



WestWood Elementary & SAGE Academy

NEWSLETTER

September 2024



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WestWood staff have worked hard this past week to prepare for the school year ahead. We are so excited to connect with families on Tuesday or Wednesday at your child's Welcome and Assessment appointment and then welcome students on Thursday for the first day of school! The first days and weeks will be focused on settling in, establishing routines and procedures, building relationships, learning school and classroom expectations, as well as academic learning in all subject areas. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Lisa Manders



Have you completed your action items?

Welcome & Assessment Event

This year we will be hosting Welcome & Assessment Events for all K-5th grade students on September 3rd and 4th. Visit https://ptcfast.com/schools/WestWood_Elementary to sign up for a Welcome & Assessment meeting with your student's teacher. During this scheduled meeting time you will have the opportunity to meet your student's teacher, drop off school supplies and ask questions. Students will also be completing an assessment.

[Sign up for Welcome & Assessment Event Here](#)

Come-To-School & Go-Home Plan

To help plan for the start and end of our school day, please complete the [Come-To-School & Go-Home Plan](#). It is important that we receive a plan for each student. Please fill this form out as soon as possible as these plans will be used by the office and teachers to ensure students are getting to and from school safely.

[Complete your Come-To-School & Go-Home Plan Here](#)

Parental Release

Please complete the [Parental Release Form](#) for each student.

[Complete your Parental Release Form Here](#)

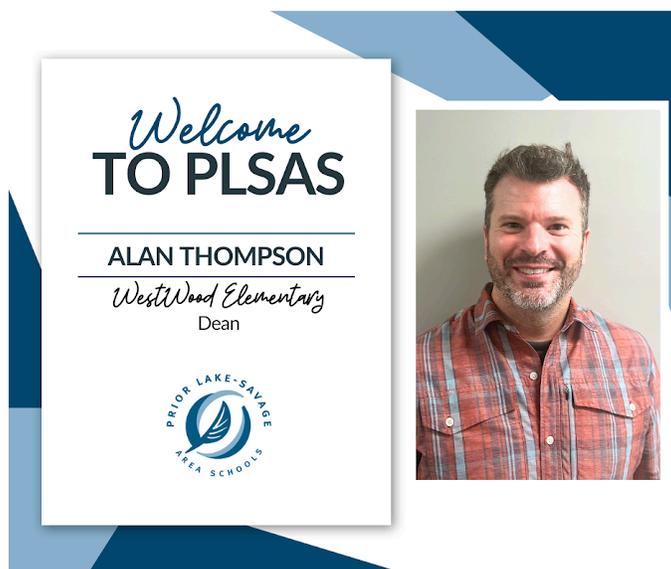
Information

First Day of School

Our first day of school is Thursday, September 5th. Visit our [District website to view the school year calendar](#). The [WestWood calendar is linked here](#) and will be updated throughout the year. Check back monthly to see what is happening in our school!

Meet Alan!

Join us in welcoming Alan Thompson to PLSAS and WestWood Elementary as our new Dean of Students. Alan comes to us from Hopkins Public Schools and has served in both teaching roles and a variety of district leadership roles and is a licensed administrator. We are thrilled to welcome Alan to the WW community. He looks forward to meeting you all!



Spirit Week!



Updated Policy - Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices

To enhance student learning and to support social-emotional health, a change has been made to PLSAS School Board Policy [525.1 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices](#).

At the elementary level, cell phones and other electronic devices, including smart watches and earbuds/air pods, should be turned off and put away throughout the school day. Ideally, electronic devices should be left at home.

This prohibition includes all areas of our schools such as hallways, lunchrooms, playgrounds and classrooms. Students will still have access to their school-issued iPad, which will provide the necessary tools for learning throughout the day. Parents can contact their child during the day through the main office at their child's school.

Students who choose to bring electronic devices assume the risk of damage, theft, or loss.

IF a student does not meet these expectations, what happens?

- First Offense:
 - Staff will have a conversation with the student about expectations and have them put their device away.
- Second Offense:
 - Electronic device(s) will be kept by the teacher or turned into the school office for the remainder of the day. The electronic device(s) are returned to the student at the end of the day. Principal or designee may contact the family about the incident.
- Repeat Offenses:
 - Electronic device(s) will be turned into the school office for the remainder of the day.
 - Parents will be asked to pick up the electronic device(s) and/or may be asked to meet with the school Principal or designee.

Please review these expectations with your child prior to the start of school.

Picture Day is September 24

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Tuesday, September 24, 2024
WestWood Elementary School



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photographed on
Picture Day



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Picture Day

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¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con nuestro Centro de Ayuda en lifetouch.com/support-us. Seleccione Fotografía Escolar K-12 para recibir asistencia.

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Technology Help

For help logging into any of our online systems contact our IT department by doing one of the following:

1. [Fill out an IT ticket.](#)
2. Email the helpdesk at ithelpdesk@plsas.org

3. Call IT at 952-226-0810

WestWood is Hiring!

We are currently looking for someone interested in the following job openings:

- Noon Supervisor (Job ID 5814)
- Child Nutrition Helper - Part Time (Job ID 6052)

[Learn more by visiting our employment page.](#)



WestWood PTC

Parents, Teachers, and Children Organization



Nautical Bowls Fundraiser: Visit the Savage Nautical Bowl location on Saturday Sept 7th from 9am-7pm and WestWood receives 10% back!

BACK to SCHOOL BASH

GRAB A FREE FREEZIE!
Meet up with new friends and old!

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 18
4:30PM TO 6:30PM

Join us on the

WestWood Playground

Eat dinner!

Food trucks
Dessert truck
Cotton candy

This is a family event.
Please do not drop off kids.

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