



WestWood Elementary & SAGE Academy

NEWSLETTER

March 2025



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

February was a busy month at WestWood! We enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with you at parent-teacher conferences. Thank you for your attendance and partnership. Our Read-a-thon was also a tremendous success as we have raised over \$25,000 for our school! Thank you to the PTC for planning such a fun month of Read-a-thon events and thank you to all of you who have financially supported this fundraiser!

Mrs. Manders

Information

Early Release and No School Days:

March 5 is an early release day. Students will be released 2 hours early.
March 28 - April 4 are no school days.

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

Spring Pictures and Kindergarten Graduation Pictures: March 13

All kindergarten students will be photographed on March 13th with a cap and gown for graduation pictures. Only students in K-5 that pre purchase spring pictures will be photographed for spring pictures.

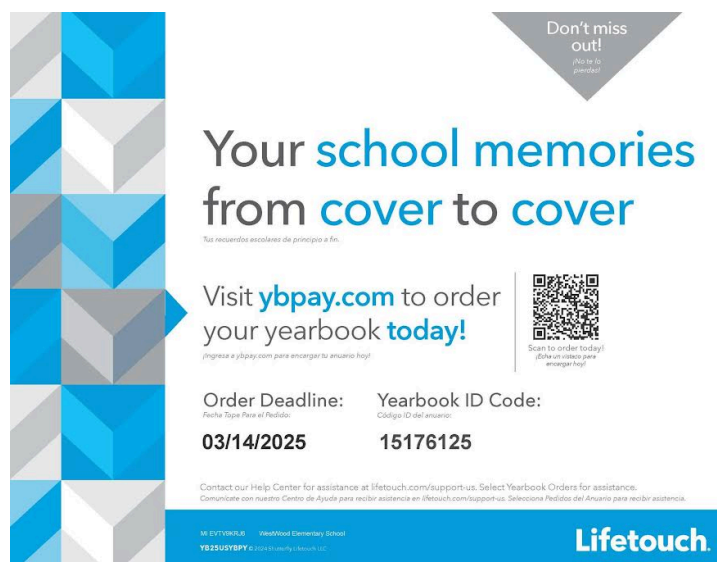
Visit mylifetouch.com for ordering information and use the following codes:

KINDERGARTEN Grad pictures: **EVTCCX6RG**K-5 SPRING pictures: **EVTT98PKC**

MCA Testing: Grades 3-5

[Click here to view information about MCA Testing](#)

Yearbook Ordering: Deadline March 14th



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(No te lo pierdas)

Your school memories
from cover to cover

Tus recuerdos escolares de principio a fin.

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Why Teamwork Matters at WestWood

March is Super Teamwork month! Teamwork is more than just working together—it's about learning to communicate, share ideas, and support one another to achieve common goals. These skills are essential for success in school and in life. By fostering a collaborative environment, students build confidence, empathy, and problem-solving abilities. Teamwork also teaches students how to value each other's strengths and work through challenges together. These lessons in cooperation prepare our students for future successes, both in and out of the classroom.

Success of Our Food Drive!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent food drive! Thanks to the generosity of our students, families, and staff, we were able to collect and donate to ROCK. Your kindness will help provide meals for many families in our community. We are proud of the spirit of giving that was shown, and we're grateful for the opportunity to make a positive impact together. Keep up the great work, WestWood—this is just the beginning of many more ways we can help others!

Student Placement Form

If you have any specific information about your child that you think would be helpful as we begin to make class placements for next school year, please let us know via a survey link that is available upon request. Please email Christine Blake or Mrs. Manders for the link. Student feedback via the survey is due by April 25th. As a reminder, parents may not request a specific teacher, but can communicate any specific needs about how your child learns best.

Parent/Caregiver Survey

PLSAS is committed to listening and responding to your experiences with our district to continuously improve our services to you. Our partners at Studer Education are providing an opportunity for you to provide feedback anonymously, at the link below.

Please take a few minutes to complete the **Parent/Caregiver Experience Survey** at this link:
[PLSAS – Spring 2024 Parent/Caregiver Experience Survey](#).

The survey will remain open until Friday, March 15.

Your feedback will be used to celebrate our successes and to create action plans for improvement. Your input is valuable; please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Thank you for your commitment to our success!

Large Events at WestWood

We love to invite families in for large events like music programs and graduations! It is fun to share students' learning and celebrate milestones. After some afternoon events, you may choose to sign your child out for the day. When there is a large event, the WestWood office will send a Google Form/survey ahead of time so you can indicate who from your family will be attending. This will help streamline the check-in process tremendously. There will also be a spot for you to indicate that you will be signing your child out after the event. We kindly ask that if at all possible, siblings follow their typical end of day plan. Siblings will also not be allowed to attend the event. We ask for your cooperation with our after event procedures in order to ensure safety and in order to make this process as smooth as possible for you and for our school staff. Please reach out directly to Mrs. Manders if you have any questions.

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:

Freddy's March 13th from 4-8.
Support WestWood by dining at Freddy's and we receive 15% back! See flyer for details.



FUNDRAISING WITH *Freddy's*

FREDDY'S IS PROUD TO CONTRIBUTE
15% of Event Sales!

IN-STORE

Show this flyer or say
"I'M HERE FOR THE FUNDRAISER"
at checkout

ONLINE OR MOBILE

Use Promo Code:
GIVEBACK

A FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING:

WESTOOD PTC

MARCH 18, 2025 | 4PM-8PM
14165 HWY 13 S, SAVAGE, MN 55378

Offer valid only on select items. Only non-profit organizations are eligible to participate in the Freddy's fundraising program. Freddy's will donate 15% of qualifying food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax gift cards, catering and delivery are excluded from the donation. Offer valid 4/1/25 to 3/31/26 at all participating restaurants. For more information about fundraising email fundraising@freddys.com ©2025, Freddy's, LLC

CANCELLED: WestWood Family Skateville Night

A collage of six photos of children and a larger photo of a classroom presentation. The children's photos are arranged in two rows of three. The top row shows three girls: one in a white hoodie, one in a blue and yellow costume with a 'WW PRIDE 2.7.25' sign, and one in a black Under Armour hoodie. The bottom row shows three more children: a girl in a blue Cookiecutter hoodie, a boy in a blue and white costume, and a girl in a pink hoodie. The larger photo on the right shows a classroom with a teacher and a man standing at the front, addressing a group of students. A screen displays a presentation about Stephen Shaskan.

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