

# The Westgate Window



Westgate Elementary School Newsletter

April 13, 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,

It is that time of year when we start the planning and preparation for the 2018-2019 school year. Staffing is always a major part of this process. We do have one staffing change for the upcoming school year. Amanda Jambor, a fourth grade teacher, has decided to stay home and care for her soon to be newborn baby. It is always bittersweet when we have staff departures. We will definitely miss Mrs. Jambor, but we are very excited for the opportunities she will have with her family. We are currently in the hiring process for our unfilled positions and will announce those at a later time. Again, I want to thank those that are leaving us for all of their hard work!

On Friday, we started our Spring Session of SEM clusters at Westgate! Please take a few moments to check in with your child about what they are enjoying most about this experience! Enrichment Clusters bring an extra buzz in the halls as students are energized to learn about a topic they are passionate about for six weeks! We want to thank the community volunteers who are leading several clusters and our Community Club for helping programs like this take place at Westgate! Please look for the weekly emails as there will be several upcoming events this spring that your family won't want to miss out on including the Westgate Carnival, Screen Free Week, Field day, and more!

Amanda Moon

Principal-Westgate Elementary

## Calendar Reminders



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#### Numbers You Need

Office/Attendance  
402-390-6495

Pre-School/Club 66  
402-390-8202

#### Westgate's Expectations

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

Apr. 2 Spring Break thru April 6

**NO SCHOOL**

Apr. 10 Kdg. Parent Mtg. 6pm @ Westgate in the Library

Apr. 10 CC Mtg./Board of Elections & Parent Advisory 6pm

Apr. 16 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm

Apr. 20 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm

Apr. 24 Planet Sub Night 4-8pm

Apr. 27 Kdg. Roundup 9:30-11:30am

Apr. 27 Westgate Carnival 6-8pm

Apr. 30 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm

May 8 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm

May 10 Strings West Fest @WHS

May 14 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm

May 18 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm

May 22 Planet Sub Night 5-8pm

May 25 **Last Day of School - 1:00pm Dismissal**

## Safety Patrol

April 9 - April 27



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

**79th and Hascall:**

Teagan H.  
Lucy L.

**East Drive #1:**

James C.  
Eric K.

**Main Entrance:**

Aubri G.  
Adrina O.

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

**79th and Hascall:**

Josie C.  
Lucy L.

**East Drive #1:**

James C.  
J'Sohn S.

**East Drive #2**

**Main Entrance:**

Teagan H.

### 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

\*HyVee 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



## Severe Weather Procedures

Severe weather season is here. Your child's safety is always our first concern. If school is in session at the time a tornado warning is issued, students and staff will immediately relocate to their designated shelter. Should a tornado warning occur after school has dismissed and children are still on the school grounds, staff are instructed to bring students inside and to a designated shelter. If students are on a bus, bus drivers are instructed to return the students to school or take them to the nearest school building. We strongly encourage parents not to pick up their children from school if a warning is in effect as students have already taken shelter. If you have questions, please contact the office at 402-390-6495.



## Kids Need Breakfast

Did your child eat breakfast today? Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, yet children of all economic levels often skip breakfast. Lack of time, money or appetite are the most common reasons. Hungry children have less energy, less motivation, less attentiveness, less curiosity, less independence, less sociability, lower verbal, reading and gross motor skills. They often experience greater anxiety and more frequent serious illnesses. They may also suffer from iron-deficiency anemia which causes fatigue and/or shortened attention span. No time for breakfast? Plan ahead juice boxes (with 100% juice), a piece of fruit or cheese, toast, a hard boiled egg, yogurt, a peanut butter sandwich or granola bars are quick and portable. Some things can be prepared ahead of time, refrigerated overnight or frozen and microwaved anytime. Set a good example, parents need breakfast too!

### 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>



## The End of the Year Approaches Quickly

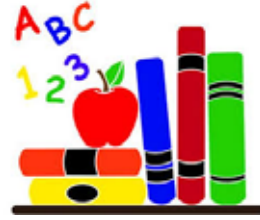
Some items for you to think about as the 2017-2018 school year winds down:

- \* If your child will not be coming back to Westgate next fall because you are moving or transferring to another school, please let our office know as soon as possible. This information is very important to us as we prepare for fall classes.
- \* Lost and Found is piling up. Please stop by to take a look and see what belongs to you.
- \* All medications must be picked up by the last day of school. We will dispose of any medications left in the nurse's office as of May 30th. This includes any over the counter medicines and all cough drops.
- \* **There will be no charging lunch after May 18th, 2018.**  
Keep lunch accounts at a positive balance. Negative balances **MUST be paid IMMEDIATELY**. All lunch accounts need to be at a zero or positive balance at the end of the school year on May 25th. All positive balances will carry over to the next year.
- \* All lost library books **MUST** be found and turned into the Library before the end of the school year.

Thank you for helping us end the year on a positive note.

# Kindergarten Parent Meeting

2018-2019



What: Informational Meeting

Who: Any parent/guardian of 2018/2019 Kindergartner

When: Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.

Where: Westgate Elementary Library

Why: To become acquainted with Westgate staff and curriculum

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Westgate Kindergarten Round - Up

Friday, April 27th, 2018

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m



Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to check in, get materials and name tags. We would like to start promptly at 9:30. Your child needs to be present. We will have 6th grade students escort your child to the kindergarten rooms.

**\*\*Please note: Current kindergartners will not have class this day. Please make arrangements for your child's care. If you have any questions, please call the Westgate office 402-390-6495.**

# 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:ocr.kansascity@ed.gov).

Westside Middle School's

# Westside Edge Show Choir Camp

Monday - Friday, June 4 - 8, 2018

**What:** Westside Middle School's show choir staff presents an opportunity to get an edge on your middle school try out. This week-long camp students the opportunity to be a part of a show choir that will put together a performance show as well as have opportunities to participate in other music interests workshops.

**When:** The camp will run daily from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. with a public performance at 3 P.M. on Friday, June 8th.

**Who:** All boys and girls entering grades 6-7-8 for 2018/19 school year. It is first come – first served, and there are a limited number of spots available!

**Cost:** **\$200.00** per student – includes a box lunch, water and snacks, and a T-shirt.  
(Contact Mr. Djernes for need-based reduced tuition)

**Other Info:**

- Check-in at the WMS Performing Arts Entrance.
- The performance will take place in the Westside Middle School Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 8th at 3:30 P.M. Family and friends are encouraged to come watch the performance free of charge.
- Students should wear appropriate comfortable clothing throughout the week.
- Staff will include Westside Middle School director Nick Djernes, professional choreographers, and additional qualified show choir staff.
- Questions should be emailed to [djernes.nicholas@westside66.net](mailto:djernes.nicholas@westside66.net).
- Registration form AND check must be received no later than **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**.
- To register a student for the show choir camp, mail a \$200.00 check (**made payable to POMMS**) along with a completed registration form to:

Mr. Nicholas Djernes  
Show Choir Camp  
Westside Middle School  
8601 Arbor Street  
Omaha, NE 68124

## Westside Edge Show Choir Camp Registration

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (in Fall): \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female School (in Fall): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Registration confirmation and other information will be communicated via email)

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size:  Youth M (10-12)  Youth L (14-16)  Adult: S M L XL

**Parent Release:** Please accept the application of \_\_\_\_\_ in the 2018 WMS Show Choir Camp. I hereby release the Westside Schools and its employees and agents from all claims on the account of any injuries sustained by my child while attending the clinic.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_