



West Plains School District Board Update

September 17, 2019

Academic Update –

Dr. Williams introduced the new Parents as Teachers (PAT) coordinator, Becky Richardson. PAT is currently serving 25 families through the West Plains School District PAT program. Ms. Richardson's outreach allows her to work with teen-parents as well as other high-needs. Throughout the school year, she will host a series of open-to-the-public connections for all parents of children aged birth-kindergarten.

PLTW Showcase

On October 23, 2019, the West Plains School District will host a state Project Lead the Way (PLTW) showcase. Teachers and administrators from around the area/state are invited to attend. The showcase will begin with a breakfast and an introductory session by the Missouri PLTW Director at 7:30 AM, October 23, 2019 in the West Plains Elementary Library. The tour will include all components of PLTW, including LAUNCH (PK-5), GATEWAY (6-8), and Biomedical, Engineering, and computer science. The showcase will conclude in West Plains High School Library with a follow-up session on the topics of implementation, funding, and support.

MSBA Fall Conference

The board of education will attend the Missouri School Board Association conference this year on September 26th – September 29th. The conference is in cooperation with the Missouri Association of School Administrators and will focus on engaging, learning, and connecting.

MSBA Board Member Refresher Course

Missouri law requires all school board members to not only receive training the first year of service, but also one hour of "refresher" training for every subsequent year of board service. The training must include concepts covered in the initial training plus the prevention of sexual abuse of children. The "refresher" training must be provided by a statewide association organized for the benefit of members of boards of education or be approved by the state board of education. The board is determine dates to begin the course.

Homecoming, October 4th, 2019

The entire Zizzer community is invited to join in as West Plains celebrates homecoming on October 4th and 5th. This year's theme is "Torch the Vikings".

Community activities:

- Homecoming Parade - 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 4th, Downtown. To enter a float [click here](#). (*Floats must be registered to participate.*)
- Varsity Football Game and Crowning of the Homecoming Queen - 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 4th, Zizzer Stadium.
- 7th Annual Zizzer Homecoming Celebration - Saturday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. [Click Here](#) to purchase tickets. This event is hosted by the West Plains Education Foundation and is a true highlight of Homecoming weekend as community members, alumni, faculty, and friends gather to reminisce and celebrate. All proceeds from the event go back to support West Plains School District classrooms in the form of innovation grants.

2019 – 2020 Bus Route Approval

Each year, the state requires school boards to officially set and adopt bus routes and bus schedules for the current year. Dr. Boyer provided the school board with a list of recommended routes and schedules. The school board unanimously adopted all routes.

Hires:

Lavada Mann – West Plains Elementary Library Part Time Aid

Courtney Lester – South Central Career Center Finance

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m.
School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains High School, unless otherwise posted.