



The Westgate Window



Westgate Elementary School Newsletter

Sept. 7, 2018

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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.



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

Westgate's Expectations
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

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 28th,, and was a huge success! Families enjoyed the chance to get to learn about what their child's day is like at Westgate. 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. This year we will be adding a Student PBIS Leadership team at Westgate. This year will be a learning year for us as we refine our selection/application process and develop goals for this team. Our overarching goal from this team is "To Make Doing the Right Thing more fun to do."

We continue to start each day with our school belief statement. 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, it is helpful if you join your child's teacher in utilizing Class Dojo, Remind, or SeeSaw depending on the grade level. These are additional avenues teachers will use to showcase student work and communicate with families.

Lastly, I encourage you to attend our next Westgate Community Club meeting on September 11th @ 6:00 in the library. Each month there will be snacks and a drawing for a gift card! The August meeting had a great turnout, we look forward to continuing to grow this group!.

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

Sincerely,

Amanda Moon

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Principal

Westgate Elementary

Safety Patrol

Sept. 10 - Sept. 28



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:

Teagan H.
Zoey C.

East Drive #2

Adrina O.

Main Entrance:

J'Sohn S.
James 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

*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

Calendar Reminders

Sept. 3 Labor Day - **NO SCHOOL**

Sept. 11 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm

Sept. 13 Picture Day 9am

Sept. 20 Steam Night 6-8pm @ Westgate

Sept. 21 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm

Sept. 25 Planet Sub Night 3-8pm

Sept. 26-27 Outdoor ED for 6th grade

Oct. 9 CC Mtg. & Parent Advisory 6pm

Oct. 15/17 Parent Teacher Conferences

Mon. & Wed. 4-8pm

Oct. 19 Intersession - **NO SCHOOL**

Oct. 19 Godfather's Slice of the Pie 5-9pm

Oct. 22 Professional Development - **NO SCHOOL**

Oct. 23 Planet Sub Night 3-8pm

Oct. 25 Picture Re-Takes 9am

Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat 6-7pm

Oct. 31 Fall Parties 2:30pm

Picture Day



Picture day is September 13 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.

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 3:00 on Wednesdays and 3:30 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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
**Parent Teacher
Conferences**

Monday, October 15th- Parent Teacher Conference

4:00 pm -8:00 pm

Wednesday, October 17th - Parent Teacher Conference

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, October 19th - Intersession

NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 22rd - Professional Development

NO SCHOOL



Westside Community Schools continues the implementation of MTSS, which stands for Multi-Tiered System of Supports.

What is MTSS? MTSS is a process of providing instruction and support to promote the academic and behavioral success of all children. Individual children's progress & skills are monitored and results are used to make decisions about further instruction and intervention. The MTSS process is flexible and designed to meet the needs of all students. This process allows for a continuum of support based entirely on students' individual needs. This support may be provided with other students by the classroom teacher or other support staff, either within or outside the classroom.

What does this mean for my child? A key component of the MTSS process is that all children receive high quality instruction in their classroom. Universal screenings are used to review the progress of all students and are given three times per year. As a result of the screening, students may be identified as needing supplemental intervention in addition to instruction they are receiving in their classroom. If your child is identified as needing intervention, you will receive notification. Please contact your child's building principal with questions.



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.



Students can celebrate reading in Westside's 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 of the books on the list to participate.

Please note that this year, each team will be expected to provide at least one parent volunteer to assist during part of the competition in addition to a team parent to accompany the team on battle day. The Battle of the Books relies on parents and volunteers to make the day a success.

For this competition, students will read 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. If you would like to purchase books, check out The Bookworm, Half Price Books, or Amazon.com.

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Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/westsidebotb/home>