

WARRIOR NEWSLETTER

WEST ORANGE ELEMENTARY OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! West Orange Elementary welcomes you back to a new and exciting year! We hope you enjoyed the summer and are ready to begin a new year of growth, creativity, and friendship. Our skilled and devoted staff are already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. And, our much-appreciated WOSA is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed an ecstatic and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.



GET IN THE KNOW:

8/19: TK/K BTSN

8/20: TK/K MEET & GREET

8/21: 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

8/26: SSC ROUNDUP AT 2:30 P.M.

8/28: DAIRY COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY

8/28: SECOND HARVEST FARMERS MARKET AT
10:30 A.M. (NEW TIME)

8/29: BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM ASSEMBLY

8/30: BACK TO SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT BY WOSA
7:00-9:00 P.M.

9/2: LABOR DAY- NO SCHOOL

9/5: BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

This year, West Orange will send our Warrior folder home on Thursdays. Within the folder there is important communication from your child's teacher, WOSA, and the school. Please check the folder each Thursday and return it to your teacher on Friday. Also, the office will continue to make phone calls and emails via our School Messenger system. In addition, please sign up for Class DOJO with your child's classroom teacher for additional announcements. Don't forget to follow us on our Instagram page @westorangeelementary.

DON'T FORGET!

School starts at 8:00 a.m.
everyday!

Every Wednesday is a
minimum day.

Everyone must sign in and get
a visitor or volunteer sticker.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good attendance makes a difference starting as early as Transitional Kindergarten. Across the country, more than 8 million students are missing so many days of school that they are academically at risk. Chronic absence — missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason—excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing subjects and ninth-graders dropping out of high school (Attendanceworks.org).

Success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Here are a few tips for a successful year:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her/his teachers and classmates before school starts to help her/his transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her/him feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session

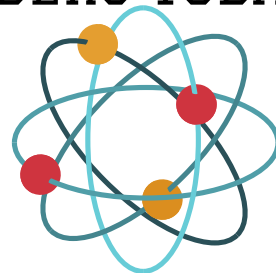


BUILDING TOMORROWS LEADERS TODAY



WE ARE AVID STRONG!

West Orange Elementary is in year 5 of AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, in our 2nd-5th grade classroom. AVID is a system and structure within the classroom to provide students with the necessary skills for success in high school, college and beyond! As an AVID school, we set high expectations for our students while providing them with the support they need to be successful. Our goal for this year is to solidify our 2nd Grade AVID program and highlight the amazing work our Warriors are doing in 3rd-5th grade using AVID Strategies.



STEAM ALL THE WAY!

At West Orange Elementary, we believe in building tomorrows leaders today via STEAM and AVID Education. STEAM education stands for 'Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics'. STEAM education is designed to teach students how to thinking critically, enabling them to problem solve effectively and use creative thinking to drive forward and complete projects using new methods, tried and tested solutions and using their own initiatives. Our Warriors delve into STEAM weekly within our STEAM lab and during classroom instruction! We are ready for the future!

FREE AND APPROPRIATE EDUCATION

Article IX, Section 5 of the California Constitution states: "The legislature shall provide for a system of common schools by which a free school shall be kept up and supported in each district." The California Supreme Court held that this provision prohibits public schools from charging mandatory fees for curricular and extracurricular educational activities. This decision affects our students in several areas:

- **Art Projects:** All students must be provided with the supplies to complete art projects. Students may not be charged for food items prepared as part of the class.
- **Binders/Notebooks, Class materials:** Teachers may recommend optional materials, provided there is no penalty for students not having these items. No fees may be required for participation in a class or use of supplemental novels, workbooks, or supplies
- **Field trips/Outdoor Science School:** Schools may collect funds in connection with school related field trips and Outdoor Science School as long as no student is denied the opportunity to participate. In the case of the March Science School, an alternate activity will be provided for students who choose to stay home.
- **Donations:** Donations are voluntary only. There will be no negative impact for failing to donate. Programs may be cancelled or modified if financially unfeasible given the level of donation.

ESSA AND YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

As a parent of a student in the Orange Unified School District, under the Every Student Succeed Act ESSA, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child. ESSA gives you the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications of licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the office at 714-997-6283.

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