



The Westgate Window



Westgate Elementary School Newsletter

February 2, 2018

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Dear Westgate Families, **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.



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

Westgate's Expectations
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

It is February, and we are getting ready for a busy month. We will have our Spring Parties on Wednesday, February 14. If you are interested in helping to organize or bringing supplies, please contact your child's classroom teacher. During these parties our students will have the opportunity to deliver treats and cards to their classmates. (Just as a reminder, a list of district-approved candies is below.) We will also have a Valentine Box Decorating Contest sponsored by our Student Council. Please bring your boxes to the library on Tuesday, Feb. 13 and Wednesday, Feb. 14.

District Approved Candies:

The candies listed below are approved for special occasion classroom distribution by staff, including Valentine's Day parties. While we encourage the use of non-candy items, only the following individually wrapped food items should be used for celebrations.

Included items do not contain peanuts or tree nuts, and were not produced in facilities that use peanuts or tree nuts. Gluten-Free options are noted with **GF.

- Bo & Tys Sweet Gummy Bears/Worms **GF
- Bo & Tys Sour Bears/Worms **GF
- DumDum Pops
- Jolly Ranchers
- Junior Caramels
- Junior Mints
- Lifesavers Gummies
- Nerds
- Skittles
- Smarties
- Starburst Jelly Beans — all flavors
- Sour Patch Kids
- Surf Sweet Candies **GF — Fruity Bears, Fruity Hearts, Gummy Bears, Gummy Worms, Peach Rings, Sour Berry Bears, SourWorms, Spooky Spiders, Watermelon Rings
- Surf Sweet Jelly Beans – original and spring mix **GF
- Tootsie Pops/Rolls
- Whoppers — original only

Our next Community Club and Parent Advisory Team meeting will be Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 PM in our library. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Ruby Larson
Substitute Principal
Westgate Elementary

Calendar Reminders

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

Mar. 1 Spring Pictures 9am
Mar. 2 Dr. Seuss Breakfast 8-9am
Mar. 5 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
Mar. 8 Kdg. 1st gr. Vocal Music Concert @WMS 7pm
Mar. 9 Pancake Feast/Art Fair 6-8pm
Mar. 9-14 Scholastic Book Fair
Mar. 13-14 Parent Teacher Conferences
Tues. & Wed. 4-8pm
Mar. 16 Intersession -**NO SCHOOL** (Fri.)
Mar. 16 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm
Mar. 19 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
Mar. 20 Band-o-rama WHS Main Gym 7pm
Mar. 20 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm
Mar. 27 Planet Sub Night 4-8pm



Spring Parties

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Valentine's Day Box Contest



Who: All Westgate students

What: Box decorating contest

When: February 13th and 14th

Where: Westgate Library

Why: To have fun and celebrate our talented students!

**A winner from K-2 and 3-6 will be chosen by the WG staff on February 14th. Students will be able to get their boxes in time for the afternoon parties.*



Safety Patrol

February 5 - March 2



Morning: 8:20 - 8:40

79th and Hascall:

James C.
Aubri G.

East Drive #1:

Teagan H.
Lucy L.

Main Entrance:

Adrina O.

Afternoon: 3:25 - 3:40

79th and Hascall:

Aubri G.
Teagan H.

East Drive #1:

James C.
J'Sohn S.

East Drive #2

Main Entrance:

Lucy L.
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.

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. 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

President's Day

Monday, February 19th, 2018

NO SCHOOL

English Language Proficiency Assessment

The testing window for the state's annual English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA21) will open February 5th and close March 16th. The English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21) is a group of states producing tests to measure English language proficiency in English learners (ELs). All identified students will be scheduled to take the four domains of speaking, listening, reading, and writing with your building ELL teacher. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Graves (graves.michele@westside66.net).

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 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>



Birthday Books



Thank you to everyone that has purchased a birthday book for their student!

Your student will receive a form to donate a book the month of their birthday. The cost is \$3.00. The student gets to choose a favorite book. We then place a special card in the front of that book with the date/year and the student's name.

We place a picture of the student holding the book and post it in the library. July to January forms have been sent. Students can also get a form in the library.

It funds the repair and replacement of books. They also receive a special card and bag.

Students like to check out their birthday book often. I come across books that were purchased long ago and remember how grateful to our donors!

It's a great way to leave their mark at Westgate forever!

One more thing: just a friendly reminder, library books are due on Day 1.

Thanks,

Molly Matheson



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Westgate March 9-14!

We will be looking for volunteers for setup on Friday, March 9 and the close up on Wednesday, March 14. It's a great way for older students to earn service hours. Also we'll need adults to help manage the purchases. Keep your eye out for the Sign-up Genius link soon!



PARENT-TEACHER Conference

Tuesday, March 13th - Parent Teacher Conference 4-8pm

Wednesday, March 14th - Parent Teacher Conference 4-8pm

Friday, March 16th - Intersession - NO SCHOOL

Vocal Music Concert

2nd & 3rd grade

Thursday, February 8, 2018

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Westside Middle School

7:00 - 8:00pm



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** 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.

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.