

The Westgate Window



Westgate Elementary School Newsletter

Summer 2018

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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.

News Briefs

Westgate School

Our goal for this year is:

Westgate Elementary will ensure maximum student engagement and achievement.

A Special Message to Parents of new Kindergartners and new students at Westgate

According to Nebraska Law, Statute 43512.07, all students new to the school district must submit an original copy of their child's birth certificate upon enrollment to the school. Students will not be permitted to start school until they are in compliance with this law. Please remember to bring an original copy of your student's birth certificate to the office for documentation prior to the start of school on Tuesday, August 15th.

Lunch Money

Lunch money may be given to Mrs. Mininni at the "Back-to-School /Family Fun Night" on August 9th. Please make checks payable to Westgate School.

Hello Westgate Families!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your student to the 2018-2019 school year at Westgate Elementary. Jay Elliott and I are excited to begin our third year as an administrative team at Westgate Elementary and to build on the momentum from this past year! I hope your summer has been fun and relaxing. As the summer starts to wind down, our thoughts turn to the upcoming school year and the learning we will do and memories your child will make. This is always an exciting time of the year!

We also have several new staff to Westgate Elementary. These new staff members are excited to meet our students and look forward to being a part of our community.

Please help me welcome our new staff to their new positions:

Keri Kuehl-Fifth Grade

Erin Beerman-Sixth Grade

Liz McFadden-Special Education



Finally, the entire Westgate Staff is looking forward to seeing you at our Back to School BBQ/Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, August 9th. Classrooms will be open from 6:00-7:00. You are welcome to bring your child's school supplies at Back to School Night if you so choose. There will be food served out back from 6:00-7:30. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office at 402-390-6495. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year to provide an engaging and safe learning environment that supports student success. Thank you for all you do to support Westgate!

Amanda Moon
Principal
Westgate Elementary

Calendar Reminders

- Aug. 9 Back to School BBQ/Family Night 6-7:30pm
- Aug. 14 First Day of School 8:40am
- Aug. 21 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm
- Aug. 28 Planet Sub Night 3-8pm
- Aug. 30 Band/Strings Curriculum Presentation @ @ WMS 6-6:45pm for 5/6 gr. Band/Strings parents
- Aug. 31 Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
- Aug. 31 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm
- Sept. 3 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- Sept. 11 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm
- Sept. 13 Picture Day - 9am
- Sept. 21 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm
- Sept. 25 Planet Sub Night 3-8pm
- Sept. 26 Outdoor ED for 6th grade

School Arrival

Our school day begins at 8:40 am. Students may enter the building at 8:30 am. We ask that students not arrive before 8:30 am, unless:

Participating in a school activity
Serving on Safety Patrol
Working with a teacher



Attending Club 66 Before & After Care program

WHY CAN'T I ARRIVE EARLY?

Teachers are involved in team meetings, staff meetings and individual planning from 8:00-8:30 am.

Thanks for your continued cooperation.

Wednesday Early Dismissal

Every Wednesday, we will end the school day at 3:00 pm instead of 3:30 pm. This gives our teachers throughout the District collaboration time by attending weekly professional learning communities or PLC's.

Bus News

Buses will pick up students from Cedar Woods and Woolworth Estate Apartments at approximately 8:10 a.m. each morning. Pick up points will be the same as last year. If you are new to the area call Chief Bus Service at 402-392-2144 for the closes pick up point . Buses will leave Westgate at approximately 3:35 p.m. for the return trip home. Bus families can expect a letter the first week of school regarding bus conduct and guidelines.

Monthly Newsletter

In an effort to save paper resources and to reduce printing costs, we will continue to put the newsletter on our school website and will e-mail a copy to families once a month. Students will still bring home flyers advertising various nonprofit activities. We will also print a limited number of newsletters for those families who request them. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mininni at 402-390-6495.

Fifth Graders and Parents Take Note!

Your fifth grade child will have the opportunity to try out band and string instruments during the first two weeks of school. We invite you to encourage your child to take part in this opportunity. We will send home information to parents after each presentation and tryout experience is completed. We look forward to teaching your child to play a Band or String instrument.

Sincerely,

The Elementary Instrumental Staff

Gail Carpenter-Johnson, Viktoria Matheson, and Mike Freeman

Attendance

Each school day begins with taking attendance. It is very important that students be in their classrooms by 8:40 or they will be counted absent.

We also take attendance immediately following the lunch recess, which means that if students leave campus for lunch with a parent, they need to be back when that attendance is taken.

The school secretary will call the home or work of parents who have not called in and reported their child's absence. Please help us with this by calling the office at 402-390-6495 by 8:50 am when your student is not coming to school or will be late for school. Safety is our focus in making this request.

Students coming in after 8:40 am or after attendance is taken in the afternoon must come to the office and sign in. Students coming or going during the day for appointments, illness, etc., must also sign in and out through the office.

Medication/Health Information



The health office must have a written, signed and dated Medication Authorization form from the parent or guardian requesting that his/her child be given medication during the school day (prescription or over-the-counter). This form is available in the office.

All medication must be brought to school and taken home from school by a parent. It must be in the original container, labeled with the child's name, date prescribed, name of medication, directions for use, dosage information and the time the medication is to be given.

Cough drops, and any over-the-counter medication must be in the original box/package, and a Medication Authorization form must be filled out. These medications are kept in the health office.

Scrapes and cuts are washed and bandaged, if needed. We do not and cannot use any ointment or cleaning product on an individual. If an injury is severe or questionable, a parent will be contacted.

All medication, including cough drops, must be picked up by a parent at the end of the duration. We will not send any medication home with a child.

Westgate Dress Expectations

In order to ensure a positive learning environment where all feel comfortable and respected, please follow our Westgate dress expectations. We expect our students to wear clothing that:

Is clean, safe, and in good condition.

Is considerate of others.

Is free of advertisements, graphics or language on drugs, alcohol, tobacco or violence.

Is free of sexual or disrespectful comments or graphics.

Covers appropriately. Halter tops, bare shoulders, backless tops and short shorts are not acceptable.

Students will be asked to call home for a change of clothing if not dressed properly.

School Lunch

Student Lunch = \$2.40

Reduced Lunch = \$.40 cents

(Free/reduced application available & apply online)

Milk = \$.50 cents

Student Breakfast = \$1.50

Reduced Breakfast = \$.30

Adult Lunch = \$3.65

Adult Breakfast = \$2.35

Westside Community Schools has a mobile friendly app that will make it easier for parents to electronically review lunch menus and nutrition information at the elementary, middle and high school. Parents can also use the app to reload lunch money in MySchool Bucks or to fill out free/reduced lunch applications. Go to <http://westside.getlunchtray.com/> for more details. You can also view the app from the District's website.

Lunch money will be taken at the office. Checks should be made to Westgate School. If you are sending money for more than one child, please note the amount of money to be deposited in each child's account.

We welcome family members to join their students for lunch. If you will be eating school lunch we ask that you call the office by 8:50 am, so we can add you to the lunch count.



Beginning of The Year Reminders



Please park in designated areas only. This is for the safety of all students, parents and staff.

You are always welcome at Westgate School. When visiting any part of the building or playground area, you will need to sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge.

If you are bringing a forgotten item to your child during the school day, please leave it at the office. We will make sure your child receives the item.

Students leaving the building during the day need to be picked up from the office. If students return during the same day, they must sign back in.

Parent/Student Handbook

The Parent/Student handbook will be electronic on the website. If you would like to request a paper copy please let the office know.

Remember To Wear Tennis Shoes On Gym Days!!!



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!

Please remember



Call the school office at 402 390-6495 before 9:00 a.m. if:

- Your child will be absent from school for any reason.
- Your child will be late for school.
- You would like to join your child for lunch and need to order a tray for yourself.

Often times parents will tell the teacher when their children are going to be gone, but the office really needs to know as well. We would appreciate your help with this anytime you know your child will be out of school.

Also, please let the office know if you are going to be out of town and someone else will be taking care of your children. In the case of an emergency, we don't want to waste precious time trying to get in touch with someone.

New Enrollments

All new enrollments will take place at the district office, located at 909 S. 76th St. We hope that this streamlined procedure will simplify the enrollment process and allow for consistency and reliability throughout the district. If you have questions, feel free to call your building principal or secretary.

Back to School Update

Be on the look out this summer to complete your back to school update through PowerSchool. Starting mid-July, parents will be able to login and update information and complete permission forms for the school year.

Completing this important task will prevent delays in back-to-school mailings, including teachers' placement letters. An email containing instructions for the process will be sent to you when the system opens mid-July.

Directory

The Westgate Community Club prints a family directory each fall containing the names of students by class, as well as names of parents, with their home addresses, phone numbers, and email information. Only families who submit information to the Community Club will be included in the Directory. Starting in mid-July, parents will have the opportunity to electronically submit information to the Community Club when completing the Annual Information Update online.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Westside Community Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, marital/parental status, military/veteran status or any other category 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.

The following District personnel have been designated to coordinate compliance and can address inquiries about the District's nondiscrimination policies and procedures:

For questions or concerns by students, parents or others:

Coordinator of Student Services/Title IX Coordinator – ABC Bldg. 909 So. 76th St. Omaha (402) 390-2100

E-mail: titleixcoordinator@westside66.net

Director of Special Services/ADA & 504 Coordinator (disability/accommodation) ABC Bldg. 909 So. 76th St. Omaha (402) 390-2100

E-mail: ADAcordinator@westside66.net

For questions by District employees or applicants:

Asst. Supt. for Human Resources/Lead Title IX
Coordinator - 909 So. 76th St. Omaha, NE (402)
390-2100
E-mail: titleixcoordinatorHR@westside66.net

For further information about anti-discrimination laws or to file a complaint of discrimination you may also contact the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Dept. of Education, One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 320, Kansas City, MO 64106, Tele. (816) 268-0550, Fax (816) 268-0599, (TDD) (800) 877-8339, or ocr.kansascity@ed.gov.

Personal Property Reminder

Students are reminded that all personal items, such as skateboards, ipods, toys, footballs, basketballs, etc., are not to be brought to school unless specifically requested by the classroom teacher. These items are costly and could be damaged or lost.

School Supplies

In this newsletter you will find a list of school supplies needed for our building. As you are purchasing supplies, please consider purchasing a few additional items for those families who are unable to provide these supplies for their children. We will continue to provide supplies for all children who do not wish to voluntarily contribute.

After School Plans

Please remember that after school plans should be made in the morning. Students are expected to go directly home and be off school grounds by 3:45 pm (3:15 pm on Wednesdays). Each child should know what the after school plan is. Students going home with another child after school should make plans ahead of time.

Please remember to notify the school if there is an unexpected change of after school plans for your child. If you know in the morning, a note to the teacher is always appreciated. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure your child is safe.

2018-19 School Staff

**Principal
Teacher Leader
Secretary**

Amanda Moon
Jay Elliott
Pattie Mininni

Kindergarten

April Hoffman
Stacy Schnauber

Grade 1

Megan Bandy
Joy Fuller

Grade 2

Jessica Carlson
Jennifer Kotulak

Grade 3

Tonya Gordon
Mary Morris

Grade 4

Allie Hakinson
Bailey Ingles

Grade 5

Sara Fye
Keri Kuehl
Steve Pesek

Grade 6

Erin Beerman
Mike Reilly

Specialists

Art
Band
Band
Counselor
ELL
EY
Literacy Coach
Librarian
Music
Physical Education
Psychologist
Reading Specialist
Reading Specialist
Speech Pathologist
Strings
TLC
TLC
TLC

Patty Wrighton
Mike Freeman
Gail Carpenter-Johnson
Mary Jo Stegman
Shelley Graves
Lynn Spady
Sandy Morrow
Molly Matheson
Martha Bosworth
Reed Weber
Alissa Fitch
Deb Fayman
Breezy Parker
Cassandra Birdsall
Viktoria Matheson
Liz McFadden
Ashley Olsen
Amanda Smith

Educational Assistants

Sherry Bowen
Shalynn Brendle
Toni Diblasi-Leibel
Jasmine Dinverno
Debbie McKay
Janet Laughlin
Melissa Salts
Lindsey Natvig
Traci Florez
Liana Baylon
Leah Hegerty
Tori Sasges
Sarah Schwarz
Frannie Cammarota

Food Service

Tana Waters
Guadalupe Pineda

Building Services

Walt Parks
DeWayne Weaver

Westgate Elementary Recommended Supply List 2018-2019

Kindergarten

Colored Pencils (1)
Crayons-24 count (1)
Glue sticks (12)
Kleenex (2)
Dry Erase Markers (4)
Disinfectant wipes (2)
Water bottle (1)
Headphone(no earbuds please) (1)
Crayola markers
Ziploc baggies
Last name A-L - sandwich size
Last name M-Z – gallon size
Composition Notebook (1)
3 Ring White View Binder 1 inch

First

Crayons-24 count (2)
Glue sticks ((12)
2 pocket folders (4)
Kleenex (2)
Headphone (1)
(no earbuds please)
Dry erase makers (8)
Large pink eraser (2)
#2 Yellow pencil (12)
Water bottle (1)
Disinfectant wipes (1)
Markers –(1) 10 count
Composition Notebook (1)

Second

Disinfectant wipes (1)
Crayons-24 count (1)
Colored pencils (1 pk)
Glue sticks (4)
2 pocket folders (2)
#2 yellow pencils (12)
10 count markers (1 pk)
Highlighter (1)
Spiral notebook (2) wide ruled
Composition notebook (1)
4 pk dry erase markers Expo (2)
Large pink eraser (1)
Kleenex (1)
1- set of earphones
Pencil top erasers (1 pk)
Composition notebook (1)

Third

Crayons-24 count (1)
Colored pencils (1 pk)
Glue sticks (4)
2 pocket folders (5)(one of each)
(red, orange, yellow, green, blue)
#2 yellow pencils (24)
10 count markers (1 pk)
Highlighter (1)
Spiral notebook (2)
4 pack dry erase markers (1)
Kleenex (2)
1- set ear buds or earphones
Pencil top erasers (1 pk)
Pencil box (1)
Scissors (1)
Disinfectant wipes
Composition Notebook (1)

Fourth

Colored pencils (1)
Glue sticks (2)
pocket folders
(red, blue, yellow, green) (4)
Spiral notebooks (red, blue,
yellow, green,,orange) (5)
#2 pencils – 12 pk
Markers
Highlighter (2)
Dry erase markers (4)
Kleenex (2)
Pencil top erasers/large
Pink erasers (1 pk)
Scissors (1)
Earbuds/headphones (1)
Protractor
Pencil Box
Stylus for iPad
Red & Blue pens
Loose Leaf Paper
Composition Notebook (1)

Fifth

Pocket folders (6)(1 of each)
(red, yellow, green, blue, purple,
black)
#2 yellow pencils (36)
Spiral notebook (4)
4 pack dry erase markers(1)
Kleenex (2)
1- set ear buds or earphones
Pencil boxes (1)(small/narrow,
must fit in desk)
Stylus - optional
Block eraser (3)
Loose Leaf paper (1) pkg.
Composition Notebook (1)

Sixth

Pencils #2 (pk) of 12 (3) pkgs
Loose leaf paper – wide ruled
(2) pkgs
Pencil box (1)
Kleenex (2)
Spiral notebook (4)
Highlighter (1)
Colored pencils (1 pk)
Two pocket folders (6)
Markers – (1 pk) of 12
Composition Notebook (3)

Westgate School Calendar 2018-2019

August

- 9 Back to School BBQ/Family Night 6-7:30pm
- 14 First Day of School 8:40 a.m.
- 21 CC Meeting & Parent Advisory 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Planet Sub Night 3-8 p.m.
- 30 Band/String Curriculum Presentation @WMS
6:00-6:45pm for 5th/6th gr. Band & strings parents
- 31 Professional Development – NO SCHOOL
- 31 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.

September

- 3 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- 11 CC Meeting & Parent Advisory 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Picture Day 9:00 a.m.**
- 21 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.
- 25 Planet Sub Night 3-8 p.m.
- 26-27 Outdoor Ed for 6th grade

October

- 9 CC Meeting & Parent Advisory 6:00 p.m.
- 15/17 Parent/Teacher Conferences Mon, Wed 4-8pm
- 19 Intersession – NO SCHOOL (Fri)
- 19 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.
- 22 Professional Development – NO SCHOOL.
- 23 Planet Sub Night 3-8 p.m.
- 25 Picture Re-Takes 9:00 a.m.**
- 26 Trunk or Treat 6-7 p.m.
- 31 Fall Parties 2:30 p.m

November

- 9 Veteran's Day Breakfast 8:00-8:30 a.m.
- 12 4th-6th Vocal Music Concert @ WMS 7 p.m.
- 13 CC Meeting & Parent Advisory 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.
- 16 Family Bingo Night 5:30-7:00pm
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
- 26 Band Concert 5th/6th grade @WMS
6:00pm rehearsal, 7:00pm performance
- 27 Planet Sub Night 3-8 p.m.

December

- 11 CC Meeting & Parent Advisory 6:00 p.m.
- 14 5th/6th gr. Band & Strings Concert @ WG PM
- 18 6th gr. Strings Concert @WHS 7:00pm
- 20 5th gr. Strings Concert @WHS 7:00pm
- 21 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.
- 24 Winter Break begins – NO SCHOOL

January

- 7 School Resumes
- 8 CC Meeting & Parent Advisory 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
- 22 Planet Sub Night 3-8 p.m.

February

- 7 2nd-3rd Vocal Music Concert @ WMS 7 p.m.
- 12 CC Meeting & Parent Advisory 6:00 p.m.
- 12 6th gr. Strings Solo Concert @WMS 7:00pm
- 14 Spring Parties 2:30 p.m.
- 15 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.
- 18 President's Day – NO SCHOOL

March

- 1 Dr. Seuss Breakfast 8-9 a.m.
- 5 Kdg.-1st Vocal Music Concert @ WMS 6 p.m.
- 7 Spring Pictures 9:00 a.m.**
- 7-12 Scholastic Book Fair
- 8 Book Fair and Make and Take Art Fair/
Pancake Man Time: TBD
- 7/12 Parent/Teacher Conferences Thurs, Tues 4-8pm
- 15 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.
- 18-22 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
- 28 Band-o-rama WHS Main Gym 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Planet Sub Night 3-8 p.m.

April

- 2 Choral Festival
- 9 CC Mtg/Board Elections & Parent Advisory
6:00 p.m.
- 19 Teacher Comp Day – NO SCHOOL
- 19 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.
- 23 Planet Sub Night 3-8 p.m.
- 26 School Carnival 6-8 p.m.

May

- 2 District Band Solo & Ensemble Concert @WMS
optional concert 6th gr.- 7:00pm concert
- 10 5th & 6th gr. Band & Strings Concert @WG PM
- 14 5th/6th gr. Strings West Fest @WHS 7:00pm
- 14 CC Meeting & Parent Advisory 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Godfather's Slice of the Pie Night 5-9 p.m.
- 24 Last Day of School - 1:00 p.m. dismissal

*Please note that all dates and times are subject to change. Thank you for your flexibility

Westside Community Schools

School District 66
909 South 76th Street
Omaha, NE 68114
402.390.2100

Student Calendar 2018-19

July 2018

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August 2018

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September 2018

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November 2018

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January 2019

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February 2019

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March 2019

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April 2019

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May 2019

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1:00 Dismissal

June 2019

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Bold dates indicate days students will be in school.

SCHOOL BEGINS

Semester 1: August 14
Semester 2: January 7

Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 15-17
March 4-7* and March 11-14*

*Over a 2-week window, one night per week.

First Semester Conference Days:
Elementary: Monday & Wednesday
Middle School: Monday & Tuesday
High School: Tuesday & Wednesday

Second Semester Conference Days:
Elementary: Thursday (3/7) & Tuesday (3/12)
Middle School: Monday (3/4) & Tuesday (3/12)
High School: Tuesday (3/5) & Wednesday (3/13)

Last Day of School
May 24
1:00 Dismissal

NO SCHOOL

- Professional Learning - August 31
- Labor Day - September 3
- Intersession- October 19
- Professional Learning - October 22
- Thanksgiving Break - November 21-23
- Winter Break - December 24 - January 4
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 21
- Presidents' Day - February 18
- Spring Break - March 18-22
- Teacher Comp Day - April 19

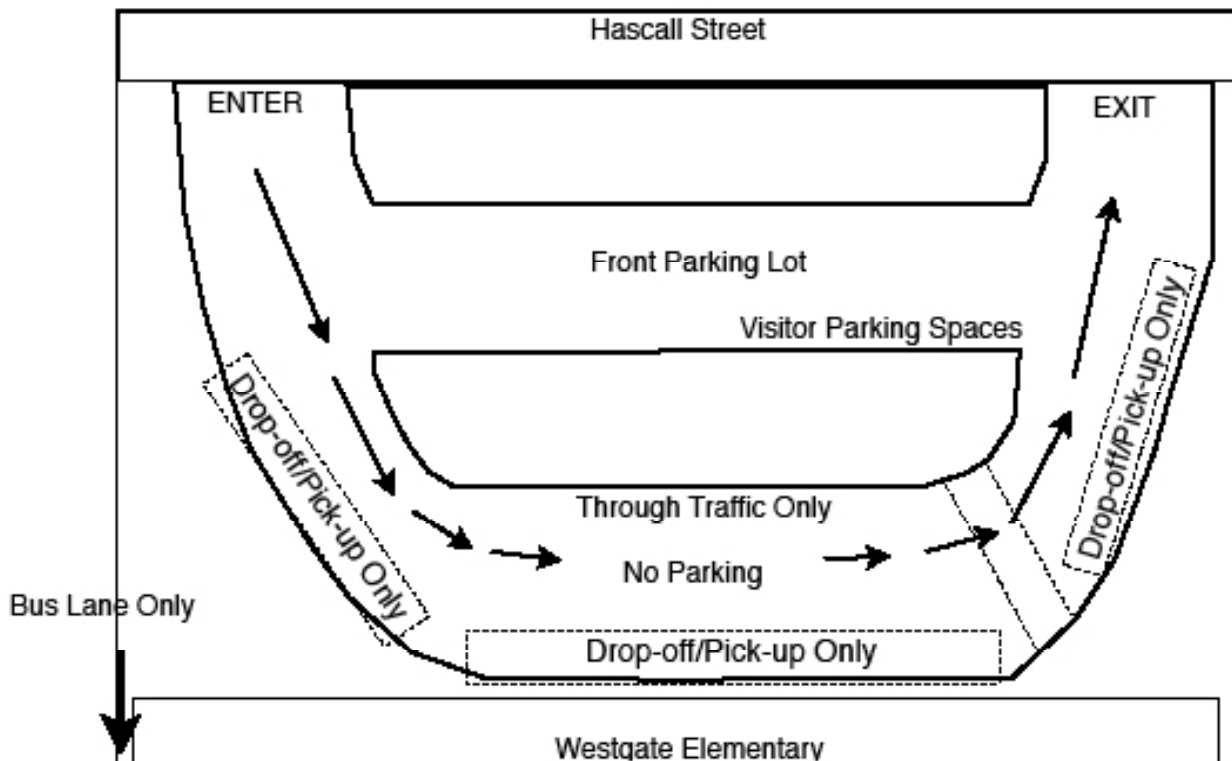
Westgate Traffic Plan

The diagram below shows the traffic plan for our parking lot. This is designed to keep traffic flowing smoothly, and more importantly, enhance the safety of our students. Parents picking up or dropping off their children will enter the circle drive and pull over to the curb to let children in or out of the vehicle. Then parents will be able to pull back out into the circle drive to exit the parking lot.

During dismissal, parents will be able to pull over to the curb and wait in the car for students. Please do not leave the car to come get your student. Westgate staff will assist students to the car. Students are not to be picked up by a car in the 'through traffic lane'. This creates an unsafe environment for students and slows the flow of traffic. Parents will be asked to loop around if there are no spots next to the curb for pick-up.

For parents that wish to walk students to the car, there will be several spot for parents to park in the front lot and along the east side of the building. We would also ask parents not to park in the middle of the front lot and along the side of the road by the island. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for helping to ensure the safety of our students.

Amanda Moon 402-390-6495





BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Westside Community Council will once again organize a Battle of the Books event for the 2018-2019 school year. This event is open to all 4th through 6th grade students in the District. Registration will begin in October, and the battle will be held on the morning of March 30, 2019 at Westside Middle School.

Westside's Battle of the Books is a quiz-bowl style competition. To participate, students will form teams of three or four students. Teams may have five students, but at most four students may compete in any round. Since this is a team event, individual students do not have to read all the books on the list to participate.

For next year's competition, we will be using the 2019 Golden Sower nominees.

1. *Soar* by Joan Bauer
2. *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
3. *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor
4. *Moo: A Novel* by Sharon Creech
5. *Garvey's Choice* by Nikki Grimes
6. *Slacker* by Gordan Korman
7. *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor
8. *Maxi's Secrets: (Or, What You Can Learn from a Dog)* by Lynn Plourde
9. *Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
10. *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

All of these books are available to borrow from the Omaha Public Library and will be available in the school libraries in the fall. If you would like to purchase books, check out The Bookworm, Half Price Books, or Amazon.com.

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Westgate Elementary School Back to School BBQ/Family Fun Night

Thursday, August 9th , 2018 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Please take note of the following and mark your calendars now!! We are expecting to be able to kick off this Back-to-School activity for you and hope that you will join the Westgate staff .

What: Kindergarten thru 6th grade Back to School BBQ/Family Fun Night

Classrooms open from 6pm-7:00pm

BBQ open from 6pm - 7:30pm

Where: Westgate School

Who: Westgate Staff, Students, Parents and Community

Format/Activities

*Kindergarten thru 6th grade students will meet their teachers

*Community Club will meet and greet new families and renew friendships

*Lunch Money may be given to Mrs. Mininni to put in student's lunch account

We do hope to see you on the 9th! We are all thrilled that this format will allow everyone to meet and greet each other before we kick off the 2018-2019 school year!

