Principally Speaking ...

Thank you to all the special guests that attended the PTA “Grandparents Pancake” Breakfast right before our fall break. It was a great success. We loved seeing our students in the hallways showing off their school to their special guests and able to have some fun. It was a good time for all those who attended and participated.

We hope that everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break. We hope you were able to enjoy some time with family and friends. We loved welcoming everyone back this week, it is always great to see the halls filled after a break. We have an eventful month ahead with music performances, the book fair and a spelling bee. Keep reading for more information on those special events.

Winter Break is approaching and is a wonderful time to spend it with family, friends and those close to you. As a reminder, Thursday, December 22nd, is the last day of school before winter break for all students and it will be a regular school day. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 5th. We would like to wish you and your family a very relaxed winter break!

Congratulations Ms. Johnson…

Something exciting took place at Westview right before our fall break, it was a surprise for Ms. Johnson and our staff. Our very own, Ms. Johnson, our ELL Teacher, was named as the “Learning for Life Award” recipient for November. Ms. Johnson was nominated by her colleagues for many reasons and those comments included: Ms. Johnson continuously goes above and beyond; Ms. Johnson is understanding, adaptable and empathetic; Ms. Johnson can make potentially scary situations happy for students and families. Westview’s staff, students and community are very proud of Ms. Johnson! Congrats Ms. Johnson!

Student Chromebooks and Winter Break....

As we prepare for the upcoming Winter Break, we would like to remind students to take care of their Chromebook during this time. If you find that you need assistance with your student’s Chromebook or need to request repairs, try calling 816.986.4357. This number will be answered by a District Technology Specialist. If a tech is unavailable, please leave a message and someone will return your call. A second method to receive Chromebook assistance is by submitting a help ticket by clicking here.

** No School for students on December 23 – January 4 **

Winter Break
**WVE Student Book Fair**

The book fair is coming soon to Westview Elementary! Students are able to shop during the school day on the following dates: Wednesday, December 14 - Thursday, December 15, - Friday, December 16 (until 11:00 am). Browse through the digital flyer or the physical flyer that will come home with your student the week of the book fair, for some examples of titles that will be available at the fair. Cash or Ewallet accepted - easy, cash-free payment option your child can use for shopping.

*Please note that unused funds will remain in your child's account for the next book fair.*

All items require 7.85% sales tax to be added to the cost of each purchase. Visit the WVE Book Fair website to 1) set up an Ewallet digital account for a cash-free payment option, 2) shop the online fair December 12 - December 25 for more available titles (all orders ship directly to your home & shipping is free for book only orders over $25) and 3) shop the online fair as it has additional titles of books that aren’t available at the student only fair


This book fair benefits the students of Westview Elementary by providing funds for library books and activities. If you have any questions, please contact our Library Media Specialist, Erin Simons at erin.simons@lsr7.net.

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**Winter Weather**

**What do I wear for recess? What if school is dismissed early?**

Winter brings the cold temperatures, snow and ice and it makes us wonder “do we have school”? To help keep you informed regarding school cancellations you may call the Lee’s Summit R-7 Information line at 986-1001 and choose option #1, watch your local TV channels or you may receive a SchoolMessenger call with the cancellation information. Please remember to notify the Westview office if you have changes in contact phone numbers to assure you receive notification calls. As winter is here to stay for a while; please send your child prepared for the weather with coats, hats and gloves as we will be having outdoor recess as the weather permits.

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**Join us for our next monthly PTA meeting on Monday, December 12th at 6 pm.**  PTA Meetings are held at Westview. Come support our wonderful Westview PTA!

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**Annual Parent Title IA Information - Now Available on the Web**

This is a friendly reminder our Title IA information is easily accessible by clicking here. The information available to you will include the Parent and Family Engagement Policy (IGBC), building plan, and other Title IA annual information.
Building Westview Spelling Bee

Our 4th and 5th Grade classrooms participated in a classroom Spelling Bee on November 10th and we are excited to announce the top six spellers from each classroom who will advance to the final Westview building Spelling Bee.

The top spellers from 4th grade are Georgie Monsees, Sarah Honour, Norali Malott, Gabriel Arellano, Madden Hurley, Nikko Fowlkes, Lochlan Main, Evelyn Newman, Genesis Hampton, Layton Lampton, Rosie Sainz, and Ana Ward. The top spellers from 5th grade are Rachelle Wright, Levi Begnaud, Lyric Johnson, Sophia Gavin, Hugo Alba, Lily Loffer, Jackson Yoder, Charlie Lange, John Sprinkle, Andrew Bonkeen, Derrian Fowlkes, and Anna Mason.

The Westview Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday, December 21 at 9:20 am. Guests of the top spellers are invited to attend and watch our spellers participate in our building Spelling Bee. We are very proud of all of our spellers and wish them luck for the upcoming Bee on December 21st!

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.
1ST GRADE WINTER CONCERT

December 6th
6:00pm
Westview Elementary
Gymatorium

Students Arrive at 5:45pm in the 4th Grade Hallway
KINDERGARTEN WINTER CONCERT

December 8th 6:00pm
Westview Elementary Gymatorium

Students Arrive at 5:45pm in the 4th Grade Hallway
Countdown to Winter Break
December 19 - 22

Monday
12/19
Spirit of the Season
Frosty, Penguins, Scrooge and more!
Dress like your favorite Holiday Story Character

Tuesday
12/20
Sweater Weather
Wear your best (or worst) Winter Sweater

Wednesday
12/21
"Head"ing into the Holidays
Antlers, Santa Hats, Elf Ears...Oh My!
Wear your favorite holiday hat today!

Thursday
12/22
T'was the Night Before Break
Bring your Sweet Winter Dreams and
Wear your favorite pajamas today
December - Looking Ahead:

- **12/1** - 4th & 5th grade choir 8:00 am; Elementary Strings Feeder Concert 7:00 pm at PLMS
- **12/2** - Late Start Friday
- **12/5** - Game Club (2nd & 3rd Grade) 4:10 pm
- **12/6** - 4th grade choir 8:00 am; 5th Grade Math Club 8:00 am; 1st Grade Music Performance & PTA Unit Meeting 6:00 pm
- **12/7** - 5th grade choir 8:00 am; STUDCO (4th & 5th grade) meeting 4:10 pm; Diversity Family Night at LSNHS 5:30-7:30 pm
- **12/8** - 4th & 5th grade choir 8:00 am; Kindergarten Music Performance 6:00 pm
- **12/9** - Late Start Friday
- **12/12-12/16** - Book Fair at Westview (see above for details)
- **12/12** - Game Club (2nd & 3rd Grade) 4:10 pm; PTA Meeting 6:00 pm in the Library
- **12/13** - 5th Grade Math Club 8:00 am
- **12/16** - Late Start Friday
- **12/19-12/22** - Winter Spirit Days (see above for themed days)
- **12/20** - 4th grade choir 8:00 am; 5th Grade Math Club 8:00 am
- **12/21** - 5th grade choir 8:00 am; Building Spelling Bee at 9:20 am; STUDCO (4th & 5th grade) meeting 4:10 pm
- **12/22** - End of 2nd Quarter; 4th & 5th grade choir 8:00 am; Spirit Assembly at 2:30 pm
- **12/23** - 1/4 - NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK!!!
- **1/5** - Classes Resume
The next Lee's Summit R-7 School District election is a School Board election on April 4, 2023.

Candidates will run for three open seats currently held by Board Members Kathy Campbell, Kim Fritchie and Megan Marshall. Per new legislative requirements, the filing period for School Board candidates will be held in December 2022.

**Important Dates: 2023 Candidate Filing**

Dec. 6: First Day to File  
Dec. 23-26: Central Office Closed for Winter Break  
Dec. 27: Last Day to File

Learn about [Missouri School Boards' Association candidate requirements](https://www.ls7.org/district/careers).

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