

Wildcat Gazette Westview Elementary

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Principally Speaking ...

It is officially Fall and we are excited to feel the brisk mornings and cooler days. Be sure to take advantage of the cooler weather and get outside to enjoy it. This is a great time to check in with your child and ask about their day and what they love about school. October has many great things happening and we look forward to spending it learning and growing. Can you believe that we are already more than halfway through the first quarter? We are so proud of our staff and the collaborative lessons they have been creating. We are seeing children learn and have fun at the same time and it warms our hearts. Thank you for everything you have done to support your children and make it a successful start of the year.

Picture Day Ordering information:

Picture day is Tuesday, October 10th. If you wish to prepay prior to picture day the web address below should be used for pictures taken on October 10th. Paper ordering forms will be sent home with all students through their classroom teachers and will need to be returned with the student on picture day to the photographers. Online ordering is available through picture day. Orders that are shipped to the home will have a small fee, but delivery to the school is free.

PREPAY URL FOR PICTURE DAY:

<https://pearcephoto.hhimagehost.com/V2/Home/LoginConsumer?EK=239540>



Picture Day

Parent-Teacher Conference Appointments

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 25th and Thursday, October 26th. Appointment times will be available starting at 8:00 am through 7:40 pm (concluding by 8:00 pm). Conferences will be offered in person throughout both days so parents will be able to pick the day and the time that works best for your family. Parents will receive a SchoolMessenger email from Rachel Aulgur on October 3rd which will include a link to sign up electronically for your conference appointment through PowerSchool/eScheduler. Parents 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 Wednesday, October 4th.** If you can not sign up or have technology issues please contact the office and we will schedule your conference.



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 13th and report cards will be distributed electronically on October 24th. 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 25-27.** Thank you for your support and assistance to ensure a successful academic school year for your child!



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 14th at 8:00 AM at Lee's Summit West High School. Packet pick-up will be held on Friday, October 13th 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! See the enclosed flyer for additional information or the QR code to scan to register.

*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 seeking 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 **November 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 20
October 25-27



Westview PTA Presents Culver's Night

Please join our Westview PTA on Wednesday, October 18h 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!!!!

Join us for our monthly PTA meeting on
Monday, October 9th at 6 pm. PTA
Meetings are held at Westview. Come
support our wonderful Westview PTA!!



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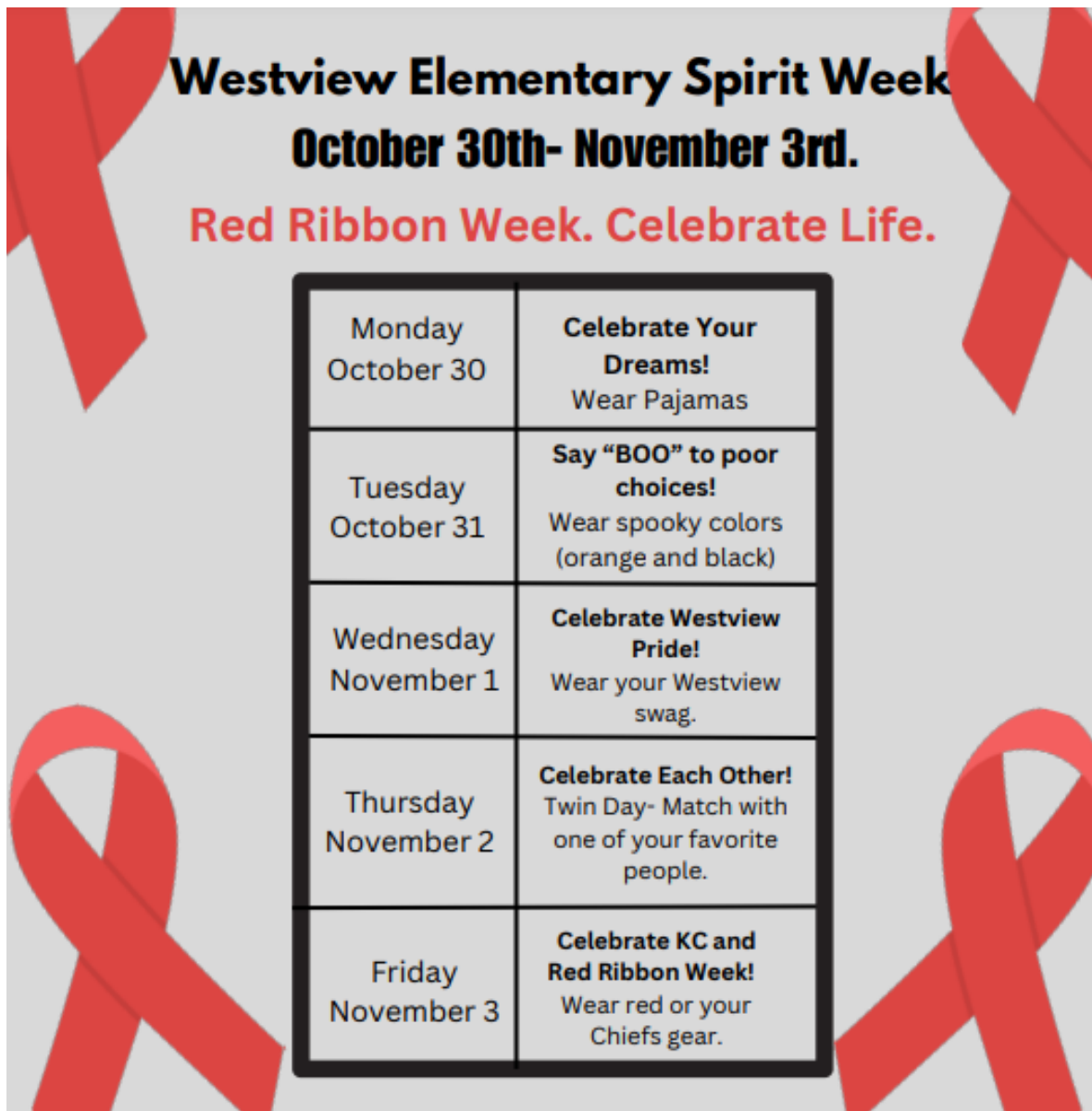


**This month we are celebrating Hispanic heritage month
from September 15 to October 15.**

Celebrating Red Ribbon Week - October 30- November 3

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.





October - Looking Ahead:

- 9/15-10/15 - National Hispanic Heritage Month
- 10/1-10/31 - Gifted Education Month
- 10/2 - National Custodial Worker Appreciation Day; First Grade field trip; Run Club (4th & 5th Grade) 4:10 pm
- 10/3 - PTA Fundraiser ends; Wildcat Choir (4th & 5th Grade) 8:20 am
- 10/4 - Student Council Meeting (4th & 5th Grade) 8:00 am
- 10/6 - **Late Start Friday**
- 10/9-10/13 - **National School Lunch Week**
- 10/9 - Run Club (4th & 5th Grade) 4:10 pm; PTA Meeting at 6 pm in Library



- **10/10** - Fall Student Picture Day; Wildcat Choir (4th & 5th Grade) 8:20 am; **PACK DAY (wear your black PACK shirt if you want to)**; Nutrition Council Meeting 4:15 pm at SLC
- **10/13** - **Late Start Friday** -End of First Quarter
- **10/14** - Race for the Future at LSW
- **10/16-10/20** - National School Bus Safety Week
- **110/18** - PTA Culver's Night; Student Council Meeting (4th & 5th Grade) 8:00 am; Wildcat Choir (4th & 5th Grade) 4:10 pm
- **10/19** - 3rd grade field trip; Halloween Fall Event 5:30-7:00 pm
- **10/20** - Non-Attendance Day for Students
- **10/24** - Progress reports sent electronically; **PACK Day (wear your black PACK shirt if you want to)**
- **10/25** - Non- Attendance day for students; Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 am-8:00 pm
- **10/26** - Non- Attendance day for students; Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 am-8:00 pm
- **10/27** - NO SCHOOL - (for staff and students); World Occupational Therapy Day
- **10/30-11/3** - Red Ribbon Week
- **10/31** - **Happy Halloween!** Fall Parties (*during Specials - schedule to come*); Wildcat Choir (4th & 5th Grade) 8:20 am

District Information

Generations come together for Lee's Summit High School dedication

Current and former Lee's Summit High School Tigers (LSHS) gathered last week to celebrate two exciting milestones: the conclusion of \$80 million in renovations and additions to the campus and the 150-year anniversary of high school in Lee's Summit.

Nearly 1,000 members of the school community attended Friday's Open House and experienced nostalgia for their days walking the halls and excitement for the school's current and future students.

"We were able to celebrate the tradition that exists within our institution, but also the significance of change that is meant to propel LSHS forward," said LSHS Principal Dr. Kari Harrison.

The new, contemporary layout of the building is not just for aesthetics. Its flexible design allows for teachers and students to explore new ways to learn. Classrooms may spill into open hallways and shared flex spaces, but just as often, teachers are holding lessons in spaces not typically thought of as classrooms at all.

"If you take a ten-minute stroll, you are going to see teaching and learning," said Dr. Harrison. "It's anywhere and everywhere. When I walk through, I can see the magic happening."

Many visitors praised the transformation, calling it "beautiful" and expressing their happiness for the Tigers of tomorrow. The three-year construction project, which added more than 60,000 feet of new square footage to the campus and renovated nearly all instructional spaces, was made possible by a no tax rate increase bond issue supported by LSR7 voters in 2020.

Students, such as senior Leah Roberts, can already feel the difference.

“The furniture adds more life and gives the students and teachers a more comfortable learning environment than the old desks and chairs,” she said.

Roberts volunteered to run a science demonstration during the Open House, and met many alumni that returned to see their old stomping grounds.

The LSHS class of 1973, for example, celebrated their 50-year reunion, and longtime friends Julia Bredin (née Galloway), Susie McCann Wynn and Ann Martell Walton kicked off the weekend with a visit to the open house. They painted matching “73”s on their cheeks to signify their piece of LSHS history.

“To see generations of Tigers showing up all in one place, that’s pretty remarkable,” said Dr. Harrison.

Prairie View Elementary Principal extends belonging across the district

As the new year begins, Lee's Summit R-7 School District strive to ensure that all students have a sense of belonging. That’s what happened at Pleasant Lea Elementary as school counselor Dr. Ally Roberson collaborated with the principal of Prairie View Elementary, Mrs. Amy Fennewald. While preparing to ensure first grader Alexandria Walsh’s school year to be successful and to help her peers understand and accept differences. Mrs. Fennewald was asked to come over and be a superhero for Alexandria as they both have a limb difference in their left arms. “As I stood by and watch them eat lunch together, it was magical. More than what I could do for her,” said Dr. Roberson. Mrs. Fennewald was able to offer comfort and understanding to Alexandria, along with insight as PLE continues to support her at school.

Five LSR7 students named National Merit Scholar semifinalists

Congratulations are in order for five Lee's Summit R-7 School District seniors who were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. These students are in the running to continue in the competition to earn National Merit Scholarships this year. High school seniors who are semifinalists for the 2024 scholarships qualified after taking the 2022 PSAT as a junior.

Now, each semifinalist must submit a scholarship application to provide information about their academics, involvement and leadership to move onto the finalist round.

The LSR7 semifinalists for the 2024 National Merit scholarships include:

- Kaylei Stahl-Winch (LSHS)
- Thomas Berhe (LSN)
- Alex Grider (LSN)
- Leila Potocnik (LSN)
- Ricky Lyon (LSW)

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10.14.23 **RACE
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5k & Kids Fun Run

SIGN UP TODAY!

- 5k, Virtual and Kids Dash Options
- T-Shirt (With 5k Registration)
- Breakfast Refreshments Included
- Kid Zone Activities



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