Wildcat Gazette

September 2022

Westview Elementary

200 NW Ward Road Lee's Summit, MO 64063 816-986-1350 David Boulden, Principal Jena Bollinger, Asst. Principal



Welcome to all ...

This edition of the Gazette is going out a few days early because I am so excited to thank each of you for working together to make our first week of this school year so positive. I have to say that I had so much fun at this year's Meet Your Teacher. I have missed having parents and special guests at Westview and it was so nice to hear the laughs and see the smiles of so many people exploring our school. Thank you for coming to school and for helping kickoff the 2022-2023 school year. I am looking forward to many more events this school year where we can gather together and make great memories in our halls and classrooms.

The first week of school went very smoothly and I thank you for working together and being patient with us as we work out the first day's kinks. I am happy to say that our busses got better everyday last week and I expect that buses will be on time very soon.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

Thank you for making our drop off and pick up go so smoothly by following our traffic pattern. We appreciate your patience and concern for student safety as we get students into and out of the building. When picking up or dropping off students please do not park in the drop off lane and come into the building as this creates congestion to the traffic flow. If you need to park and exit your vehicle, please park in a designated parking spot. In the morning we will begin unloading cars at 8:55 AM (Mondays-Thursdays and 9:55 am on late start Fridays), for the safety of your student please pull all the way to the end of the line and wait for a staff member to give permission to exit the vehicle. Dismissal at the end of the day is at 4:10 PM.

Walkers and Bike Riders: It is important for students to use the crosswalk on Ward Road when walking or riding their bikes to school. Walkers and bike riders will enter the building by the front doors near the gym with bike racks available for students to secure their bicycles.



Title I Meeting followed by PTA Meeting

On **August 29th** we will have our Annual Title IA Parent Informational at 6:00 pm with our PTA meeting immediately following after. Thank you to our WVE PTA for all of their support and the continued help they provide to our students, families and staff. We look forward to the many great activities and information from PTA this year. Please visit our

WVE PTA website at www.westviewpta.com. Also see the attached information from our PTA.

Late Start Fridays

Again this year, late start days will be on **all Fridays**. Every Friday will be a late start. Classes will begin one hour later at 10:10 am. Buses run on a one hour late schedule. Our dismissal time of 4:10 pm remains the same.





Reporting a Student Absence

Please notify the Westview office when your child will not be in attendance. You are able to report your child's absence **24 hours a day by calling 816-986-1353**, leave your name, the child's name, teacher, grade and reason for absence. You are also welcome to call the main office at 816-986-1350 during office hours. Office hours are 7:40 am - 4:40 pm.

Arriving Late to School or Early Pick Up

When students arrive after the bell has rung for the start of school to begin, please bring your student to the southside doors (car rider drop off and pick up side), ring our buzzer on the right side of the door, and the office will answer. It is encouraged for the adult dropping off the student(s) to come in to check in the student and to ensure the student arrives safely inside. The office will get the student off to class. The same procedure will be followed when picking up a student early from school. The adult picking up the student will come to the same doors, ring the buzzer, announce that they are here to pick up a student (give student name), reason for pick up and their name. Please have your identification ready at the door to verify who is picking up the student.

Message from Ms. Palermo, Westview School Counselor

My name is Mallori Palermo, and I am the elementary counselor at Westview Elementary. I am so excited to see some familiar and new faces walk through our doors! I know parents are getting a lot of information, so I just wanted to send a quick email with some information you can look over at your convenience.



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Assessment

Some important things to note:

If your child needs school supplies please reach out and let me know and we will get them what they need.

A reminder to fill out the free and reduced meals paperwork to see if you qualify for meal assistance. If you need any help with the paperwork or have any questions don't hesitate to reach out.

Coldwater Creek Church partners with Westview to distribute weekly food bags to our students to take home every Friday. The Harvesters Backsnack program is available free of cost to any Westview student. They are planning to start sending bags home the first week in October. If you would like to sign your child up for the Backsnack program, call or email me and I will get them on our list. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions! Click on my Welcome Letter: Welcome Letter from the Counselor

Changes in Student Transportation Home

If there is a change in your student's normal dismissal from school, please notify the office by sending a note with your child that morning. If changes arise during the day, please call the office at <u>816-986-1350</u> and notify the office by **3:30** pm. As a reminder, if students are dismissing with a friend, we require a note from <u>both</u> sets of parents giving permission for this transportation change. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to assure all of our students arrive home safely.

Missouri Assessment Program

The Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-level Assessments evaluate student's progress toward Missouri Learning Standards. Each test produces an Individual Student Report (ISR) that includes Achievement Level and a short description of the knowledge and skill

that are typically demonstrated by students in each achievement level. Currently, student ISRs are available in the DRC Insight platform and may be obtained at your request. The district is awaiting a paper version of this report. Westview Elementary plans to distribute ISR reports on **September 9th**.



Chromebook Questions or Issues??

Here are some tips and procedures if your student's Chromebook is not working:

- Charge and power on the device. If your Chromebook will not charge/power on, please follow these instructions: Charging your Chromebook
- If you still can not power on your Chromebook OR if there is something else wrong (broken screen, charger broken, etc.) please go to the following link where you can see troubleshooting tips and submit a help desk ticket if needed: https://connect2learn.lsr7.org/support/. When submitting a ticket, be

sure to log in using the student's login and password.

- If you submit a help desk ticket, a technician will contact you with further instructions.
- If you are unable to submit a help desk ticket, please drop your student's Chromebook and charger off at their school.
- Once repaired, the device will be ready for pickup at your student's school. Schools will communicate a pick-up schedule as we near the start of school.

Race For the Future

Join us for the 26th Annual Race for the Future 5K Run/Walk and Kids Dash to benefit the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation and the Carrie Foresee Memorial Scholarship. Run or walk a 5K course on Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 a.m., beginning at the Lee's Summit West Activity Complex. Registrations for students and seniors are only \$25! Kids 2 and under are free (no t-shirt). Sign



up by September 23 to guarantee a t-shirt on Race day! Packet pick-up will be held on Friday, October 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Stansberry Leadership Center located at 301 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, MO. You may also pick up your packet the morning of the race at the Lee's Summit West High School Activity Complex. Can't make it, or would rather sleep in? You can still participate as a **Dream Partner / Virtual Participant**! Dream Partners will receive a shirt, and can snooze while our runners and walkers cruise! Join us as a Virtual Participant and run or walk from any location you choose! You can run, jog or walk on the road, a trail, treadmill, track, your neighborhood - anywhere! With your registration, you'll receive a t-shirt and a link to record your steps. **Kids Dash** for children up to 6th grade begins on the track at the conclusion of the 5K Run/Walk (typically between 8:45 and 9 a.m.). Children will run in groups with like-age kids. The oldest children will run approximately 200 meters (half lap). The youngest children will run approximately 50 meters. All participants will receive a participation ribbon. Additional race information can be found by clicking here.



Emergency Drill Practice

Periodically throughout the school year your student may come home talking about having an emergency drill as they share their day with you. During the month of September, our classroom teachers will practice our emergency drills with their students. We will hold a school-wide lockdown drill on September 1st and a fire drill on August 31st. We conduct a fire, tornado or lock down drill on a monthly basis, so please do not be alarmed if your student talks about a drill that happened at school that day. If there is an incident at school where emergency procedures are initiated and not in a drill format, information will be sent to parents via our automated "SchoolMessenger" calling system or information through a letter to parents. Our goal is to keep the lines of communication open and parents aware of school day events.

Back Snack Program

During the school year we have the opportunity to share a backpack of food with children on the last day of the school week, each week. Coldwater Creek Church partners with Westview to distribute weekly food bags to our students to take home every Friday. The Harvesters Backsnack program is available free of cost to any Westview student. They are planning to start sending bags home the first week of October. If you are interested in your child being part of our Back Snack program please contact Ms. Palermo at 986-1356.



Annual Parent Title IA Information

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires certain notifications to parents/guardians when school districts receive federal funds. School districts must annually disseminate Federal Programs Complaint resolution Procedures to parents/guardians of students and appropriate private school officials or representatives. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Complaint Procedures can be by clicking here.





September 5 - Holiday No School Non Attendance School Day

District Covid Information

As we go through the year and you would like to view Westview or other District Covid information, please click <u>here</u> to view Westview and District Covid Cases.

Nutrition Services Information

For our returning families, we are still utilizing the "My School Bucks" program for our LSR7 student breakfast/lunch accounts. For our new families to Westview, you will need to set up an account on the "My School Bucks" program. This program allows you to make electronic payments towards any LSR7 student cafeteria account. Our



cafeteria will accept cash and checks for student accounts, just be sure to enclose the payment in an envelope, with the student's name, amount and lunch number. The classroom teacher will forward to our cafeteria. Click <u>here</u> for more information about the "My School Bucks" program.

The waivers that allowed all students to receive free breakfast and lunches the past two years have ended. **Please apply now**, to ensure you qualify for Free or Reduced meals when school begins. **Only one application per household is needed.** Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to complete the free and reduced meals application online. This can be completed on a computer, tablet, chrome book or cell phone. The application is available at the following link: https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application. Parents/guardians will be responsible for any breakfast and lunch charges incurred prior to being notified of the results of the application. If you have any questions, contact Penny Ripley at the Nutrition Office 816-986-2204 or penny.ripley@lsr7.net.

PTA Back-to-School Family Picnic



Come and join us and our Westview's PTA on Friday, September 9th, from 6:00-8:00 pm for a Back-to-School family picnic. Come celebrate the start of the 2022-2023 school year with friends and family! Make sure to read the attached PTA Calendar for events this year.

District Information

All the ways to be in touch with LSR7:

Follow us on Facebook: <u>LSR7Schools</u>

Follow us on Twitter: <u>@LSR7</u>

Follow us on Instagram: <u>leessummitr7</u>

- Keep with district news on our website, <u>www.lsr7.org</u>, and catch eNews every Thursday afternoon in your inbox.
- Expect district SchoolMessenger communications via email, voice message and text. Modify these settings <u>in your</u> parent portal here.
- We're streaming Board of Education meetings live from our YouTube channel: Lee's Summit R-7 School District.



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Lee's Summit School District R-7 301 NE Tudor Rd. Lee's Summit, MO 64086

2022-23 School Year

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Lee's Summit School District is required to inform you of certain information that you, according to the "Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), have the right to know.

Upon your request, our district is required to provide to you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualification 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 the state qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.
- What baccalaureate degree major the teacher has and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification.

In addition to the information that parents may request, districts must provide to each individual parent:

- Information on the achievement level of the parent's child in each of the state academic assessments as required under this part; and
- Timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Title IA building with any questions. Lee's Summit Elementary - 816-986-3340

Meadow Lane Elementary - 816-986-3250 Prairie View

Elementary - 816-986-2280 Westview Elementary - 816-986-1350

Thank you, Lee's Summit R-7 School District



FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE ALL THE NEW AND FAMILIAR FACES
WALKING THE HALLS AGAIN. WE ARE EXCITED TO ONCE AGAIN
SPONSOR SUPER FUN EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS AFTER A FEW
CHALLENGING YEARS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. THIS YEAR WE WILL BE
ABLE TO HAVE FULL PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION. WE WILL
ALSO HAVE SEVERAL FAMILY-ORIENTED EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE
YEAR. WE ARE ECSTATIC FOR THIS NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

WESTVIEW PTA JENNIFER TIEMAN-PRESIDENT

FAMILY/WELCOME PICNIC

PTA WILL BE HOSTING A PICNIC FOR ALL OF OUR WESTVIEW FAMILIES!

WHEN: FRIDAY SPETEMBER 9TH-6-8PM

WHERE: WESTVIEW PLAYGROUND

WHAT: WE WILL BE HAVING COSTCO HOT-DOGS, CHIPS AND DRINK
PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A FLYER GOING OUT LATER THIS
WEEK WITH DETAILS ABOUT THE PICNIC

UPCOMING EVENTS

August/September

29th - PTA Meeting 6:00pm

5th-No School
9th-Family/Welcome Picnic 6-8pm
Westview Playground
12th-PTA Meeting 6:00pm
Fundraising-TBD

PTA MEETING DATE
PLEASE JOIN US IN THE
WESTVIEW LIBRARY, MONDAY,
AUGUST 29TH, 6:00PM

CONTACT INFORMATION WVEPTA@YAHOO.COM WWW.WESTVIEWPTA.COM



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PTA BOARD

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Westview PTA Calendar 2022 - 2023

<u>August</u>

22 - Meet Your Teacher 4:00 – 6:00pm

23 - First Day of School

23 - Cheers & Tears (Kndg parents) 8:55 - 9:40am

<u>September</u>

5 - No School

9 - Back to School Family Picnic 6:00 - 8:00pm

12 - Fundraiser Kick-off

12 - PTA Meeting 6:00pm / Fall Party Planning Mtg

23 - Fundraiser Ends

October

12- PTA Food night TBD

17-PTA Meeting 6:00pm Library

21 - No School - Staff Development

26-27 - No School (Teacher Conferences)

28 - No School

31- Fall Parties



November

3- 2nd and 3rd Grade performance 6:00pm

8 - No School – Staff Development

14- PTA Meeting 6:00p

22 - Grandparents Breakfast 7:00 - 8:30am

23-25 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

December

6 - Unit Meeting / 1st Grade performance Concert 6:00pm

8- Kindergarten Performance 6:00pm

12 - PTA Meeting 6:00pm?

23 - Jan. 4 - No School (Winter Break)

Highlighted indicates NO SCHOOL

<u>January</u>

1-4 - No School

5 - Classes Resume

9-PTA Meeting 6:00pm Library

16 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day

18-PTA Food night TBD

February

13 - PTA Meeting 6:00pm Library

14 - Valentine Parties 🎎



20 - No School - President's Day

March

13 -PTA Meeting 6:00pm / Carnival Planning Mtg

15-PTA Food night TBD

16-4th and 5th Grade performance 6:00pm

17 - No School - Staff Development

27-31 - No School /Spring Break

April

7 – No School

10 - PTA Meeting 6:00pm / Carnival Prep Night

29 - PTA Carnival 5:00 - 8:00pm

May

1 - 5 - Teacher Appreciation Week

8 – PTA Meeting 6:00pm

24 - Last Day of School – (pending snow days)

Early Release - Dismissal at 1:40

Don't Miss out on upcoming PTA Events!

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