



WestWood Elementary & SAGE Academy

## NEWSLETTER

May 2025

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Dear Families,

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership and support. This is always an exciting time filled with celebrations, milestones, and a strong sense of accomplishment. Let's keep encouraging our students to finish the year with focus, positivity, and WestWood Pride!

I also want to share an important staffing update. Our beloved Lead Administrative Assistant, Christine Blake, will be leaving WestWood at the end of this school year. While we are sad to see her go, we are incredibly grateful for her years of service and wish her the very best in her next chapter.

We have officially opened the position and are seeking a dedicated, detail-oriented, and welcoming individual to join our team. If you or someone you know would be a great fit, please check out the job posting on our district website or reach out to me for more information.

Thank you again for being part of our amazing school community.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Manders

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## Information

### Early Release and No School Days:

May 26 is a no school day.

May 7 is an early release day. Students will be released 2 hours early.

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

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## Family Fun Night - May 15, 5-7pm



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## Incoming Kindergarten Open House – May 13, 2025

You're invited to attend a Kindergarten Open House at your child's school on Tuesday, May 13! This is a great opportunity for incoming kindergarten students to ride a school bus, tour their new school, and begin getting excited for the year ahead.

### Open House Schedule:

Five Hawks & Redtail Ridge: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Glendale, Hamilton Ridge, Jeffers Pond, La ola del lago at Grainwood & WestWood: 4:30–5:30 p.m.

### Kindergarten Enrollment

If you haven't enrolled your child yet for kindergarten, now's the time!

[Enroll online here](#)

If your child will not be attending kindergarten for the 2025–26 school year, please let us know by contacting Rikki Lambert at [rlambert@plsas.org](mailto:rlambert@plsas.org).

Be sure to check out our [Preparing for Kindergarten](#) flyer—it's full of ideas to help prepare your child for kindergarten.

## Coming Up...

Great Start to Kindergarten

July 28 – August 8, 2025

During this time, your child will meet with our teachers and other students. The session will take about 30 minutes and will help us place your child in the classroom that best supports their learning needs. Specific dates and information will come from your child's school.

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## May: The Month of Super Endings

As we near the conclusion of the academic year, it is important that our students remain engaged and focused. The final weeks of school offer a meaningful opportunity to reinforce essential skills, reflect on personal growth, and bring closure to the year's learning experiences. Finishing the year with intention and effort not only supports academic progress but also contributes to students' holistic development—nurturing their confidence, resilience, and sense of responsibility. We appreciate your continued partnership in encouraging students to end the school year with purpose, pride, and a strong foundation for future success.

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## Address or Family Changes

If you are moving or have any family status changes, please keep the WestWood Office informed. You may call and leave a message on our main number 952-226-0400, or email: [lmanders@plsas.org](mailto:lmanders@plsas.org) This information will help as we create our class lists for next year and ensure that we have current mailing information.

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**HONOR A TEACHER OR  
STAFF MEMBER THIS  
SPRING!**

WHAT'S THE ULTIMATE WAY TO SHOUT "THANK YOU" TO  
THAT AMAZING PERSON (OR PEOPLE) IN YOUR STUDENT'S  
LIFE? TREAT THEM TO A FANCY COFFEE OR A LUNCH/DINNER!

FOR EVERY \$30 TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO THE LAKER  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, YOUR FAVORITE STAFF  
MEMBER(S) WILL SCORE A PERSONALIZED SHOUT-OUT AND A  
\$25 GIFT CARD TO A LOCAL HOTSPOT!  
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YOUR CHOSEN STAFF MEMBER WILL SNAG THAT  
PERSONALIZED GREETING AND A FABULOUS \$50 GIFT CARD!

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UNDER THE "DONATE" TAB ON THE HOME PAGE  
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**DEADLINE IS MAY 28, 2025  
AT MIDNIGHT!**

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PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING A LIST OF FUNDED GRANTS, ACCESS OUR WEBSITE:  
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## Come sub at WestWood - 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

Be a part of our amazing team

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a substitute teacher, please reach out Maranda Brown [maranda.brown2@teachersoncall.com](mailto: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.

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### WestWood PTC

Parents, Teachers, and Children Organization

<https://linktr.ee/westwoodptc>



## Restaurant Fundraisers:

May 7, 5-8: Davanni's

Get dinner and support young learners!

Davanni's  
14125 State Hwy 13  
Savage, MN 55378

**FUNDRAISER FOR WESTWOOD PTC**  
Wednesday, May 7  
5-8pm

**20%**  
OF NET SALES  
DONATED. MUST  
MENTION THE  
FUNDRAISER.

**DAVANNI'S**



