Principally Speaking …

“Thank you” goes out to all the parent volunteers who were able to help out at our Valentine’s Celebrations. It was nice to have each of you in our building and help our students have fun with their classmates. Appreciation and thanks also is due to our Westview PTA for sponsoring our celebration for our students. Our students enjoyed a fun party which included an inflatable and lots of fun with classmates! Thank you Westview PTA!

Students at Westview in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will be taking the annual MAP assessment in the upcoming fourth quarter. Your student’s teacher will be sending home a schedule for their testing dates and times. Your cooperation when scheduling appointments to avoid testing times is appreciated as student’s testing in their regular classroom setting is beneficial. Thank you!

Spring Break is quickly approaching…. there will be no school Monday, March 27th through Friday, March 31st. Classes will resume on Monday, April 3rd. I hope you are able to find some fun family activities during the break to enjoy together!

2023 Kindergarten Kicko! Open House

We are excited to welcome our incoming Kindergarteners to Westview! We are looking forward to having our Kindergarten Kicko! Open House this year on March 9, 2023. This will be an open house format from 4:30–6:30 pm. If you or a neighbor have a child turning 5 before August 1, 2023 we invite them and look forward to registering them as our incoming kindergarten students for the 2023–2024 school year. Online registration information will be shared at Kindergarten Kicko! or please see the registration video posted on our school’s website. The online registration opens on March 9th and will remain open through May 23rd. For more information, click HERE.

SUMMER LEARNING INSTITUTE

Elementary Summer Learning Institute (SLI) has announced the six elementary school sites (Cedar Creek / Highland Park / Meadow Lane / Richardson / Sunset Valley / Trailridge) and the two middle school sites (East Trails / Summit Lakes) for this upcoming June. If you are interested in receiving direct information about SLI this spring and staying informed click here to sign up for the mailing list to receive monthly reminders with SLI information. Click here for more information about the SLI for Grades K-8.
Spring Picture Day is Coming

Spring pictures are scheduled for **Wednesday, March 15th**. These photos are optional and will be available to purchase through Inter-State Studio. An informational flyer only will be sent home with each student the week prior. Orders must be made online, so be sure to preorder your pictures online. Only students who preorder will be photographed on March 15th. Order by picture day and receive free shipping to Westview! Click [here](#) to be directed to the Inter-State Studio's website and use **school code 77076VA** to order.

No School for Students:
- **March 17** - Teacher Professional Day
- **March 27 - 31** - Spring Break

New Last Day of School is now **May 25, 2023**

Join us for our monthly PTA meeting on **Monday, March 13th at 6 pm**. PTA Meetings are held at Westview. Come support our wonderful Westview PTA.

PTA Fundraiser Night at McDonald’s

Our Westview PTA will have a fundraiser night at the Lee’s Summit area McDonald’s off of Chipman Road on **Wednesday, March 15th**. Help support our PTA and come out to McDonald’s on March 15th! PTA will send information out soon about the event’s time.
Yearbooks Are Now On Sale!!
Order your 2022-2023 Westview Elementary yearbook now by completing the ordering form which will be sent home with each student this week and returning it directly to the Westview Office. Please make checks payable to Westview PTA. Yearbooks are only $20.00 each.

Wildcat Choir Performing at the Comets Game
Our Wildcat Choir will be performing the National Anthem before kickoff at the Comets game on Saturday, March 11th at the Cable Dahmer Arena in Independence. Our very own Principal, Mr. Boulden will also have the honor of having the “first kick” of the game! All Wildcats and families are welcome to attend.

Tickets are needed and required and may be purchased through the arena by contacting Mike Rodriguez at 888-9-COMETS. *(When you purchase tickets, let them know you are from Westview and want to sit with the Wildcat Choir)* To sit and see our students performing, it's suggested to sit in or near section 102. Game time is 6:00 pm and cost per person is $16.00. Come support and watch our wonderful Wildcat Choir! GO WILDCATS!
Ahoy Ye Matey's and Lassies! Aboard the Jolly Roger, and Set Sail with the Finest Crew at Westview on:
**Thursday, March 16th**
5:45pm Call Time - Students will meet in the 4th Grade Hall
6:00 pm performance

**Additional Practice:**
If your student would like to practice more to prepare for this performance, there are several tracks located in their schoology music course.

**Costumes/Set:**
Please arrive at performance night wearing an outfit to fit the theme of this performance! This can be a shirt with ships on it, bandanas, halloween costumes from previous years, or even just the color black. These costumes are **NOT REQUIRED**, but they do make the performance a little more fun! **Please keep in mind our school policy when you are deciding your outfit. Weapons of ANY type are NOT PERMITTED!**

Please let me know if you have any further questions about the performance! Looking forward to our first performance this year!

Mrs. Rasmussen

**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.
March - Looking Ahead:

- **2/27-3/3** - Reading Spirit Week
- **3/1-3/31** - Music in our School Month
- **3/1** - Reading Spirit Week - Reading jogs your mind - wear fun socks; School Principal Day; 2023-2024 6th Grade Enrollment PLMS presentation for students; STUCO Meeting (4th & 5th Grade) 4:10 pm
- **3/2** - Reading Spirit Week - Reading opens doors - wear a KC shirt or a shirt from a trip
- **3/3** - Reading Spirit Week - Reading gives us empathy - wear a shirt with a positive message & write a kind note for someone; Late Start Friday; 5th Grade Strings 1:20 pm
- **3/4** - Taste of Lee's Summit at John Knox Village
- **3/6-3/17** - NWEA Spring Benchmark Testing (all grades)
- **3/6-3/10** - Missouri Math, Engineering, Technology and Science Week; National Foreign Language Week
- **3/7** - 4th Grade Choir 8 am
- **3/8** - 5th Grade Choir 8 am
- **3/9** - 4th & 5th Grade Choir 8 am; Kindergarten Kickoff! 4:30-6:30 pm (*all LSR7 elementary schools will be at this time and date. this is for the 2023-2024 school year*)
- **3/10** - Late Start Friday; End of 3rd quarter
- **3/11** - Wildcat Choir performance at the Comets Game at 6 pm at Cable Dahmer Arena (*See above for details - tickets are required*)
- **3/12** - Daylight Savings Time - Spring forward!
- **3/13** - PTA meeting 6 pm in Library
- **3/14** - 4th Grade Choir 8 am; Nutrition Council Meeting 4:15 pm at SLC; BCMS Parent Information Night 6 pm
- **3/15** - 5th Grade Choir 8 am; Student Spring Photos; PTA McDonald’s Night; STUCO Meeting (4th & 5th Grade) 4:10 pm; Community Dignity Discussion 6-8 pm at BCMS
- **3/16** - 4th & 5th Grade Choir 8 am; 4th & 5th Grade Music performance at 6 pm; BOE Meeting 7 pm
- **3/17** - NON ATTENDANCE DAY for students - Professional Development day for teachers
- **3/21** - Third Grade Wax Museum in library; Bird Appreciation Observation Day
- **3/23** - 5th Grade Birdhouse building day
- **3/24** - Late Start Friday; 5th Grade Strings 1:20 pm; Progress Reports sent electronically
- **3/27-3/31** - NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK!!!
Art Students Rise to the Challenge

Students from all 3 high schools submitted artwork for the Longview Fine Arts Challenge. 42 pieces were selected out of 107 pieces submitted. Awards were presented on February 2. Naomi R. of LS West earned 3rd place. Ella B. of LS West earned 2nd place. First place went to Stella K. from LS North. The 13th annual Longview Fine Arts Challenge art show is currently on display now through February 25, at the Longview Cultural Arts Center, gallery hours are M, T, Th & Sat - 10:00-1:00.

April 4, 2023 Levy Transfer - The Board of Education has approved a debt service levy transfer on the April 4, 2023 ballot.

The Board of Education voted on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022 to place a debt service levy transfer on the April 4, 2023 ballot. The no tax rate increase ballot item asks voters to allow the district to shift dollars to the operating fund to support efforts to recruit and retain quality staff.

Levy transfers are commonly used, no tax rate increase approaches that allow municipalities to responsibly address changing needs without increasing the overall tax rate.

LSR7 is asking voters permission to reallocate the funds it is collecting through the current overall property tax rate by shifting 20 cents from the debt service levy to the general operating levy.

For additional information and details, click here.

Board Elections - 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 and Kim Fritchie, and former Board Member Megan Marshall.

Per new legislative requirements, the filing period for School Board candidates was held from Dec. 6 - Dec. 27.

The names of the candidates will appear on the ballot as follows:
- William "Billy" Peterson
- Regina Garrett
- Erica Dolores Miller
- Kamile Johnson
- Stacy Cronhardt
- David Grady
- Kathryn "Kathy" Campbell

Note: Per the candidates' request, Roberta Gough and Reuben Mitchell have been removed from the April 4 ballot.

The Board of Education has also placed a no tax rate increase levy transfer on the April 4 ballot. Visit the April 2023 Levy Transfer webpage for more information.
LSR7 Dignity Discussions

World Cafe

All LSR7 community members are encouraged to join us for a night of discussion about dignity in our community using the World Cafe method: small table conversations prompted by engaging questions.

This event will be documented by a professional graphic illustrator who will create visual notes from the discussion.

Appetizers will be served

March 15, 6-8 PM
Bernard Campbell Middle School Library Media Center

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, age or any other characteristic protected by law in its programs, activities or in employment.