



The Westgate Window



Westgate Elementary School Newsletter
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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

This will be the last newsletter for this school year and on behalf of the Westgate staff we wish you all a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you in August!



Last Day of School

Friday, May 25th, 2018

1:00 p.m. Dismissal




Calendar Reminders

- May 8 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm
- May 8 4th Gr. Field Trip 9:15-2pm
- May 10 Strings West Fest @WHS
- May 14 Board of ED Mtg. 6:30pm
- May 14 2nd Gr. Field Trip 9-3pm
- May 18 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm
- May 22 Planet Sub Night 5-8pm
- May 22 3rd Gr. Field Trip 9-2:30pm
- May 25 **Last Day of School - 1:00pm Dismissal**

August 14 **First Day of School - 8:40am**

Safety Patrol

April 30-May 24



Morning: 8:20 - 8:40

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.
Mary Jane P.

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

*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. 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.

Begin Their Day Bright!

Classes start at 8:40 a.m. everyday. Please make sure your children are here BEFORE the morning bell rings to give them a happy start to their day. Getting to school on time helps them feel relaxed and prepared for learning all day, and gives your students the life long lessons of following rules and procedures.

School is For Learning

While the end of the school year is quickly approaching, we are still in the business of teaching and learning. Thank you for maintaining those good habits of providing plenty of rest and healthy food so your Gators come prepared for successful days of learning.

Flip-Flops and Recess A Dangerous Combination!

While flip-flops are very cute and very popular, they present some safety challenges for our students out at recess. If your student likes to be active at recess, please consider sending safer shoes for those recess feet!

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.

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, 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.

7th Grade Requirements: Physicals and Immunizations

From our Middle School Nurse:

Nebraska law requires all students entering 7th grade to have a complete physical (also fulfills the requirements for a sports physical).

- For those playing sports, physicals must be performed after May 1st; for all others, examinations must be performed after March 1st.
- A Tdap booster given after 10 years of age prior to entering 7th grade is also required.

Please call your health care provider to schedule your child's physical and immunizations (call now—appointments fill up fast). Once completed, we ask that you turn in your completed physical, along with immunizations, to the ABC Building (909 S. 76th Street) before August 1st.

Please email questions to smith.melissaa@westside66.net.

Melissa Smith, RN
Westside Middle School

THE 2018 WESTSIDE OPEN

PRESENTED BY THE HAWKINS SISTERS

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

4-Person Texas Scramble

SHOTGUN START: 7:30AM OR 1:00PM

Awards Banquet begins at 5:30pm



THE PLAYERS CLUB

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OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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