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# THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

Updates for the Westview Elementary Community



## PUMPKINS ON PARADE



# Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to connecting with you during our conferences on November 2nd (4-8 p.m.) and 3rd (12-8 p.m.). If you haven't reserved your spot with the classroom teacher yet, please visit our website ([www.district196.org](http://www.district196.org)) and click the sign-up link or call our office at 952-431-8380 for assistance. This is such a valuable time to share information and just check in with each other. We will also have literary pumpkins on display, the Scholastic Book Fair for browsing and purchasing and other information to gather or complete.



Please plan to attend a special parent learning offering at Westview around Family Digital Citizenship on Thursday, November 10 from 6-7 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn how to navigate the technology resources and information for your child(ren). District and building staff will be presenting and available to answer questions. If you are not able to attend, these are some highlights and resources.

- To provide clear expectations and communication
- To develop a common understanding of the Student User Agreement
- To strengthen relationships with families and provide all parents an avenue to
- access resources
- To learn about ways to engage in at-home conversations with children regarding
- decision making with digital devices and understand how to use the Screentime
- tools to monitor and possibly place additional restrictions on the iPad
- To provide resources to better understand our policies and procedures
- Acceptable Use of Information Technology - Students (503.7AR)
- Permission for Student Access and Use of the Internet (503.7.1P)
- Student Rights and Responsibility Handbook

## Resources:

- District 196 1:1 iPad Parent Website: <https://www.district196.org/academics/digital-learning/11-ipad-parent-resources>
- Student User Agreement (available in multiple languages): [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FvPZCfMxocCLfKhLRQjB\\_kffJjfyf-WzHpVGtXnVUxA/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FvPZCfMxocCLfKhLRQjB_kffJjfyf-WzHpVGtXnVUxA/edit)
- Acceptable Use of Information Technology - Students (503.7AR): <http://public.district196.org/District/schoolboard/policies/500/503.7AR.pdf>
- Permission for Student Access and Use of the Internet (503.7.1P): <http://public.district196.org/District/schoolboard/policies/500/503.7.1P.pdf>
- Protection Plan (available in Somali and Spanish): <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HsJbKgnrCYS-g0l6rFrykuqltV1YpuXS9X--E2iOei4/edit> **OR** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H7hPyzpFFodR4pKT-ql1FbXz1rcPJ7GTxaeqgr16ivk/edit>
- Family Digital Citizenship Information Website and Video: <https://www.district196.org/academics/digital-learning/11-ipad-parent-resources/digital-citizenship-guidance-and-restrictions>

Working in education is such an important job, many refer to it as a calling or vocation. It takes continuous learning and shifting to meet the needs of the 20-30 students in each classroom. Our staff values the planning days we have during the year to review data, share ideas, look at resources and just have time to think. District 196 and Westview Elementary are wonderful environments to work in. Please consider looking at our employment opportunities to see if subbing, part-time or full-time positions might work for you. There are clerical, para professional and teaching opportunities available. Is it your calling and you've just been waiting...?

Sincerely,  
Tami



## Socktober Update

Socktober was a smashing success! We collected 1,575 pairs of new socks to help those with housing insecurity~they will be distributed through Mobile Loaves Twin Cities and our own Girls on the Run Minnesota team will add some to their kindness bags they are making for their community service project!



## Westview Made Front Page of Sun Thisweek!

Did you catch the Westview front page news? Huge thank you to the dozens of volunteers who made the #outdoorlearning project come to life. Read all about it here at Sun This Week online or by visiting the Westview Elementary Bulldog Facebook page and click on the article link on the post.



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

By Rachel Brintnall

Mark your calendars - conferences are coming up on Wednesday, November 2nd and Thursday, November 3rd. The scheduling link is available on Westview's website (<https://wv.district196.org/>). Sign up to reserve a timeslot today!

Please note that if you have multiple students to schedule for these appointments should not be booked at the same time.

## Reminders from the Front Office

By Lisa Kissell

Please remember to let the office know if you have changed your phone number, email or address so we can keep everything updated in case we need to contact you.

If you would like the access code to set up your parent portal, email [Lisa.kissell@district196.org](mailto:Lisa.kissell@district196.org). This will give you access to grades, attendance, emergency contacts, etc. You can email Lisa also if you have set up parent portal and now can't remember your password or user name.

## Fall Scholastic Book Fair

By Lindsey Theirl

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is Coming! Our next book fair is right around the corner and will take place during fall conference week. Our Coin Drive runs through Thursday, November 3rd.

Students will have a chance to preview the Book Fair with their teachers during the school day. Book Fair sale times are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 2, 4-8 p.m.
- Thursday, November 3, 12-7:30 p.m.

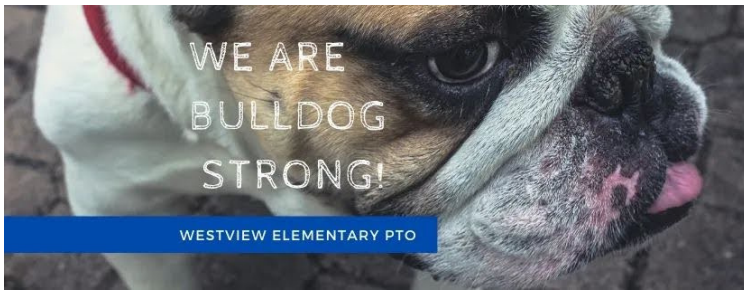
## Winter Gear

By Lisa Kissell

Waking up to a snow covered roof this morning was a rude awakening! We always know it's coming- but I'm never mentally ready!

We have quite a few winter jackets, tennis shoes and some boots that we are more than happy to share if you are in need.

If you child is in need of any of those items, you can respond back to Ms. Fritz, our social worker and let her know size and the students name/teacher and she will let you know if we have that size available. Remember, we go outside EVERY DAY unless it's below 0!!



## Westview PTO Updates

*By Michelle Doepke*

Thanks to all those who attended the PTO meeting in October...we had some really great discussion and brainstorming for the upcoming PTO events: The Giving Tree, The Scholastic Book Fair, The Staff Appreciation Meal over Parent/Teacher Conferences, and Spirit Wear. Look for emails to volunteer at these events!

### Dine-and-Donate Events

We have 3 opportunities to skip cooking dinner (yay!) and fundraise for Westview (yay!) this school year. Look for information on these yummy events through email and our social media accounts.

Appreciating our amazing Westview staff is part of our PTO mission. With our goal to improve and be sustainable with what we do, we are trying a few new things with staff appreciation this school year! This includes setting up the year in advance, sending out survey results to individual parents with their teacher's "favorite things," and including more school support staff. Below is our current schedule. If you would like to participate in a staff appreciation activity this school year please email [emilyherman10@gmail.com](mailto:emilyherman10@gmail.com).

- September: Emily Herman + neighbors
- November: Staff conference meal + Giving Tree
- January: Michelle Doepke + neighbors
- February: Staff conference meal + Giving Tree
- May (teacher appreciation week): Emily Herman + neighbors

We are a group that runs on volunteers, and we are stronger together!

Connect with us on FB at

<http://facebook.com/westviewmnpto> and Instagram at Westview Elementary PTO (@westviewmnpto).

## AmazonSmile

*By Michelle Doepke*

Did you know that you can generate donations while shopping?

Simply follow the instructions below in your Amazon App to select "Westview Elementary Parent Teacher Organization" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. Happy Shopping!

### How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu ( = ) & tap on "AmazonSmile" under Programs & Features
3. Select "Westview Elementary Parent Teacher Organization" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

By shopping through AmazonSmile, you can support Westview Elementary at no extra cost to you. Simply start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/84-4529572](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-4529572) to confirm "Westview Elementary Parent Teacher Organization" as your charity of choice, and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchases price to our organization.

# Westview's Annual Gobble Gobble Give!

Student Council is sponsoring our annual food drive! Please join us in donating food for our community. We have planned a fun week to encourage all to donate! We have always been successful in our biggest service project of the year and can't wait to see what this year brings!



Day:	Spirit Wear:	What to bring:
Monday Nov. 14th	Lumberjack Day! Break out your best plaid!!	Breakfast: Examples: Cereal oatmeal, pancake mix, pop tarts, granola, breakfast bars, syrup, juice, fruit cups etc.
Tuesday Nov. 15th	Decade Day! Dress like your favorite decade: 60s, 70, 80s, 90s, etc.	Baking Goods: Examples: Cake mix, brownie mix, Jell-O, marshmallows, pudding, frosting, Oreos, etc.
Wednesday Nov. 16th	Wacky Wednesday! Wear crazy colors, backwards clothes, mismatched outfits, etc.	Household Items: Examples: Laundry soap, dish soap, diapers, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, etc
Thursday Nov. 17th	Sports Day/Workout Gear! Rep your favorite team or athletic gear.	Main Course: Examples: Peanut butter, Mac & Cheese, crackers, boxed dinners, Velveeta, canned meat etc.
Friday Nov. 18th	Vacation/Road Trip Day! Dress like you're heading out on your favorite vacation spot!	Money Day: Bring in a money donation! Coins or cash! \$5 = 5 items of food!

## Giving Tree

By Sara Dziuk

Stop by the Giving Tree near the main office during conferences to take a leaf in support of Westview! This is your opportunity to purchase something for your student's classroom to provide additional tools for learning. Classroom teachers, interventionists and specialists have identified items that could be used to support students this year. The Giving Tree is coordinated by the Westview PTO. Thank you for your support!



## Gobble Gobble Give

By Virginia Fritz

Your student council and school community are thrilled to sponsor Gobble Gobble Give this year! If you are interested in volunteering at Westview to pack up or distribute the food during one (or more) of the following dates and times, please contact Virginia Fritz (school social worker) at [virginia.fritz@district196.org](mailto:virginia.fritz@district196.org) or at 952-431-8386.

### Volunteer Schedule:

- Monday, November 21 from 12-4 p.m.  
*Organizing and boxing up donations*
- Tuesday, November 22 from 8-10 a.m. and/or 2-4 p.m. *Help families pick up their box*
- Wednesday November 23 from 8-10 a.m. and/or 2-4 p.m. *Help families pick up their box*





# DIGITAL WELL-BEING

Critical Consumers and Positive Contributors in the Digital World

## You might also like ...

**A Parent's Guide to TikTok**  
Learn how it is used and how parents can make it safer for their kids. Explore everything you need to know.

Tue | Sep 27 | noon-1:00 p.m. | \$25

[Live Online](#) | ANWTT-F1

**Cell Phones and Parenting - What You Need to Know**

When your child has a smartphone there are key things you should know in order to keep them safe and secure.

Mon | Oct 10 | noon-1:00 p.m. | \$25

[Live Online](#) | ANWCP-F1

**Twitter for Beginners**

Learn how to create a profile, read what others are saying, how to send a Tweet and more.

Mon | Oct 3 | noon-1:00 p.m. | \$25

[Live Online](#) | ANWIT-F1

**Cell Phone Permit:**

**Driver's Ed For The Digital Highway**

Kids learn how to navigate the challenges and opportunities of having a cell phone.

Anytime | Anywhere | \$99/\$129

[Live Online](#) | ACPP-W1

**CONNECTED: How to Show Up For Your Kids in the Digital Age**

Help your child take advantage of opportunities online while avoiding risks. Gain evidence-based resources, as you navigate escalating screen time challenges.

Anytime | Anywhere | \$45 | [Online](#) | AEWC-F1

**Say Yes To No: Why Kids Need Loving Boundaries and How to Set Them**

Clarify your limits, avoid power struggles, and follow through with consistency and care. Best for parents of kids ages 2-10.

Anytime | Anywhere | \$45 | [Online](#) | AEWYN-F1

**Why Do They Act That Way? Proven Strategies to Understand and Stay Connected To Your Teen**

Understanding your child and staying connected during this time is essential for their mental health and well-being. Best for parents of kids ages 8-18.

Anytime | Anywhere | \$89 | [Online](#) | AEAW-F1

## What Science Tells Us About Parenting in the Digital Age

Kids today experience the world in a state of "digital immersion" where the lines between offline and online experiences continue to blur. At the same time, parents are getting conflicting advice about the impact of screens on kids' health and development. In this interactive and energizing presentation, Erin Walsh will use brain science, stories, and humor to cut through conflicting messages about screen time and kids. She will walk you through the latest evidence on challenging topics like cyberbullying and online cruelty, and share practical tools and strategies for tackling difficult conversations, building trust, and being the media mentor that kids and teens desperately need to avoid risks and build on their strengths.

*M.A. is a dynamic, knowledgeable speaker on topics related to brain development and raising resilient young people in the digital age. Erin was instrumental to the development of the MediaWise movement and enjoyed working with her father, Dr. David Walsh, for ten years at the National Institute on Media and the Family before creating Mind Positive Parenting together in 2010.*



Sat | Nov 12 | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Pay What You Can | EVHS | AEWDA-F1

## LIKE Screening

Explore the impact of social media on our lives. See *LIKE*, an IndieFlix original documentary. Technology is a tool. It's here to stay and social platforms are a place to connect, share and care, but what's really happening? Are we addicted? How do we stop? Where do we start? What do we need to know? By understanding the effects of technology and social media on the brain, on our lives and on our civilization, learn how to navigate it more safely together. The goal of this film is to inspire people of all ages, especially kids, to self regulate. It's not about blame. It's about looking in the mirror and empowering ourselves to create balance in our lives and to learn to be there for each other. A resource fair will be open before and after the presentation. The presentation starts at 6:30 p.m. *In cooperation with the Dakota County Safe and Drug Free School Coordinators and the Dakota County Healthy Communities Collaborative*

Mon | Jan 9 | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Pay What You Can | RHS | ATLS-F1



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