams for this event and a Loveland parent will be holding workshops on Saturdays in January so the students can work with the CEENBoTs and practice.

Interested students and parents can visit the EY Blog for more information. <http://ey.westside66.org/nebraska-robotics-expo/>

## Westside Early Childhood Centers

ADVENTURE IS OUT THERE: Where will your summer adventure be? Find yours with Camp Westside Early Childhood Centers. Mark your calendars now to sign your School-Age child up for an explorative and adventurous summer! Our Summer program runs May 30- August 9, 2018. Registration begins March 5, 2018. No minimum weeks required and flexible scheduling. Email [weccsummer@westsideecc.org](mailto:weccsummer@westsideecc.org) for more information and questions!

### EY Excellence In Youth



### ELL Website

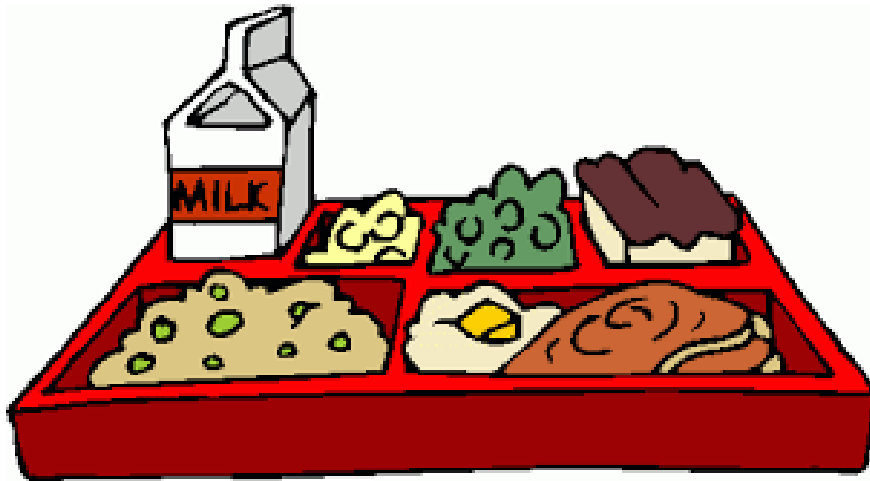
The ELL Website is a new resource for families to use. It includes staff information, picture lunch menus, and helpful websites. The google site is listed below:

<https://sites.google.com/westside66.net/ell/about>



## Parent Information

# Lunch Accounts



**Please make sure your child's lunch account is funded! If you owe money for lunches, please make sure to fund your child's lunch account Immediately. We do appreciate your attention to and effort in keeping lunch accounts current.**

# WESTGATE GEOGRAPHY BEE



A Geography Bee took place at Westgate Elementary on December 4th, and 6th grader Tyler Dahms was the winner! The Westgate Bee was the first round in the 30th annual National Geographic Bee, a geography competition designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2018 National Geographic Bee. Tyler's next step is to take a qualifying test for a spot to compete in the Nebraska State Bee at UNO on April 6, 2018. Please congratulate Tyler and the other students who took part in the Westgate Geography Bee.

Tyler Dahms - 1st Place	Jameson Dowse
Robert Owen - 2nd Place	Wyatt Francis
Micah Lidonde - 3rd Place	Coryion David
Sicity Bils- 4th Place	Monte Costello
Paul Fiamaple - 4th Place	Landon Williford
Desi Rivera - 4th Place	Madison Moline
Eli Bartsch-Bang - 4th Place	

# Student Council - Diaper Drive Winners

3rd Place: Morris 961

2nd Place: Jambor 2,167

1st Place (popcorn party): Kramp 3,128

TOTAL Diapers: 8,877

## Dressing Children Appropriately for Cold Winter Weather



When dressing children for the outdoors during the winter months, it is important to pay attention to both the actual temperature, and the windchill factor. Sometimes the actual temperature may not seem that cold, but once the windchill is factored in, the temperature is dangerously cold. Winter coats are the logical place to start when dressing your child, but don't forget all the seemingly unimportant extras. Boots with plenty of insulation will help keep your child's feet warm and dry. Don't forget the mittens or gloves, scarf and a hat. Little fingers are especially at risk for frostbite, and the same goes for little ears. The goal is to have as little exposed skin as possible because exposed skin is always at risk for frostbite in cold temperatures.

Another important thing to remember is that it is easy for your children's winter clothing to get lost--mittens, gloves, hats and scarves are especially at risk for wandering off on their own when no one is looking. To help make sure that your child's belongings return safely at the end of the day, remember to label each piece of clothing clearly.

## Cough Drops Reminder

Students cannot have cough drops at school in their desk, or their pocket. Cough drops are considered a medication, so they need to be kept locked in the health office. Students need to bring a copy of the medication form with the cough drops. This is a matter of safety for your student and others in the building.

## Medication at School

Medications at school: When sending medication to school for your child, it must be in the original container and the school nurse must have a Medication Authorization Form signed by the parent before anything can be given. In addition, prescription medication must have a physician's signature before it can be given. Authorization for Administration of Medication Forms can be picked up at any time in the Health Office.

## A Note From the Nurse:

If your child is vomiting, has diarrhea, or running a fever of 100 or more, they need to stay home from school. The policy states the child should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning (symptom free without medication).

Please remind your child the importance of hand washing. Have them sing happy birthday twice while scrubbing their hands!

## **Student In-District Transfer Requests for the 2018-19 School Year**

If you are a District resident who would like your K-5 child(ren) to attend an elementary school other than the school that serves your attendance area for next school year, you must submit a completed In-District Transfer (IDT) Request form to the Office of Student Services for review.

The District gives priority to families living within the District *prior to* placing Option Enrollment applicants who reside outside the District. We must receive a Student In-District Transfer Request form no later than **4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2018**, for your request to be considered prior to our placement of Option Enrollment students.

IDT forms are available at the ABC Building and on the District website. An IDT request form must be completed for any child starting kindergarten next year who has one or more siblings currently attending a school outside their home attendance area. Transfers are approved or denied based on available space and other resources. If you have questions about the in-district transfer process, please call 402-343-2603.

## **Kindergarten Enrollment for District Residents: January 8-February 15**

Do you live in the District and have a child who will be ready for Kindergarten this fall? Do you know of other Westside residents with children who will be ready to start school in August?

Kindergarten enrollment for 2018-19 begins January 8, 2018. Parents of eligible students should **go to [westside66.org](http://westside66.org)** to begin the enrollment process as early as possible.

Students entering kindergarten for 2018-19 must be five years old by July 31, 2018. Parents may opt to hold their children out of kindergarten for an additional year. However, Nebraska state law mandates that a child who reaches six years of age prior to January 1 of the then-current school year must be enrolled in school.

If you have questions, you may call the Westside Welcome Center at 402-343-2603.

## **Requirements for Early Admission to Kindergarten**

In accordance with Nebraska Statute 79-214, the Westside Community Schools allows for admission of children residing in the District as early entrance kindergarteners through a locally designed testing program. Children of District residents who wish to be tested for early entrance must turn five between August 1 and October 15, 2018. For further information regarding early entrance to kindergarten, please call 402-390-3303.

## **Kindergarten Enrollment for Non-District Residents**

If you live outside the District and have a child eligible for kindergarten who has a sibling currently attending a Westside elementary school through the Option Enrollment program, you must submit an Option Enrollment Application. **Option Enrollment Applications must be received by Westside's Office of Student Services no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2018.** The application form is available at the ABC Building (909 S. 76th Street) and at [westside66.org](http://westside66.org).

Under Option Enrollment statutes, first priority for admission is given to siblings who seek to attend in the District where an older sibling is already enrolled, provided an Option Enrollment form is submitted by March 15 *and* provided that there is space available in a requested building and grade level.