



WestWood Elementary & SAGE Academy

NEWSLETTER

December 2024



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Dear Families,

As part of our continued focus on fostering a positive and supportive learning environment, we are working with students to help them take ownership of their actions and become proactive problem-solvers. We believe that by teaching our students how to reflect on their behavior, make responsible choices, and resolve conflicts, we are setting them up for success both in school and in life.

Our goal is for each child to understand that their actions have consequences and that they are capable of solving problems in constructive ways. Through guided discussions, role-playing scenarios, and reflection, students are learning to:

- Acknowledge their mistakes and take responsibility for their behavior.
- Work together with peers and adults to find solutions to problems.
- Practice empathy and learn how their actions affect others.

We encourage you to support these efforts at home by reinforcing the importance of accountability and problem-solving with your child. When children are empowered to make thoughtful decisions and approach challenges with confidence, they build resilience and important life skills.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students grow into thoughtful, responsible individuals. If you have any questions or would like to discuss strategies for supporting your child's development, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Manders

Early Release and No School Days:

December 4 is an early release day. Students will be released 2 hours early.

December 23-January 1 are no school days for Winter Break. School will resume on Thursday, January 2nd.

Be sure to click the "District Calendar" link above to view all of the early release and no school days for the school year.

Retirement Congratulations -

Join us in congratulating our Health Aide, Robin Schmitz, on her retirement! Robin has been with the District as a Health Aide for 20 years and has worked at Edgewood, St. Mikes, Grainwood and WestWood. Robin's last day is on December 13th. We have been so lucky to have Robin here at WestWood, she will be missed!



 **Welcome to**
KINDERGARTEN
Class of 2038!

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSIONS

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT DECEMBER 2, 6:00 PM GLENDALE ELEMENTARY	SPANISH IMMERSION PARENT PANEL DECEMBER 5, 6:30 PM LA OLA DEL LAGO AT GRAINWOOD
Learn about our traditional kindergarten program and our La ola del lago at Grainwood Spanish Immersion option.	Hear from our current parents and staff to learn what a day-in-the-life of a Kindergarten Spanish Immersion student is like.

ONLINE ENROLLMENT BEGINS DECEMBER 12, 2024
www.plsas.org/enroll

Inclusive Schools Week: Dec. 2 - Dec. 6

We are excited to announce that our school will be celebrating **Inclusive Schools Week**, a special initiative in partnership with the **Special Olympics**. This week-long event, from December 2nd-6th, will highlight the importance of inclusion, kindness, and respect for all students, regardless of their abilities.

Inclusive Schools Week provides an opportunity to recognize and promote the power of inclusion within our school community. Throughout the week, students will engage in activities that celebrate diversity, build empathy, and foster teamwork.

We encourage you to talk with your child about the importance of being inclusive and supportive of one another, both in school and beyond. Together, we can help ensure that every student feels valued and celebrated for who they are.

As a part of this special week, students are invited to participate in the following dress-up days:

INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

@ WestWood
Elementary

WEEK OF
DEC. 2 - DEC. 6

MON

Super Me!

Wear a shirt representing
something you are super at!
"We all have super abilities"

Kindness Shirt

"Use your voice for kindness"

TUE

WED

Rainbow Day

Wear your grade's color:
K=Red, 1=Orange, 2=Yellow,
3=Green, 4=Blue, 5=Purple.
"Together we make a rainbow"

Mismatched Clothes or Socks

"It's cool to be different"

THU

FRI

Jersey or Shirt with a Number

Wear a jersey or a shirt with a
number on it
"We all count!"

WestWood Market

WestWood Market is open for business! WestWood Market is our student run school store run by 5th grade volunteers. Each month students will have the opportunity to shop either in person (2nd - 5th graders) or via an order form (kindergarten and 1st graders). Order form and online catalog will be emailed out to families the week of shopping. Check out the WestWood calendar linked above to see what dates the WestWood Market will be open!



Screening at WestWood

Vision and Hearing Screening will be conducted on Tuesday December 10th for all 1st and 4th graders. Please remind your child to bring their glasses on screening day. If you would like to opt out of screening, please call or email your child's health office.

Sub in our building - Work for Teachers on Call!

We are partnering with Teachers On Call, a Kelly Education Company to help staff substitute positions in our district. This is a fantastic chance for parents to engage with our schools, support our students, and contribute to their education in a meaningful way.

Why Become a Substitute Teacher?

Flexible scheduling

Opportunity to make a positive impact

Gain valuable experience in the education field

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a substitute teacher, please reach out Maranda Brown maranda.brown2@teachersoncall.com or you apply directly on their website <https://www.teachersoncall.com/talent/apply-now/>.

We encourage you to consider this rewarding opportunity to help shape the future of our students! Thank you for your continued support of our schools.



WestWood PTC

Parents, Teachers, and Children Organization

<https://linktr.ee/westwoodptc>



Restaurant Fundraisers: December 10 **Updated Date**

McHugh's Public House

4-9pm

20% of pretax sales will be donated to Westwood

Families need to mention the fundraiser or online add "WESTWOOD PTC" to the cart



GIVE BACK

WITH



MCHUGH'S FUNDRAISER FOR



WESTWOOD/SAGE PTC

20% OF EVENT SALES WILL BE DONATED TO
WESTWOOD/SAGE PTC



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH | 4-9PM
5745 EGAN DRIVE, SAVAGE, MN 55378



ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.MCHUGHSPUBLICHOUSE.COM
ADD 'WESTWOOD/SAGE PTC' TO YOUR ORDER
OR
DINE IN WITH THIS FLYER

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING WESTWOOD/SAGE PTC!

December 19

Panera Bread - Shakopee

4-8pm

30% of net sales will be donated to WestWood

Use the code FUND4U at panerabread.com, in the App or at the kiosk in-cafe.



We're raising dough!

WESTWOOD PTC

December 19, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
8062 Old Carriage Court, Shakopee, MN

30%
 OF NET SALES
 WILL BE
 DONATED*

Use code FUND4U at panerabread.com, in the Panera App,
 or at the kiosk in-cafe.

Online orders placed all day at your event cafe will count toward your total sales.

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your
 cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your
 organization gets a portion of the net sales.

**Panera
 FUNDRAISING**

*20% fundraiser: Up to 20% of net sales from your designated and registered fundraising event will be donated to your approved organization. Minimum sales of \$100 on the specified date, time and location required to receive 20% donation. 25% fundraiser: Up to 25% of net sales from your designated and registered fundraising event will be donated to your approved organization. Minimum sales of \$150 on the specified date, time and location required to receive 25% donation. General terms: Details on percentage of net sales to be donated and the minimum sales requirement will be provided during the event registration process. Fundraising events available only at participating US bakery-cafes. Fundraising event details and available dates and times for fundraising events will vary by bakery-cafe. Gift card purchases, catering orders, and orders placed on third party delivery sites are excluded and will not count towards the total net sales from your designated fundraising event. This offer will be void if flyer is distributed in or near the participating bakery-cafe on the night of the event. Fundraising events may be cancelled without notice due to abuse, error, fraud, computer error, electronic or technical malfunctions, or other unforeseen or unintended circumstances. Other restrictions may apply. For more information on how our fundraising events work, please visit: <https://fundraising.panerabread.com/faq>.
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