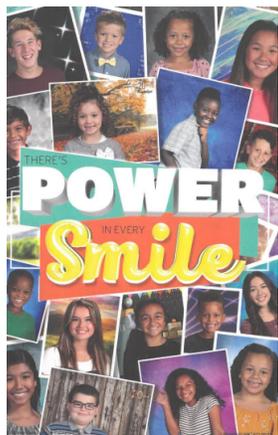




Principally Speaking ...

This is a very exciting time for Westview and this edition has some exciting news to share with all of our students and families. Starting on Monday, October 3rd, Westview is welcoming a new member to our Wildcat staff...help welcome Mocha to our Wildcat Staff! Mocha will be Westview's facility dog and will be teaming with Ms. Palermo and spending time supporting students throughout the school building. Some important information about Mocha joining our staff is included in this Gazette. We are excited to welcome Mocha to our staff and all the "PAWS-itivity" she will bring!



Picture Day Ordering information:

Picture day is Thursday, October 13th. If you wish to prepay prior to picture day the web address below should be used for pictures taken on October 13th. Paper ordering forms will be sent home with all students on October 5th through their classroom teachers. Online ordering is available before and after picture day. Shipping and handling charges may apply to orders placed after picture day. Reminders will be sent out by Inter-State Studios also. **Order Code is 71268VF.**

PREPAY URL FOR ORIGINAL PICTURE DAY: <https://inter-state.com/flyerentry/63704J>

Parent-Teacher Conference Appointments

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 26th and Thursday, October 27th. Conferences will be offered both in person and virtually so you will be able to pick the day, time and type of conference that works best for your family. Parents will receive a SchoolMessenger email from the school on October 3rd which will include a link to sign up electronically for your conference appointment through PowerSchool/eScheduler. You are encouraged to sign up early as appointment times are available on a first come, first serve basis. **You may begin signing up for conferences starting on Monday, October 3rd.**



We look forward to our conversations with you during conferences, as they are a great support tool for each student's academic journey! The end of the first quarter is October 14th and report cards will be distributed electronically on October 25th. We encourage parents to attend conferences when possible. As a reminder, **there will be no classes for Lee's Summit R-7 students on October 26-28.** Thank you for your support and assistance to ensure a successful academic school year for your child!



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Dear Westview Families,

Westview has some exciting news! Starting this school year (2022-2023), we will have a facility/therapy dog at Westview. Our facility/therapy dog is named Mocha and is a 3 year old Great Pyreneese/ Anatolian Shepherd mix. Mocha will be officially joining our Westview family on October 3rd. She will be housed in Ms. Palermo's office (counseling office), but will be spending time supporting students throughout the school building.

Mocha is coming to Westview from an organization called Warriors Best Friend. They have a program called Operation School House where they train and place facility dogs in schools. Mocha has been going through intense training at their facility for months. Mocha is so sweet, patient and LOVES constant attention.

As a school community, we will be teaching our students about interacting positively with Mocha. We know students will be excited about this opportunity.

We also understand some students may be allergic to dogs and or fearful. If you would like to opt your student out of interacting with Mocha, please contact Dave Boulden, Westview Principal by October 2nd 2022.

We are excited about the opportunity for Mocha to support our students in the areas of social, cognitive, emotional, and overall well-being!

Sincerely,

Dave Boulden, Principal

dave.boulden@lsr7.net

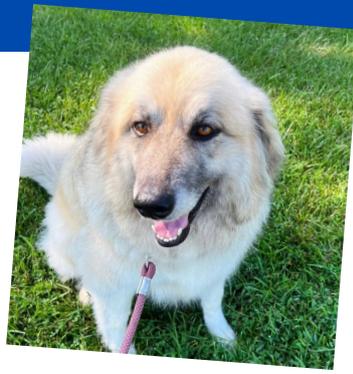
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Dear Westview Families,

Great News! The LSR-7 School District is now allowing Certified Therapy Dogs in the Schools. Westview Elementary is one of the lucky schools in our District to add a therapy dog this school year. Mocha is a 3 year old Anatolian Shepard/ Great Pyrenees mix. She will be joining us on Monday, October 3rd. She has gone through months of training with an organization called Warrior's Best Friend Foundation and is ready to join our school family at Westview. Mocha is kind, loving, patient and enjoys working with kids!

We will be going to each classroom so students can meet Mocha, as well as go over the expectations regarding Mocha. I am going to ask that you talk to your child(ren) about the expectations as well, which I am including in this letter. I know they will be so excited about Mocha, so the more they hear these expectations the better. The expectations of "**Approach, Ask, Pet, Goodbye**" are what we will use and talk with the students about.

Approach= Think to yourself, "Self, is this a good time to come and say hello to Mocha?" Leaving the classroom or jumping out of line in the hallway are NOT responsible times to come and pet her. You should just wave to her or show a heart with your hands to her. When students approach Mocha, they need to WALK up slowly and calmly. Mocha usually only likes 4 or less students around her at a time. If there are already 4 students, you will need to wait for someone to leave before you approach.

Ask= This is a key safety measure both for Mocha and the kids. Students must ask to pet Mocha, and the adult with Mocha must respond back to them BEFORE they pet her. This ensures that the adult is aware of the interaction between Mocha and the student.

Pet= Mocha needs to be sitting/laying down and paying attention to the student wanting to pet her. Sometimes in the hall (mornings and afternoons) you can pet/swipe as you pass, but for the classroom, she needs to be sitting or laying down.

Goodbye= Only 4 students are allowed to be around her at a time. We need to set the expectation that saying hi to Mocha is a quick process (Swipe and Go) if there are others present that would like a turn to pet/swipe.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, or would like any additional information.

With much excitement,
Mallori Palermo, WVE School Counselor (mallori.adams@lsr7.net)

Join us for our monthly PTA meeting on Monday, October 17th at 6 pm. PTA Meetings are held at Westview. Come support our wonderful Westview PTA!



It's just around the corner...RACE FOR THE FUTURE

Sign Up and help represent Westview again this year at the annual Race for the Future! We would love to see a record breaking turn-out. If you are unable to attend in person you can support as a dream partner. The 5K and Kids Dash will take place

Saturday, October 8th at 8:00 AM at Lee's Summit West High School. Packet pick-up will be held on Friday, October 7th from 10:00 am-5:30 pm at the Stansberry Leadership Center located at 301 NE Tudor Road. We would love to see our Westview community out supporting our runners as well as the LS Education Foundation. Go Wildcats and thank you for your support!

*Is your child interested in learning another language?
Do you speak another language in your home?*



The **Seal of Biliteracy Pathway Awards** are awarded at the end of **1st, 3rd, 5th, and 8th grades** to students who have sought out second language acquisition opportunities at home, school, or in the community. This includes **English Language Learners** as well as **native English speakers** who are learning another language. Application deadline is **OCTOBER 1st**.

For more information click the links below:

[Elementary Pathway Informational Flyer](#)

[Application Link](#)

[Slide Presentation](#)

<https://sealofbiliteracy.lsr7.org/about-pathway-awards/>



No School
Non Attendance School Days:
October 21
October 26-28

Monitoring Your Child's Technology Use and Parental Controls

Securly Home is a free app that works with district issued devices. The app allows you to receive weekly updates, monitor your students' searches, web views, and flagged content. It allows parents to modify some Internet filter settings during times the Chromebook is being used off-campus. For example, if parents want the Chromebook turned off at 7:00 p.m. each night, they can simply click a button in the Securly Home app. A [video overview](#) of the Securly home app.



District Covid Information

As we go through the year and you would like to view Westview or other District Covid information, please click [here](#) to view Westview and District Covid Cases



This month we are celebrating Hispanic heritage month from September 15 to October 15.

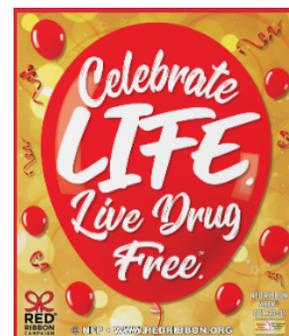
Culver's

Westview PTA Presents Culver's Night

Please join our Westview PTA on Wednesday, October 12th from 5-8 pm at Culver's location at 1701 NE Douglas Street, Lee's Summit, 64086. Come and enjoy dinner and get to know some of the many wonderful families from Westview and our PTA. All are welcome! **10% of the sales will benefit Westview PTA!!!!

Celebrating Red Ribbon Week - October 17th-25th

Children whose parents talk with them regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of parents have these conversations regularly. The Red Ribbon Week Celebration brings millions of people together to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and encourage prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. It is the largest, most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the United States. [See our attached Red Ribbon Week Spirit Days.](#)



Westview Elementary Spirit Week
October 17th - 25th

CELEBRATE LIFE.

LIVE DRUG FREE

Monday 10/17	Celebrate Your Dreams! Wear Pajamas
Tuesday 10/18	Celebrate with Color! Wear Tie-Dye or Rainbow Colors
Wednesday 10/19	Celebrate Each Other! Twin Day - Match with one of your favorite people
Thursday 10/20	Celebrate KC and Red Ribbon Week! Wear Red or your Chiefs Gear
<i>Friday 10/21</i>	<i>Celebrate the Weekend - Early!</i> <i>No School</i>
Monday 10/24	Celebrate Your Victories! Wear your sports gear
Tuesday 10/25	Celebrate Westview Pride! Wear your Westview swag
<i>Wednesday 10/26</i> <i>Thursday 10/27</i>	<i>Celebrate Your Accomplishments</i> <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>
<i>Friday 10/28</i>	<i>Celebrate Life</i> <i>No School</i>

District Information

LSR7 Hosts Inaugural Choose to Include Event

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District and the Special Olympics hosted its first-ever Choose to Include Event Wednesday. More than 500 students participated in the field day at Lee's Summit North's stadium. Peer buddies joined special services students who are eligible to participate in Special Olympics at different stations around the football field and track and participated in group and individual sports. The Kansas City Chiefs also stopped by, bringing their mobile training lab, Chiefs cheerleaders, KC Wolf, the drumline, and former player Gary Spani. In addition to encouraging inclusion in all LSR7 schools, those peers who participated in Choose to Include were given a glimpse into what it could be like to participate as a Unified Partner. Unified Partners play in sports alongside our Special Olympics athletes. Currently LSR7 has Unified basketball, bowling, and track and field teams. Those who want to sign up to be a Unified Partner can [fill out this interest form](#).

STA Teacher Earns Nationwide Recognition

Summit Technology Academy Digital Electronics and Aerospace Engineering Teacher Hope MacKenzie is one of 59 teachers selected across the U.S. to have earned the 2022-23 Outstanding Project Lead the Way Teacher award. The award recognizes educators who demonstrate a strong record of delivering an inspiring and empowering student experience, while expanding access to Project Lead the Way (PLTW) programs, and transforming teaching. PLTW is honoring Mrs. MacKenzie for her work in the PLTW Engineering program. Mrs. MacKenzie has been a teacher in Lee's Summit for eight years and developed the Aerospace Engineering course in 2016. Mrs. MacKenzie also was one of the 2022 Excellence in Teaching recipients. She established Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, inviting girls from each LSR7 middle school to STA for the day to learn about engineering from her students and professional engineers. "PLTW educators do incredible work facilitating learning experiences that help inspire and prepare students to reach their full potential. This award acknowledges and recognizes their accomplishments in continuing that mission," stated Dr. David Dimmett, PLTW Interim President and CEO. "We congratulate them and are proud of the work these educational leaders do to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond the classroom, no matter what career path they choose."



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WVE PTA PAW PRINT



FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

THIS WEEK, YOUR STUDENT BROUGHT HOME TWO PTA FUNDRAISERS: CLUBS CHOICE AND TRASH BAGS. BOTH FUNDRAISERS WILL END ON OCTOBER 3RD. OUR GOAL IS \$7000 IN TOTAL SALES, WHICH BENEFITS OUR SCHOOL WITH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FALL PARTIES, TEACHER APPRECIATION AND MUCH MORE!. WE HOPE YOU WILL PARTICIPATE.

*REMEMBER THAT CLUBS CHOICE HAS MANY ONLINE OPTIONS AS WELL AS SHIPPING TO YOUR HOME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

WE ARE ALMOST AT \$2000 JUST IN ONLINE ORDERS!!!

WESTVIEW PTA
JENNIFER TIEMAN-PRESIDENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 3rd-Fundraisers End
- 12th-CULVER'S NIGHT
- 13th-Picture Day
- 17th-PTA Meeting 6:00
- 17-25th-Red Ribbon Week
- 21-NO SCHOOL
- 26-27-NO SCHOOL-Conferences
- 28-NO SCHOOL

PTA MEETING DATE

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE WESTVIEW LIBRARY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 6:00PM

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FALL PARTIES-SIGN UP COMING OCT 1.

WE WILL HAVE AN ONLINE SIGN UP FOR PARENTS FOR THE FALL PARTIES. PARTIES ARE IN THE GYM AT STUDENTS SPECIALS TIME.

OCTOBER 31ST



JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST FAMILY FOOD NIGHT!

WEDNESDAY OCT. 12

5-8PM

PTA BOARD

- JENNIFER TIEMAN - PRESIDENT
- EMILY BEGNAUD - VICE PRESIDENT
- KATELIN RHODES - TREASURER
- JENNI EDWARDS - SECRETARY

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