

JUNE 2022

THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

Updates for the Westview Elementary Community



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Looks like we made it ~ by doing it together! I have so much gratitude for you and the support for our learning community over the whole year. You have showed up to partner during conferences, volunteer at family events, chaperone our grade level activities and provided staff with food/treats and positive messages. Now, time to celebrate our successes, take a breath and prepare for what's next.

What do teachers do during the summer? They take classes to further their education and learn more about curriculum and social emotional skills. They work second jobs tutoring, teaching Camp PROPEL/ESY, lifeguarding, waitressing, teaching fitness classes and more. They spend time at cabins, go camping, listen to concerts or take vacations. Many enjoy time with their own children, friends and family.

How will you spend your summer? There are wonderful resources in the area to explore ~ Alimagnet Park, Minnesota Zoo, Como Zoo, Music in the Park in Apple Valley, Puppet Wagon, History Center, libraries, pools and just taking in local parks and trails. We encourage students to read, play, exercise, practice math and write their stories. There will still be educational apps available on their iPads during the summer for ongoing practice.

We will meet again on August 31 or September 1 for summer assessments and teacher connections where students will have their own time with their teacher. Letters will be mailed out in early August with classroom assignments, a link to sign up for a day and time and a reminder about school supplies.

Every summer, I reflect on being a better leader and learner. I plan to read, hang out with other principals and friends, listen to music and podcasts for motivation, ride my bike, hike on trails, spend time with my family and play in the water or on the boat. I do work at Westview during the summer getting ready for next year, too. I am grateful for this wonderful collaborative staff and supportive parent community. I wish a joyful, restorative summer to all. We will see each other soon.

Sincerely,
Tami

PTO UPDATES



SAVE THE DATE for one more Dine and Donate opportunity this school year offered by a fellow Westview parent, Elliott Ashwell! On Friday, May 27th from 3-8 p.m. visit the Rack Shack BBQ in Eagan, enjoy some great food (take-out or dine-in), and Rack Shack BBQ will give 20% of all food sales back to the school from anyone who mentions Westview Elementary. It's that easy! We can raise funds while we eat! All donations will go to the Westview PTO for technology updates benefiting the entire school.

Based on the survey that went out to parents last spring we made some PTO changes this year; we cut back to 5 yearly meetings with MUCH success, we ramped up our social media, communicated more through email, the bulletin, and various handouts. We listened to those who attended meetings, who reached out in other ways, and those who had ideas for how to improve things for next year. Thanks to all who supported the PTO this year, and always feel free to reach out to mruckmar@yahoo.com for continued questions and suggestions!

PTO Officer elections were approved for 2022/23 school year at the meeting on May 16th. Thank you to Jackie Seidel for your role as Secretary for the past 2 years, and welcome Monica Sandoval! Thank you to Erica Eggers for your role as Treasurer, and Allison Haberman for your role as Co-Treasurer for the past 3 years, and welcome Maggie Mohning. Sara Dziuk will continue her role as Vice President, and Michelle Doepke will continue as President.

Our PTO exists only because of volunteers like the above officers and the many more who assist with the Spring Carnival, the Butter Braids fundraiser, the Scholastic Book Fair, the APEX fun run, the student directory, yearbook, the outdoor classrooms, social media, art adventure, and MANY, MANY more!

One more BIG shout out to all the parent volunteers who helped with Staff Appreciation events this school year. Thanks to the many volunteers who were able to surprise the staff with monthly appreciation cheer including warm meals, a hot cocoa bar, sweets, snacks, beverages, treats, kinds words, and many other goodies to show our LOVE and APPRECIATION for Westview staff.

We look forward to seeing some familiar, and new faces, at our meetings and events next school year!

A New Way to Support Westview!

Do you have an account with Thrivent Financial? Thrivent encourages its members to give back to their community by providing seed money for a project that helps an organization they support. These "action plans" give you all you need to complete a project ... you just find the cause, the volunteers, and donate the money. It's that easy!

Need some ideas?

- have a garage sale
- sell baked goods
- host a hotdog stand or a lemonade stand
- have a plant or flower sale
- host a pancake breakfast
- organize a neighborhood walk, run or ride
- make and sell jewelry

This would be a great summer project for kids and families looking to support our school. If you have a Thrivent Financial account and are willing to help begin a project, please contact Westview parent Rebecca Nutter at rhayne@gmail.com and visit thrivent.com to learn more.

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to all the WV parents and staff who helped put the yearbook together this year! It takes a dedicated and creative team to make this happen. A special shout-out to Phipi Hanna, Emily Grier and Gwen Krueger for their collaboration on this FUN project!

WV PTO SPRING CARNIVAL UPDATE

After such a difficult 2 years, it was so amazing to be able to bring back the annual PTO carnival. To see everyone together, our children and families having such fun, and the fantastic sense of community that was brought this year was astounding! Here are some take-aways:

- **Volunteers:** Thank you so much to all the volunteers; we had 133 volunteer spots that were filled! We could NOT have done this event without all your help!
- **Donations:** Thank you to all the parents who donated for the Bottle Blast. Over a thousand drinks were donated and what we have left will be used for students at the Bulldog Fun Run!
- **Equity:** There were 29 activities at the carnival; 14 of which were free events! We were able to raise almost \$700 for the ticket donation fund that went to students in need to attend the carnival! Thank you to all who donated to this fund!
- **Raffle:** There were 64 items included in the raffle, which garnered \$1,440. Thank you to all the parents who donated items to be included in this year's raffle!
- **Fundraising:** Even with the price of inflation since the 2019 carnival, we raised over \$8,000 after covering expenses. This is a HUGE increase compared to previous events. Thank you to all who attended and participated in this fundraiser; we could not have done any of this without all our fantastic Bulldog families! Westview truly is the BEST-view!
- **Oversight:** Oops! With all the chaos of coordinating the carnival, we forgot to give out the free bowling cards we had donated to the school! These will be going home in Friday folders this week!
- **2023:** We are already thinking of what we can do even better for next year; all are welcome to join in the carnival planning fun for next school year!

Carnival Committee Thanks

By Sarah Najafalipour

The carnival was a labor of love from many parents. I want to personally thank the parents of the carnival

committee for all their endless hours put into this event. I couldn't have asked for a better team to help make our shared vision come to fruition. Never-ending thanks and gratitude to Nicole Gorman, Rebecca Nutter, Maggie Morning, Becky Sandahl, Katie Lapp, Jen VanArsdale, Jen Mills, Erin Garcia, Beth Grund, Jennifer Tacheny, and Emily Grier!

THANK YOU

By WV Carnival Donation/Raffle Chairs

Thank you to all the businesses, organizations, parents and WV staff who donated to the Spring Carnival Raffle. In total, 64 items were donated for the raffle. We are very grateful for all the generosity the community has shown Westview!

- Abdallah Candies
- Aqua Tots Swim School
- District 196 Community Education
- Divine Time
- Do Good Diapers
- Escapology Burnsville
- Flowerama
- Half-Priced Books
- Lakeville Brewing Company
- Mainstream Boutique
- Millz House
- Minneapolis Toy Library
- MN State Fair
- MN Vikings
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Rack Shack BBQ
- Rick Bronson's House of Comedy
- Target Center
- Tool Library
- Two Seeds Popcorn
- Wise Swim School
- YMCA
- Parent Donations: Allison Haberman, Jennifer Torrini, Jeff & Margaret Bransford, Christy Swedell, Kelly Dittrich, Rebecca Nutter, Joanna Klapperick, Sarah Najafalipour
- Teacher Donations: Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Lily, Mrs. Krueger, Mrs. Anger, Mrs. Nord, Ms. Singleton, Nurse Villella, Westview, Ms. Theirl, Mrs. Overson and Ms. Buck.

SPECIALISTS CORNER

A Note from Ms. Lily

By Lily Ferreira

Hi Westview Families,

This fall, my spouse and I will be moving to Oklahoma where he will complete job training. If the commute from Oklahoma to Westview was shorter, I would stay here!

Though I did not expect my time at Westview to be this brief, the kindness and community you have shown is an example that will last throughout my lifetime. The hope is that we can return to Minnesota after his training is complete. Time (and job availability) will tell!

Regardless of where life takes us next, I am so grateful to have shared this year with you.

All My Best,
Ms. Lily
952-431-8386
Lily.Ferreira@District196.org

P.S. Here are a few resources to consider over the summer. Reach out before the end of this school year if you would like more information!

Crisis Resource: Dakota County Crisis Response Unit (CRU) provides 24-hour phone and face-to-face crisis intervention and consultation. Call 952-891-7171.

Summer Food Assistance: District 196 offers free meals for students ages 18 and younger. See the district website for more information.

Community Education Summer Programs (fee assistance is available): Here is a link with information about classes and how to register:
<https://ce.district196.org/>

Outdoor Learning Update

By Melissa Wikstrom

Last spring we raised over \$11K for an outdoor learning project! The funds are being used to (1) add STEM and seating features to the Science Court and (2) install an outdoor learning classroom and native plant area on the north side of the school.

Science Court: We are almost all done with our science court updates! Art teacher Kayley Isaacson (Ms. Bird) has been hard at work painting some amazing STEM murals in the courtyard. We've also added outdoor cushions, a picnic blanket and chairs for seating options so the courtyard can be used for individual reading. Ms. Nord helped refresh our plants, and we will be adding a weather station and fairy tree before the end of the school year. Ask your student if they've seen the updates!

Outdoor classroom: We are working with Landbridge Ecological to install a nature-based outdoor classroom, native plants and stepping stones. The outdoor classroom installation will begin next month and will be ready for use in the fall! The native plants will be installed later this summer. We will need some volunteers to help with planting, so please reach out to westviewmnpto@gmail.com if you can help!

We are so excited to see this all coming together! Thank you for the Bulldog community's help and support!



DECLUTTERING THE HOUSE?
CLEANING OUT THE GARAGE?
DOWN-SIZING? LEFT OVER
GARAGE SALE ITEMS?
SAVE THEM FOR WESTVIEW!

WESTVIEW PTO SUMMER MEGA YARD SALE

Student Assessment Days
Aug. 31st & Sept. 1st

More info to come later this
summer!

Library Book Notice

By Lindsey Theirl

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS AND MATERIALS are due back by Tuesday, May 24th. Families will receive notice of any overdue items and the cost to replace on Friday the 27th.

Westview Summer Reading Program

By Gwen Krueger

Westview Elementary is excited to offer a Summer Reading Program, supporting and encouraging our Bulldogs to keep reading though the summer months! This program is for all students with an emphasis on early readers in grades K-3. The goal is to maintain current reading levels over the summer. Each week, your child can select up to 8 books at his/her current reading level to read at home and return the following week. We will utilize our Westview Literacy Resource books. Both fiction and non-fiction choices will be available. These are the same type of books that would come home in book bags during the school year. They are not Westview library books.

Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9 and 16. Come to the Westview Elementary Media Center during the above dates anytime between 4:30-6:30pm to select your new books and return previous books.

Adults are responsible for transportation and must stay with their child(ren).

All books must be returned by assessment days in August. Many thanks to our Westview staff for volunteering to help keep us Bulldog STRONG all summer long!

Email questions to Gwen Krueger, Assistant Administrator
gwen.krueger@district196.org

PTO Fundraising Update

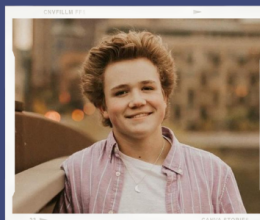
By Sara Dziuk

After three years of successful fundraising, the Westview PTO is thrilled to provide a grant of \$40,000 to Westview in order to support critical needs of the school in the upcoming school year.

The Westview PTO exists to provide financial and volunteer support, bring the community together through events, build morale with staff appreciation, and enhance the quality of Westview students' learning experiences.

Congratulations

2022 WESTVIEW PTO SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



John Schwartz AVHS

**JOHN WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN-MADISON TO STUDY POLITICAL
SCIENCE.**

"I WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD BY WORKING FOR A NON-PROFIT THAT SUPPORTS THE CAUSES I CARE ABOUT. I ALSO AM CONSIDERING BECOMING A SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER BECAUSE I AM FASCINATED AND MOTIVATED BY THE CHANCE TO SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION."



As we approach the end of this school year and begin planning for the next, we are happy to announce our continued partnership with 1st Day School Supplies.

As supply-chain issues remain a problem, pre-ordering your grade-level supply kit is a fantastic way to guarantee your student's back-to-school supplies for next year.

Use of this service is not required. 1st Day School Supplies is simply a resource for you to purchase all supplies needed at the click of a button, with free delivery to your home prior to the start of next school year.

If interested, please place your order(s) by July 1, 2022 at: <https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=57356>

The same thing is also easily found by going to <http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com> and looking up Westview by zip code (55124).

WV Office Staff

2022-2023 Westview Elementary Student Supply List

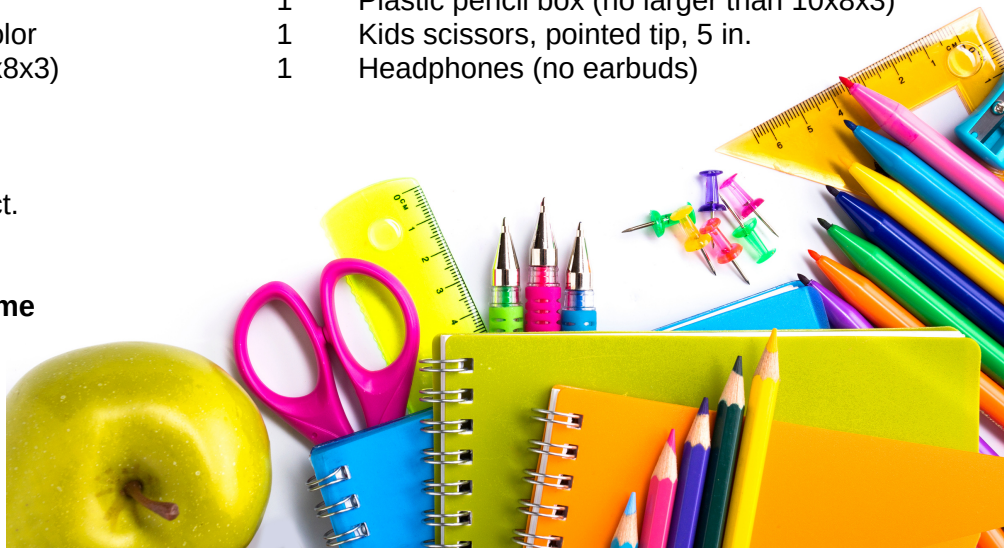
KINDERGARTEN

Qty	Item Description
1	Backpack or school bag
1	Tennis shoes (no black sole, no platform)
1	3-ring binder, 1-inch (durable) - blue
1	Colored pencils, 24 ct.
2	Crayons, 24 ct.
2	Markers (thick), washable, 8 ct.
1	No. 2 wood pencils, pre-sharpened, 12 pk.
1	Flair pen (Papermate) - black
1	Dry erase markers, chisel tip, 4 pk. - color set
1	Highlighter, chisel tip – yellow
1	Eraser (Pink Pearl), large
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - black
1	Plastic pocket & prong folder - yellow
1	Glue bottle, 4 oz.
8	Glue stick, washable, jumbo size
1	Water color paint set, washable, 8-color
1	Plastic pencil box (no larger than 10x8x3)
1	Kids scissors, blunt tip, 5 in.
1	Hand sanitizer (pump), 8 oz.
1	Disinfectant wipes, 70 ct.
1	Zip-top plastic bags, gallon size, 20 ct.
1	Headphones (no earbuds)

1ST GRADE

Qty	Item Description
1	Backpack or school bag
1	Tennis shoes (no black sole, no platform)
1	Colored pencils, 24 ct.
1	Crayons, 24 ct.
1	Markers (thick), washable, 10 ct.
1	No. 2 wood pencils, pre-sharpened, 12 pk.
2	Flair pen (Papermate) - black
1	Dry erase markers, chisel tip, 4 pk. - black
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - black
1	Plastic 2-pocket folder - black
1	Glue bottle, 4 oz.
1	Glue stick, washable, regular size
1	Glue stick, washable, jumbo size
1	Water color paint set, washable, 8-color
1	Plastic pencil box (no larger than 10x8x3)
1	Kids scissors, pointed tip, 5 in.
1	Headphones (no earbuds)

* Please label all items with student's name



2022-2023

Westview Elementary Student Supply List Continued

2ND GRADE

Qty	Item Description
1	Backpack or school bag
1	Tennis shoes (no black sole, no platform)
1	Colored pencils, 12 ct.
1	Crayons, 24 ct.
1	No. 2 wood pencils, pre-sharpened, 12 pk.
1	Dry erase marker, fine tip - black
1	Eraser (Pink Pearl), large
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - black
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - red
1	Paper 2-pocket folder - green
1	Glue stick, washable, regular size
1	Kids scissors, pointed tip, 5 in.
1	Tissue box
1	Zip-top plastic bags, sandwich size, 40 ct.
1	Headphones (no earbuds)

3RD GRADE

Qty	Item Description
1	Backpack or school bag
1	Tennis shoes (no black sole, no platform)
1	Colored pencils, 12 ct.
1	Crayons, 16 ct.
1	Markers (thick), washable, 8 ct.
2	Markers (thin), washable, 12 ct.
2	No. 2 wood pencils, pre-sharpened, 12 pk.
1	Dry erase markers, chisel tip, 4 pk. color set
1	Eraser (Pink Pearl), large
1	Plastic pencil box (no larger than 10x8x3)
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - black
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - red
1	Plastic 2-pocket folder - orange
1	Glue bottle, 7.625 oz.
3	Glue stick, washable, jumbo size
2	Sticky notes, 3x3, 4 pk. - yellow
1	Kids scissors, pointed tip, 5 in.
2	Tissue box
2	Disinfectant wipes, 70 ct.
1	Zip-top plastic bags, quart size, 25 ct.
1	Zip-top plastic bags, snack size, 50 ct.
1	Headphones or earbuds

4TH GRADE

Qty	Item Description
1	Backpack or school bag
1	Tennis shoes (no black sole, no platform)
1	Colored pencils, 12 ct.
1	Crayons, 24 ct.
1	Markers (thick), washable, 8 ct.
2	No. 2 wood pencils, pre-sharpened, 12 pk.
4	Flair pen (Papermate) - black
1	Dry erase markers, chisel tip, 4 pk. color set
1	Eraser (Pink Pearl), large
1	Plastic pencil box (no larger than 10x8x3)
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - black
1	Spiral notebook, wide rule (70 sheets) - yellow
1	Loose-leaf filler paper, wide rule (100 sheets)
1	12-in. plastic ruler, transparent
3	Glue stick, washable, jumbo size
1	Kids scissors, pointed tip, 5 in.
1	Tissue box
1	Antibacterial hand wipes, 20 ct.
1	Zip-top plastic bags, gallon size, 20 ct.
1	Headphones or earbuds

5TH GRADE

Qty	Item Description
1	Backpack or school bag
1	Tennis shoes (no black sole, no platform)
1	Colored pencils, 12 ct.
1	Crayons, 24 ct.
1	Markers (thick), washable, 8 ct.
2	No. 2 wood pencils, pre-sharpened, 12 pk.
4	Dry erase markers, chisel tip, 4 pk. - color set
1	Highlighter, chisel tip - yellow
1	Permanent marker, fine tip - black
1	Eraser (Pink Pearl), large
1	3-ring pencil pouch, clear
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - black
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - red
1	Composition book, wide rule (100 sheets) - yellow
1	Plastic folder, 2-pocket, 3-hole - yellow
2	Glue stick, washable, regular size
2	Sticky notes, 3x3, 4 pk. - yellow
1	Kids scissors, pointed tip, 5 in.
1	Tissue box
1	Antibacterial hand wipes, 20 ct.
1	Headphones or earbuds

