



**Westview
Elementary**

The Bulldog Bulletin

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents/Guardians,



I have been in schools for 51 years in one way or another! I am seriously a life-long learner and huge advocate of education. Schools have been the center of life in many ways. In my younger days it was not only where I learned academics but participated in sports, drama, music and student leadership. And, made special friendships. The past few months I have increased my learning to include more podcasts, webinars and reading a variety of books. This has been a solitary mission but I have been able to connect with other leaders around the state and even nationally using Twitter and other networks to increase my perspectives. This is such an interesting time in education.

Our learning models have provided increased parent connection to schools by having at-home learning days. We value this partnership and know that working together, we will be fine and learn to thrive. The zoom conferences will give us the opportunity to listen and learn about the experience so far and clarify all our expectations for better understanding and partnership. Looking at your child through our lens and then learning more through yours only deepens the way we interact and teach. Thank you so much for your continued partnership and support with the educational experience at Westview.

Respectfully,
Tami Staloch-Schultz

Revised 2020-21 School Year Calendar

No-School Dates = No school for **all** students = No school for **some** students

Nov. 4	Districtwide staff development for high school (<i>no school 9-12</i>)
Nov. 6	Conferences for elementary and middle schools (<i>no school grades K-8</i>)
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving break (<i>no school</i>)
Dec. 2	Teachers workshop (<i>no school</i>)
Dec. 4	End of Trimester 1
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Winter break (<i>no school</i>)
Jan. 13	Districtwide staff development for high school (<i>no school grades 9-12</i>)
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day (<i>no school</i>)
Jan. 20	Districtwide staff development day (<i>no school grades K-8</i>)
Jan. 22	Conferences for high schools (<i>no school grades 9-12</i>)
Feb. 10	Teachers workshop for high school (<i>no school grades 9-12</i>)
Feb. 12	Conferences for elementary and middle schools (<i>no school grades K-8</i>)
Feb. 15	Presidents' Day (<i>no school</i>)
Mar. 10	Teachers workshop (<i>no school</i>)
Mar. 12	End of Trimester 2
Mar. 22-26	Spring break (<i>no school grades K-12</i>)
April 21	Districtwide staff development
May 28	Conferences for middle schools (<i>no school grades 6-8</i>)
May 31	Memorial Day (<i>no school</i>)

Student Drop-Off Important Reminder

The front doors will not open until 9:10 a.m. and we can not let children wait inside the front doors/vestibule due to social distancing limitations. The kids will be outside in the weather unless parents keep children in their car until the bell rings.



Information



Change in Season

Kids need to have physical activity to increase learning. One way of ensuring that our kids are prepared to learn is to provide fresh air and activity during a recess period. We go outside for recess every day unless:

- It is raining
- The windchill is below zero
- There are winds exceeding 30 mph

Make sure to be sending your student in with a coat, hat, gloves and boots. As the temperatures continue to get cooler, it is important that everyone stays warm.

Please label your student(s) items to help avoid mix-ups with other classmates' items.

District Parent Liaison

Westview Elementary is still in need of a District Parent Liaison to attend a monthly district meeting. Meetings take place one Tuesday morning a month. The District Parent Liaison would represent Westview students and staff; then report information at the monthly PTO meetings. Time commitment would be 2-3 hours per month.

*Need winter gear?
Have no fear
Patsy Ryan is
here!*

If you are like the rest of us, this early winter has blindsided you. In a perfect world, we would be all prepared with labeled boots, jackets, hats, and mittens for our Bulldogs. Because of the state of the world during this pandemic, getting the winter gear they need might be more challenging than usual. I have collected some new and some used warm weather things. I am happy to share my stash. Please let me know if this gift would benefit your family. Respond to me at patsy.ryan@district196.org I will need to know sizes. I will either give to your child if they attend school in person, or make it available for you to pick up from school. Please let me know soon, if this is something to make this early winter a bit more fun.

Patsy Ryan
Westview School Social Worker
Patsy.ryan@district196.org
952-431-8386



Mental Health Highlight

Emotional ups & downs are to be expected during this time of COVID crisis, but if your child is experiencing any of the following, please consider reaching out for some extra support:

- Increased problems in multiple areas of life: academic, social, family relationships, etc.
- Excessive worry
- Crying, hopelessness, or feeling sad
- Significant changes in sleeping or eating habits
- Feeling bad about themselves
- Withdrawal from activities or relationships they used to enjoy
- Engaging in negative behaviors
- Self harm behaviors or statements like "I wish I weren't here."

Associated Clinic of Psychology has partnered with ISD 196 for over a decade to provide school-based mental health services. Services at Westview are provided by licensed clinician Sarah Najafalipour, who has worked with many Westview families over the past five school years she has been with Westview. Sarah is currently able to meet with students in-person at school or virtually! Please feel free to reach out to Westview Social Worker, Patsy Ryan (952-431-8386) for questions regarding the program or to discuss a referral, or visit <https://acp-mn.com/community-school-based/> and fill out the online referral form. Let us help!



Information





A Word from Mrs. Theirl

Dear Westview Families,
Mark your calendars for our Fall 2020 Scholastic Book Fair that will be 100% online!

You're invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair online from Monday, November 23 rd through

Friday December 4th! All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more.

You'll love the NEW option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

-  Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
-  All orders ship direct to home
-  FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25*
-  All purchases support our

school and earn 25% in rewards

The link for our school's Book Fair Shopping page will be available soon on our school website social media pages and through email communication!

Campus Portal

If you have not received your Campus Portal access key, given out at assessment days, stop in or call the office to obtain it. It will enable you to follow your child's attendance, update your emergency contact information, as well as your own, and once it's complete you can set up fee pay to pay your child's lunch online. Please visit the Westview website: <http://www.district196.org/wv> and look under the "Resources" tab. Click "For Parents." This will bring you to the "For Parents" page that will allow you to access "Campus Portal Login" under "Connected Parents."



Gobble, Gobble, Give

WV Student Council will be hosting its annual Gobble Gobble Give food drive and spirit week Nov. 9-17. There will be a total of three spirit days for each Cohort. Food bins will be located outside and inside to collect food each day. Monetary donations of any amount are accepted all week to reach our 2020 goal to purchase twenty \$20 gift cards.

- **Breakfast Foods-Lumberjack Day:**
11/9-11/10 (M/T)
- **Dinner Foods-Career Day:**
11/12-11/13
- **Household/Personal Hygiene-Bulldog Blue/Spirit Wear:**
11/16-11/17

Reporting Absences

Be sure to email wv.attendance@district196.org **or** call 952-431-8380 to report your child's absence. If an absence is not called in, it is considered unexcused. It is important to alert the school if your child is home with a communicable disease. This would include COVID-19, strep, pertussis, influenza, pink eye, chicken pox, lice, scabies or fifth's disease.



Bulldog Paw Prints

Helpful Tips, Reminders & Information about the Westview School Community

2020-21 Staff Appreciation Info

- **National School Bus Safety Week:**
November 16-20
- **American Education Week:**
November 16-20
- **Education Support Professionals Day:**
Nov. 18
- **Substitute Educators Day:**
November 20



In October, the PTO provided a spooktacular treat (see picture on bottom left of page) to Westview staff in appreciation for all the teachers and staff have done to innovate and support students during the fall. Throughout the year, the PTO is committed to showing support for our entire school community. If anyone would like to support future

appreciation activities with financial donations, special items or help in preparation, please contact Sara Dziuk at Sara.brigger@gmail.com.

Follow WV on Facebook

Want to keep up to date on many things Westview? Be sure to like the Westview Elementary Bulldogs

Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wvbulldogs>.

Since there will not be a school calendar this year, you will want to check either our Facebook page, this bulletin and our website at www.district196.org/wv for all the upcoming important dates.

Contact Info Changes


Call the office or email Sue.Bergemann@district196.org or Lisa.Kissell@district196.org with updates to your phone numbers, emails or addresses throughout the year. It is very important we have the latest information for everyone.



2020 Important Dates

- **Nov. 4**
Conferences via Zoom, 12-8 p.m.
- **Nov. 5**
Conferences via Zoom, 4-8 p.m.
- **Nov. 6**
No school
- **Nov. 9**
PTO Meeting
- **Nov. 26-27**
Thanksgiving break, no school
- **Dec. 2**
No school
- **Dec. 4**
End of Trimester 1
- **December 23-Jan. 1**
Winter break, no school

Socktober Update

Wow! Socktober was a huge success! Our goal was 500 and we crushed that goal with a final total of 761!! Way to go bulldogs! 





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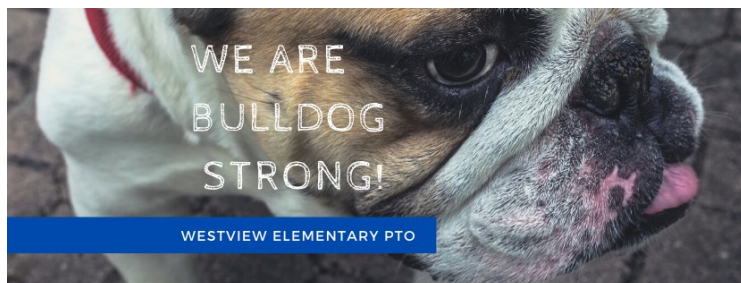
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Self-control, Teamwork, Respect, Ownership, Noble Actions & Gratitude

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PTO Pit Stop

*Events, Reminders & Information about the
Westview PTO*



PTO Meeting Dates

Save the dates:

Nov. 9; 6-7 p.m.

Jan. 11, 2021; 6-7 p.m.

Meetings may be in-person or via Zoom. Make sure to check Facebook and email for updates.

Follow PTO on Social Media

Check out the ways you can stay in the loop:



Follow us on **Instagram**
[@westviewmnpto](#)



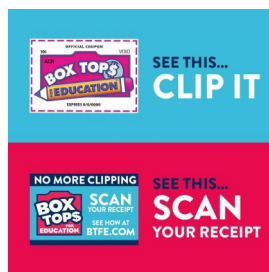
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Sign up for text alerts
through Remind by texting
@377gcd to 81010



Reach us by email at
westviewmnpto@gmail.com



Panera Volunteers Needed

Calling all carb lovers! Westview is fortunate to be able to receive bread and pastry donations from Panera in Apple Valley every week for WV families. Each year, we are given donations that if purchased would equal approximately \$25,000! The PTO supports this effort by providing the transportation for this bread, and we are looking for volunteers. It involves going to the Apple Valley Panera at closing time (currently 9:00 p.m.) on Monday evenings and loading the bread, and then delivering it to the night custodian at Westview immediately thereafter. It is really easy, takes about 30 minutes total (depending on your location). We would like to get volunteers who can commit to doing a month of transports, but it is imperative that you make each shift – or get backup help, which we have in abundance in case of emergencies – so that we can maintain this generous donation. If you are interested, please email Mary Rowan at mary-rowan@hotmail.com, so she can explain further. Thanks in advance!

Butter Braid Information

This year, the PTO is again supporting the Butter Braids fundraiser, as a way of supporting the needs of our children and Westview school community. Last year, we raised over \$5,000 and we hope to do the same or even better this year. Butter Braids are both sweet and savory treats that are reasonably priced, and they will be delivered just before Thanksgiving in time for holiday celebrations or to start a new tradition. They come frozen and then you thaw and bake at home. This year, our delivery will likely be curbside pickup, with volunteers bringing your order to your car on a designated evening. Watch your child's backpack and/or digital communications for fundraising materials and further explanation. If you have questions, or would be interested in helping be a Butter Braid delivery person, please contact Mary Rowan at mary-rowan@hotmail.com. Thank you, and happy eating!

