



# The Westgate Window



## Westgate Elementary School Newsletter

Oct. 6, 2017

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Dear Westgate Families,

### 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.

Thank you for the great start to the 2017-2018 school year! It has been a busy quarter of learning and fun at Westgate! We hope that you will join us for your child's Parent Teacher Conference in order to learn even more about your child's progress so far this year. We know it is important to continue to develop the relationship and communication between all stakeholders and we will continue to look for more opportunities to strengthen collaboration between parents and teachers. Parent Teacher Conferences are October 17 and 18th. Just a reminder that our green Student Notebook is one of our greatest forms of daily communication from school to home. Please be checking this nightly and using it to communicate with your child's teacher.

We appreciate your help with following our safety procedures at Westgate on a daily basis. If you are walking your child in each morning, please stop by the front office and sign in as a visitor. During the school day, we do ask that parents call and make arrangements with the teacher if they are planning to visit the classroom or want to meet with a teacher as we want to preserve our instructional time with our students. If you are at school to pick your child up during the school day, it is important that you come to the front office to sign your child out each time. Lastly, thanks for your support with our traffic pattern in the parking lot as it has been smoother thanks to families following the No Parking and Bus Lane signs. We appreciate all you do to ensure your child and every other student's safety at Westgate.

Our Community Club meeting last month saw growth in our attendance from last year. Your support with Community Club is vital to our school's success. One great way for parents to get involved at Westgate is to attend our Community Club meetings which are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM. Our next meeting is October 10th. All are welcome to join us.

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




- Oct. 2 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
- Oct. 10 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm
- Oct. 16 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
- Oct. 17-18 Parent/Teacher Conference  
Tues, Wed 4-8pm
- Oct. 20 Intersession - **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 20 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm
- Oct. 23 Prof. Development - **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 26 **Picture Retakes 9am**
- Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat 6-7pm
- Oct. 31 Fall Parties 2:30pm



- Nov. 2 Health Rescreens 9-12pm
- Nov. 6 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
- Nov. 10 Veteran's Day Breakfast 8-8:30am
- Nov. 14 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm
- Nov. 17 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm
- Nov. 17 Pizza/Bingo Night 6-8pm
- Nov. 20 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
- Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 28 - 4th-6th Vocal Music Concert  
7pm @ WMS

## Safety Patrol

 Oct. 9 - Nov. 3

**Morning: 8:20 - 8:40**

**79th and Hascall:**

Ty L.  
Caleb B.

**East Drive #1:**

Marin D.  
Maxine D.

**Main Entrance:**

Ella T.  
Miles L.

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

**79th and Hascall:**

Destiny B.  
Ella T.

**East Drive #1:**

Ethan A.  
Italia B.

**Main Entrance:**

Zoey C.

## 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



## 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



## EY Excellence In Youth



## WHS Football Games



All elementary students who attend WHS football games will need to sit with their parents during the game. Parents are asked not to drop elementary students off at the game without adult supervision.

## Picture Re-take Day!

Thursday, October 26th, is our scheduled picture re-take day. If you received your child's picture and are unhappy with them for any reason you may have them redone. Just send back the original packet on that day and the photographer will handle the rest. If your child missed the original picture day there will be order forms in the office. Any questions stop by and see Mrs. Mininni or call 402-390-6495.



## Fun and Friendly Costumes

Halloween is approaching and your child is thinking about their costume. For our school parties, please wear only fun and friendly costumes. Fun and friendly excludes blood, gore, scary masks, clothing and weapons. If you have questions concerning the appropriateness of a costume, please call the office.

### 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.

### 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.

# Mark Your Calendar!



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 17th- Parent Teacher Conference  
4-8pm

Wednesday, October 18th - Parent Teacher Conference  
4-8pm

Friday, October 20th - Intersession - **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, October 23rd - Professional Development -  
**NO SCHOOL**

The Westside Community Council will once again sponsor the Battle of the Books for the 2017-2018 school year. This event is open to all 4th through 6th grade students in the District.

Battle of the Books is a team competition where students work with their teammates to answer questions about the books from the list below. All questions are of the form "In which book...?" Students answer with the book's title and author.

Teams consist of three to five students, but at most four students may compete in any round of the competition. Each team is guaranteed at least 2 rounds of competition. Since this is a team event, individual students do not have to read all the books on the list in order to participate.

Registration will run from November 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see your November school newsletter for registration information. The battle will be held March 24, 2018 at Westside Middle School.



### **List of Books for Westside's 2017-2018 Battle of the Books**

1. *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
2. *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
3. *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones
4. *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
5. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
6. *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
7. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
8. *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
9. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
10. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
11. *Love, Ruby Lavender* by Deborah Wiles
12. *The Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop

All of these books will be available to borrow from your school library. The books are also all available to borrow from the Omaha Public Library. Visit <https://goo.gl/1P9L0H> for direct links to the books in OPL's card catalog.

If you would like to purchase books, check out The Bookworm, Half Price Books, Amazon.com, or Half.com. Mention Battle of the Books at The Bookworm for an extra 20% off!

Our website is currently under construction, but everything you could want to know about Westside's Battle of the Books competition will soon be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/westsidebotb>. Please contact us at [westsidebattleofthebooks@gmail.com](mailto:westsidebattleofthebooks@gmail.com) with any questions.