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THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

Updates for the Westview Elementary Community



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are fortunate to be working together to create children who are curious to learn, care about each other and try their best every day. I am so proud and grateful to be a part of this school community. I am always striving to align my beliefs and values with my actions to be authentic in leading. Two of those cores are relationships and connections so I am sincerely looking forward to seeing many of you during our conference days.

This is the time of year when kindergarten parents register for next year and we begin planning our classroom sections and teaching assignments for all grade levels. We also think about opportunities for students for summer programming. And, we meet with you for parent/teacher conferences.

As I have conversations with prospective parents and current parents, I enjoy sharing our unique features of a school. These may include: recognizing all the engaging things happening in classrooms; the family events (even our alternate options); the extra clubs led by staff; the incredible food service and custodial staff; our talented specialists; the involved parents and the respectful students. Parents often comment on feeling my joy and passion about Westview. Our office staff is the best at welcoming and greeting with kindness and has given extra time and consideration to families through COVID related conversations. We are also fortunate to have community connections through some churches and foundations that support basic needs of families. It takes a lot of dedication, innovation and energy to make this environment appealing and motivating every day. I expect much of the staff and students and they give it.

This is such an important time of year as we get an opportunity to connect face-to-face with each other for conferences. We can celebrate successes, set new goals and work together on any challenges. Students will be more successful if we continually communicate and collaborate on their behalf. I know teachers have a variety of ways they use to keep those communications open. As we mutually work for the benefit of each student, thank you. If you are so inclined during the shared time together during conferences, a thank you to the teacher goes a long way, too.

Respectfully,
Tami

After School Parent Pick-Up

By Gwen Krueger

If you are waiting along Garden View Drive, please be respectful and not block the neighbors' driveways and/or mailboxes. There have been many times when mail cannot be delivered because of this. We want to continue to have a positive relationship with all in our Westview community members!

Thank you.

Order Your Westview Yearbook Today

By Gwen Krueger

There's no better way to capture this school year's highlights and memories than by purchasing a Westview yearbook. Order forms will be sent home with the students on Friday, February 4th. You may order and pay online OR send back the order form along with a check to your child's teacher. Orders are due April 8!

Winter Gear Available

By Lily Ferreira

Thanks to the generosity of our local community, Westview has a limited supply of snow boots, coats, gloves, hats, and scarves. As the cold weather continues, please reach out if your child is in need of winter gear. If we don't have the size you need, I can point you towards other resources that may! Give me a call at 952-431-8386 or send me an email at Lily.Ferreira@District196.Org to learn more.

Family Fun Night - CANCELED

By Stephanie Nord

Unfortunately, due to the rise of COVID cases Westview staff feels its best to cancel the Family Fun Night on February 24. Instead, we will send home a Family Math Night in a bag sometime in the month of February.



**Save the Date PTO Meeting:
March 14, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

Hello Westview families and Happy 2022!

We had another great PTO meeting in January with lots of discussion and planning for our upcoming Spring events!

Look for **The Teacher Giving Tree**, and remember to stop by the **Scholastic Book Fair** when you come to parent/teacher conferences in February. Both of these PTO sponsored activities support our students and Westview staff.

The Spring Carnival committee will hold their first planning meeting Monday, Feb. 7th from 5-6 p.m. at Westview. Join us to learn more about this FUN community-building event.

Thanks to those parent volunteers who continue to make all these events possible.

PTO In Search Of:

- Treasurer Officer Position for the 2022/2023 school year
- Co-Chair for Scholastic Book Fairs
- Outdoor Classroom donations: outdoor cushions for kids seating, outdoor storage bin, mobile white board

Reach out to Michelle Doepke at mbruckmar@yahoo.com with any interest, ideas or questions.

Make sure and connect with us on our Facebook and Instagram for the most up-to-date information: <http://facebook.com/westviewmnpto> and Westview Elementary PTO (@westviewmnpto) is on Instagram.

A WORD FROM MRS. THEIRL



It's Time for Our Winter Scholastic Book Fair!

The Book Fair is back and will take place during February student conferences. We had a wonderful fall fair and are excited to have the opportunity to offer it in-person in our Westview Library. Students will soon receive a take-home flyer that highlights new titles and past favorites. They will also have the chance to “tour” the book fair during school hours with their classroom teacher. To ensure our Winter Book Fair is a success, we do need volunteers to help set-up, run the fair, and clean up when it is all over! Watch your email and the PTO Facebook page for the link to sign up!

Book Fair Dates/Times:

- Wednesday, Feb. 9th from 4-8 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 10th from 12-8 p.m.

Our “All for Books Coin Drive” begins on Monday, January 31st and concludes with the end of the fair. To share in our Book Fair theme of “For the Love of Books” students can vote for their favorite of four book genres that will include fantasy, humor, adventure and nonfiction. The genres will include photos and graphics for students to compare and help them when deciding their vote. All donations collected from the coin drive are used to purchase new books for the Westview Library, thanks for your support!

Celebrate February "I LOVE TO READ MONTH"

Celebrate February “I LOVE TO READ MONTH” with the WV Library’s Reading Checklist Prize Drawing!

Back by popular demand, the Westview Library is celebrating “I Love to Read Month” with a Reading Checklist for the month of February. A copy of the checklist is located on the last page of the bulletin, available in the WV Library and found on the Library page on the Westview website (<https://wv.district196.org/academics/library-media>).

All students/families are encouraged to participate and students should submit their completed checklists to Mrs. Theirl in the library by March 1st. All students that submit a checklist will receive a prize, and be entered to win one of six grand prizes, one for each grade! Let’s celebrate our love of reading this month...ready, set, read!

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.

Exciting News...

Ms. Staloch-Schultz, Westview's amazing principal, was featured on KARE 11 Sunrise this morning, after students and staff surprised her with a rainbow of love and appreciation.

Communities that KARE celebrates Tami Staloch-Schultz and Westview Elementary for proving that each of us can put the "I" in kindness.

Check out the article and video at:
<https://www.kare11.com/article/news/local/outreach/communities-that-kare/westview-elementary-school-tami-staloch-schultz-communities-that-kare/89-0353ac4f-e3f0-4e67-ac80-f7efbadccc34>

Box Tops

By Nicole Gorman

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!

The Westview community has raised \$31.70 so far for the 2021/22 school year. Westview's lifetime earnings are \$29, 138. Help us reach our goal of \$1,000 by submitting your clipped box tops by February 14 or by continuing to scan your receipts in the app. Every little bit helps!



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Westview Spring
Carnival Planning
Committee

FIRST MEETING:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
5PM TO 6PM
WESTVIEW LITERARY COMMONS

All are welcome, no matter how
involved you are able to be!
Contact Sarah Najafalipour @
952.258.3775 or
sjdupre@gmail.com with any
questions or just show up!

It's Conference Time!

By Rachel Brintnall

Mark your calendars - conferences are coming up on Wednesday, February 9th and Thursday, February 10th. At this time we are still planning for in-person meetings and we have safe social distancing measures in place. The scheduling link is now available on the Westview website. Sign up to reserve a time-slot today!

♡ “I Love to Read” Month Checklist ♡

Place a checkmark next to each completed activity and submit to Mrs. Theirl in the Library by Tuesday, March 1st. Your name will be added to a drawing for a chance to win an “I Love to Read” Book and Prize package, awarded to one student in each grade!

Name _____

Grade _____

- ♡ Read a book that takes place in the winter.
- ♡ Read a book aloud to your siblings, parents or caregiver or have them read to you.
- ♡ Read a book published from the year that you were born.
- ♡ Read a book about a character that does not look like you.
- ♡ Read a book with a cover or about a topic that you normally do not choose.
- ♡ Read a nonfiction book and recite at least three facts that you learned.
- ♡ Read a book about a sporting activity or event.
- ♡ Read in the dark with a flashlight and/or build a pillow fort to read inside.
- ♡ Read a mystery, fantasy, folklore or fairy tale story.
- ♡ Read a book about a holiday.
- ♡ Read a book about a different country or about someone that lives in a different country.
- ♡ Read a biography.
- ♡ Read a book that has won an award, like a Caldecott, Newbery, Geisel or Coretta Scott King winner.

