



The Westgate Window



Westgate Elementary School Newsletter Sep. 8, 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.

I can't believe how fast the school year is flying by! We are excited for all of the learning, growing and fun that will be had at Westgate this year! Parent Collaboration Night was on Tuesday, August 29, and was a huge success! Families enjoyed the chance to get to learn about what their child's day is like at Westgate. Some of the topics that were covered were reading, math, Student notebooks, PBIS School-Wide Expectations, and the best iPad apps to use at home. If you were able to join us, we hope that you found the time valuable. If you weren't able to join us this year, we hope that you will be able to join us for future events at Westgate.

Each month we will have a Gator Assembly which is a time that we recognize our Gators of the Month, review social skills or expectations with the whole school, and draw student names from the Gator Buck Bins that students have been entering in throughout the month. Students earn Gator Bucks for following the school wide expectations of Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Please take a minute ask your student if they know the school statement we say each morning. It is, "We are kind. We are talented. We are hard working. We are Westgate. We can. We will."

You have probably noticed that your child has a green Student Notebook that comes home each night. This is the most effective form of nightly communication that we have with our families. Please be sure to check your child's Student Notebook each night and please use it to communicate with your child's teacher. All of our teachers have a newsletter or you can also email or call them if you need to communicate additional information.

Lastly, I encourage you to attend our next Westgate Community Club meeting on September 12th @ 6:00 in the library. On the agenda will be possible fundraising ideas and upcoming events for the school year. Two of the projects we raised funds for last year were soccer goals for the playground and supporting our School Wide Enrichment Clusters.

Thank you for your continued support in helping support the work of our students and staff at Westgate!

Sincerely,
Amanda Moon



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

- Sept. 1 Prof. Development - **NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 4 Labor Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 5 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
- Sept. 12 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm
- Sept. 14 **Picture Day 9am**
- Sept. 15 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm
- Sept. 26 Health Screenings 9-3pm
- Sept. 27-28 Outdoor Ed for 6th grade

- 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

 **Safety Patrol**
Sept. 11 - Oct. 6

Morning: 8:20 - 8:40
79th and Hascall:
James C.
Eric K.

East Drive #1:
Teagan H.
Lucy L.

Main Entrance:
Adrina O.
Aubri G.

Afternoon: 3:25 - 3:40
79th and Hascall:
Aubri G.
Hayden

East Drive #1:
James C.
J'Sohn S.

Main Entrance:
Teagan H.
Josie C.

Lunch Money

Tired of writing a check or sending cash for school meals? Go to 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. 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



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**

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



The Hy-Vee logo, consisting of the word "HyVee" in white, stylized font on a red rectangular background.

Pick Up Time

Please remember that school dismisses at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday's and 3:30 p.m. on all other days. If you are unable to pick up your child/children by 3:10 on Wednesdays and 3:40 on other days you will need to make arrangements for them to attend the after school program. There are some students not getting picked up until way after dismissal and this is NOT safe. There is no supervision after 3:40 p.m. Arrangements can be made for after school care by calling 402-390-8202. Thank You.

Flip Flops and Recess/PE

A Dangerous Combination

While flip flops are very cute and popular, they present some safety challenges for our students during PE and recess. Lots of stubbed and scraped toes and broken flip flops. If your child likes being active during these times please send a safe pair of shoes.

Picture Day!

Picture day is September 14 starting at 9:00 a.m. This is a pay in advance program. Each student will be photographed, but to receive a portrait package you must send payment with your order. If you are ordering for more than one student, you MUST use a separate envelope for each student. As always, your satisfaction is guaranteed.



NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION ARE PROHIBITED

Westside Community Schools prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, marital, parental or pregnancy status, military status and any other basis protected by law in its programs and activities or in admission or access to, or treatment in, hiring and employment, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Retaliation for reporting discrimination or harassment or for participating in an investigation is also prohibited and will not be tolerated.

If you have concerns SHARE them with the building principal, a dean, counselor or any other building administrator or teacher or the Title IX Coordinator listed below. You may, but are not required to, fill out a Report of Concern Form, which is available on our website: www.westside66.org, in the main office or from the Title IX Coordinator.

The Title IX coordinator can also answer questions about our nondiscrimination policies and procedures. The designated Title Coordinator for students, parents, and others is

Director of Student Services
Westside Community Schools
909 S 76th ST
Omaha, NE 68114
402-390-2100

Board Policy 5330 "Equal Educational Opportunity and Nondiscrimination" has information for students and parents about harassment and discrimination. For further information about anti-discrimination laws or to file a complaint of discrimination you may also contact

Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Dept. of Education
One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 320
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 268-0550, Fax (816) 268-0599, (TDD) (800) 877- 8339, or
ocr.kansascity@ed.gov.

Student Dress Code

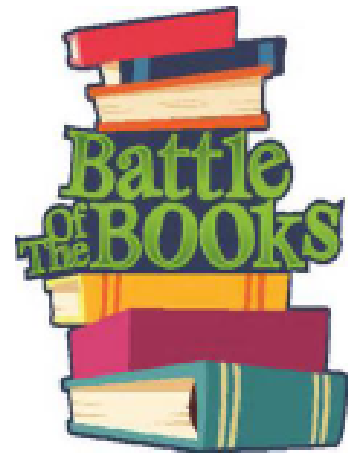
Students in the Westside Community Schools are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school setting.

Students should not dress in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of anyone or interferes with the learning environment or teaching process in our school. Following is a list of examples of attire that will not be considered appropriate; this list is not exclusive, and other forms of attire may be deemed by the Principal to be inappropriate for the school setting:

1. Clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin or underwear (midriffs, spaghetti straps, sagging pants) or clothing that is too tight, revealing or baggy, or tops and bottoms that do not overlap or any material that is sheer or lightweight enough to be seen through, or otherwise of an appropriate size and fit so as to be revealing or drag on the ground;
2. Shorts, skirts, etc. that do not reach mid-thigh or longer;
3. Sleepwear and slippers, including pajama bottoms, and costumes, unless part of a school-sponsored activity;
4. Clothing or jewelry that advertises or promotes beer, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
5. Clothing or jewelry that could be used as a weapon (chains, spiked apparel) or that would encourage “horse-play” or that would damage property (e.g. cleats);
6. Head wear including hats, caps, bandannas, and scarves;
7. Clothing or jewelry which exhibits nudity, makes sexual references or carries lewd, indecent, or vulgar double meaning;
8. Clothing or jewelry that is gang related.

Consideration will be made for students who wear special clothing as required by religious beliefs, disability, or to convey a particularized message protected by law. The final decision regarding attire and grooming will be made by the Principal. In the event a student is uncertain as to whether a particular item or method of grooming is consistent with the school’s guidelines, the student or student’s parent/guardian should contact the Principal for approval.

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 3rd through November 21st. 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. Some are still being purchased and may not be immediately available. 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>. You can also contact us at westsidebattleofthebooks@gmail.com.

Little Warrior

CHEER CLINIC

Details: Little Warrior Cheerleaders will learn motions, jumps, & cheers during the clinic and then cheer during the 1st quarter of the Varsity Football game!

Who: Girls & Boys PreK (4 years old) – 8th grade

Clinic: Tuesday, October 10th 5:30-7:00pm

* Check-in from 5:15-5:30 pm by the main gym

Performance: Friday, October 13th

* Check-in by the main gym from 6:30-6:45pm

* Cheering on the track during the 1st quarter of the Varsity Football Game

Cost: \$30 – includes clinic cost, t-shirt (if registered by Wednesday, September 27th) and cheerleaders entrance fee to the football game

*\$25 – multiple child registration discount

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 27th at 11:59pm

****If your child is registered before the deadline, they will receive the t-shirt size that is ordered. We will accept late registration the evening of the clinic but there is no guarantee for a t-shirt or the desired t-shirt size. Only a few extra t-shirts will be ordered.****

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

T-shirt size: _____ (Options: Youth XS-L, Adult S-XL)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Additional Purchases (please circle): Pink cheer bow -\$5 pink cheer poms - \$15

Bows and poms are pink for the breast cancer awareness game.

Registration form and payment **MUST** be received by **Wednesday, September 27th** to ensure participation and t-shirt. Make checks payable to "WHS Cheer". Please include your child's name with payment (cash or check) & mail to:

Westside High School Cheerleading
8701 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68114

Please do not hesitate to contact Joy Fuller with any questions:
Fuller.joy@westside66.net

Online Registration

[https://goo.gl/forms](https://goo.gl/forms/jzzDzQMVEtm83eC3)

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