



**Westview  
Elementary**

# The Bulldog Bulletin

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Families,



Welcome to 2021! It has been an interesting school year so far and as I write this, we are preparing to welcome students back to full time in person learning in a couple of weeks. This is exciting and yet thought provoking. We are continuing to ensure a safe environment for our staff and students by encouraging healthy habits of washing/sanitizing hands, wearing face coverings, self-monitoring and keeping distance. As we all come back together, we will get to know each other again and re-establish the routines and procedures that make the best environment for learning. Students have experienced different levels of support and independence during these last couple of months and will need some time and support to blend all those experiences with the guidance of our staff. We may have to work on the stamina and sustainability to learning for longer periods of the day! And, maybe we have learned that taking frequent breaks does us all good so you may see lines of students taking a walk around the school during the day. We know that the technology will still be important and offer us a way to differentiate the learning for students, so we will use that investment wisely.

We will still be cautious about allowing guests into the building so we will continue waving to you from your car and having you call the office when dropping off or picking up your student during school hours. We will not be planning field trips or other community events yet.



Another change will be for the traditional February parent teacher conferences. This year, we will use those days as an opportunity to meet individually with

students to assess their growth and current levels of achievement and making a personal connection with their teacher. More information will be coming but they will occur in an appointment mode like summer assessments on Wednesday, February 10 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Thursday, February 11 from 12-8 p.m.

Kids are **resilient**. Let's continue to practice **patience** and **kindness** as we journey through this year together.

In unity,  
Tami

## Revised 2020-21 School Year Calendar

No-School Dates		 = No school for all students	 = No school for some students
Jan. 18	.....	Martin Luther King Day	(no school)
Jan. 20	.....	Districtwide staff development day	(no school grades K-8)
Jan. 22	.....	Conferences for high schools	(no school grades 9-12)
Feb. 10	.....	Teachers workshop for high school	(no school grades 9-12)
Feb. 12	.....	Conferences for elementary and middle schools	(no school grades K-8)
Feb. 15	.....	Presidents' Day	(no school)
Mar 17	.....	Teachers workshop	(no school)
Mar. 12	.....	End of Trimester 2	
Mar. 22-26	.....	Spring break	(no school grades K-12)
April 21	.....	Districtwide staff development	
May 28	.....	Conferences for middle schools	(no school grades 6-8)
May 31	.....	Memorial Day	(no school)

**Please see page 3 for updated dates.**



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## Reminders & Information



**Reading With:**

**Kids A-Z**



**Did you know?**

Kids A-Z is an app Westview uses with grades Kindergarten through third grade that has hundreds of books that your child can read! Your child's teacher can see what they are reading. Your child can read a book and then take a quiz. Their teachers can see how they are answering the questions and gives them valuable information.

**Reading Every Day Matters**



Kindergarten Registration is coming soon! February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with more information to be coming out soon.

### Community Education

District 196 Community Education is offering a Parenting in a Pandemic Series featuring Erin Walsh, M.A. a dynamic, knowledgeable speaker who has

addressed topics related to raising resilient young people in the digital age.

- **Working and Parenting at Home: Dreams, Realities and Survival Strategies;** Feb. 17 from 6-7 p.m. Pay what you can. Live online.
- **Parenting in a Pandemic: The Many Faces of Stress;** March 3 from 6-7 p.m. Pay what you can. Live online.
- **Staying Engaged in Learning and Work: The Science of Motivation;** March 31; 6-7 p.m. Pay what you can. Live online.

Register online at [www.district196.org/ce](http://www.district196.org/ce) or by phone at 651-423-7920.

### Report Cards

If you were not able to access your child's report card on Campus Parent, email [Lisa.kissell@district196.org](mailto:Lisa.kissell@district196.org) and she can email you the instructions and access code to gain access to Campus Parent. Going forward, all report cards will be accessed only through Campus Parent.

### Mental Health Highlight

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 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!



### Reporting Absences

If your child will not be attending ZOOM, or school in person, you must call the office at 952-431-8380 or email [vv.attendance@district196.org](mailto:vv.attendance@district196.org) or tell your child's teacher to let us know why your child is not in attendance. All absences where your child does not show up are considered unexcused, so you want to be sure to reach out to the school.



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## Bulldog Paw Prints

*Helpful Tips, Reminders & Information about the Westview School Community*

### PTO Notes & News

#### PTO Meeting—Save the date:

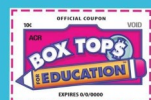
Feb. 8, 2021; 6-7 p.m.

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

**1000 Petals:** We are looking into scheduling a virtual family fun night. 1000 Petals will give calming techniques, mindful movement. Date TBA.

### Box Tops

Westview benefits from your box tops, and now it's going digital! After shopping, all you need to do is scan your receipt within 14 days. Download the app first and select Westview Elementary as your recipient. You also get to see how much you've donated throughout the year!



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT  
SEE HOW AT  
BTFC.COM

### Follow PTO on Social Media

**Check out the ways you can stay in the loop:**



Follow us on **Instagram**  
[@westviewmnpto](https://www.instagram.com/westviewmnpto)



"Like" our **Facebook** page  
[www.facebook.com/westviewmnpto](https://www.facebook.com/westviewmnpto)



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



Reach us by email at  
[westviewmnpto@gmail.com](mailto:westviewmnpto@gmail.com)

### 2021 Important Dates

- **Jan. 18**  
No School, No Child Care
- **Jan. 19 & 20**  
No school (Tier 1 Child Care will be held)
- **Jan. 21**  
Start in person learning for grades PreK-2, All CIP classes (child care for grades 3-5)
- **Feb. 4**  
Start all in person learning for Grades 3-5 (No child care)

### 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](http://www.district196.org/wv) for all the upcoming important dates.



### Contact Info Changes

Call the office or email [Lisa.Kissell@district196.org](mailto: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.

### Appreciation Days

- **Volunteers:** April 19-23
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 3-7
- **National Teacher Day:** May 4
- **National School Nurse Day:** May 6