

WILDCAT GAZETTE



PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING...

Welcome to the first edition of our Gazette for the 2026-2027 school year! This publication will be sent out monthly in an effort to keep everyone informed and on the same page. We will share important information about upcoming events, updates, as well as districtwide information.

The first two weeks of school have been positive and productive. It was amazing to see our students eager to practice new routines, practice procedures, and then get right to work! Academic work is in full swing and students are settling into their new classrooms. We look forward to seeing families at the PTA Back to School Picnic on Friday, September 11th 6:00pm-8:00pm. Be on the lookout for a PTA Picnic flyer coming home.

Sincerely,
Dr. Stevenson

Meet our Principal, Dr. Stevenson

I am honored to be leading Westview as Principal! I launched my professional journey within LSR7, and I am ecstatic to return after three successful years as a building leader in the Raytown School District. I am eager to connect with you all and look forward to collaborating with families. Please introduce yourself to me! Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband, two-year old son Sam, and dog, Sophie. We love to go on family walks and play at the many great parks in Lee's Summit. My husband and I are both Mizzou graduates. We love to cheer on our Tigers! We also enjoy supporting all local KC sports – Go Chiefs, Royals, Sporting KC, and KC Current!



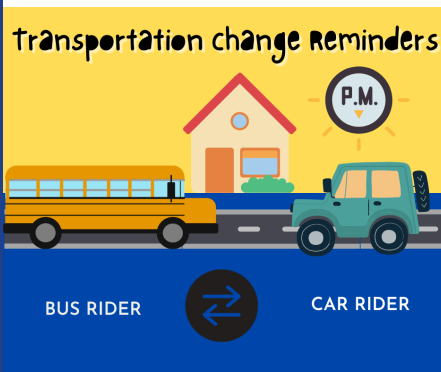
Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

Thank you for making the Westview drop off and pick up go smoothly and safely by following the daily traffic pattern. We appreciate your patience and concern for student safety as we get students in and out of the building. In the morning, we will begin unloading cars and buses at 8:55 AM (Mondays-Thursdays) and 9:55 am on late start Fridays. Please pull all the way to the end of the line and wait for a staff member to give permission to exit the vehicle. Car riders will be dismissed at 4:10 PM from the main entrance of WVE. Please review our car rider procedures:

- All cars in the car rider line MUST have a sign hanging with the child(ren)'s last name(s), first name(s), and grade(s).
- We will load and release six cars at a time. After loading your child(ren), please wait for the adult at the front of the line to wave you on before putting your car in drive. This is to ensure the safety of our students and staff.
- Please pull all the way up to the car in front of you. Do not stop when you see your child, but rather when you get to the car in front of you.
- Stay in your vehicle. Staff will be available to help your child in the car. If you need to assist in buckling your child, please pull around to the south side of the parking lot and pull into a parking spot.
- **If you do not have a sign in your car, we will ask you to go into the office and show your ID before releasing your child.** Again, this is for the safety of all our students.
- **You may only make a right turn when leaving the pick up line.**

Walkers and Bike Riders: It is important for students to use the crosswalk on Ward Road when walking or riding their bikes to school. Walkers and bike riders will enter the building by the front doors near the gym with bike racks available for students to secure their bicycles. All unaccompanied students will be sent east on Woodbine Ave, at dismissal.

Our district transportation department has supplied the updated **2026-2027 Bus Expectations** for students and parents and may be viewed by [clicking here](#). If your student(s) ride the bus for any portion of their school day (morning or afternoon), please go over this important safety information with them. For bus issues or concerns, please call 816.986.4Bus.



Changes in Student Transportation Home

If there is a change in your student's normal dismissal from school, please notify the office by sending a note with your child that morning, email, or by calling the office directly. If emailing the office, make sure to include the classroom teacher, both office secretaries*, and YClub (if the student attends YClub). This will ensure all the necessary WVE staff are aware of the changes in the afternoon transportation for your student(s). If changes arise during the day, please call the office at **816-986-1350** and notify the office **before 3:30 pm**. As a reminder, if students are dismissing with a friend, we require a note or phone call from **both** sets of parents giving permission for this transportation change. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to assure all of our students arrive home safely.

* Administrative Secretary: rachel.aulgur@lsr7.net

* Enrollment Secretary: patti.ray@lsr7.net

Reporting a Student Absence

Please notify the Westview office when your child will not be in attendance. You are able to report your child's absence **24 hours a day by calling 816-986-1353**, leave your name, the child's name, teacher, grade, and reason for absence. You are also welcome to call the main office at 816-986-1350 during office hours. **Office hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.**



Arriving Late to School or Early Pick up

When students arrive after the bell has rung, please bring your student to the southside doors (car rider drop off and pick up side), ring our buzzer on the right side of the door, and the office will answer. The adult dropping off the student(s) will check in the student to ensure the student arrives safely inside. The office will get the student off to class. The same procedure will be followed when picking up a student early from school. The adult picking up the student will come to the same doors, ring the buzzer, announce that they are here to pick up a student (give student name), reason for pick up and their name. **Please have your identification ready at the door to verify who is picking up the student.**



Title IA Meeting followed by PTA Meeting

On **Tuesday, September 8th** we will have our Annual Title IA Parent Informational beginning of the year meeting at 6:00 pm, in the Westview Library, with our PTA meeting immediately following after. Thank you to our WVE PTA for all of their support and the continued help they provide to our students, families and staff. We look forward to the many great activities and information from PTA this year.

Annual Parent Title IA Information



The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires certain notifications to parents/guardians when school districts receive federal funds. School districts must annually disseminate Federal Programs Complaint resolution Procedures and the Parent Involvement Policy to parents/guardians of students and appropriate private school officials or representatives. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Complaint Procedures and the Parent Involvement Policy may be found by visiting our school's website and reviewing our Title IA Information under Programs. You may also click on the link below to be taken directly there.

2026-27 School Year Annual Letter:
Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our district is required to inform you of information that you, according to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-95), have the right to know.

Upon your request, our district is required to provide to you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.

- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request, a building receiving Title I.A funds must provide to each individual parent:

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under Title I.A.
- Information regarding any State or LEA policy regarding student participation in any assessments required under ESEA section 111(b)(2) and by State or LEA, including a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.
- Timely notice that your student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Title IA building with any questions.

Lee's Summit Elementary - 816-986-3340

Meadow Lane Elementary - 816-986-3250

Underwood Elementary - 816-986-3280

Westview Elementary - 816-986-1350

Thank you,
Lee's Summit R-7 School District

2026-2027 Title IA Parents' Right to Know letter

Every Student Succeeds Act

Westview Parent Involvement Policy



Message from Ms. Auer, Westview School Counselor

Some important things to note:

If your child needs school supplies and/or a backpack please reach out and let me know and we will get them what they need. Ms. Auer's email address is erica.auer@lsr7.net.

A reminder to fill out the free and reduced meals paperwork to see if you qualify for meal assistance. The application link is below in the Nutrition Services information section. If you need any help with the paperwork or have any questions don't hesitate to reach out.

Ms. Auer's Welcome Letter



NO SCHOOL

September 7th- Labor Day
(holiday)



Late Start Fridays

Again this year, late start days will be on **all Fridays**. Every Friday, that school is in session, will be a late start. Classes will begin one hour later at 10:10 am. Buses run on a one hour late schedule. Our dismissal time of 4:10 pm remains the same.



PTA Meeting

September 8th - Monthly PTA Meeting - 6:00 pm, in Westview Library. PTA meets the second Tuesday of each month.



Additional Race Information

Join us for the 30th Annual Race for the Future **5K Run/Walk and Kids Dash** to benefit the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation. Run or walk a 5K course on **Saturday, October 10. Arrival and day of registration will be from 7:30-8:00 am, 5k starts at 8:00 am** beginning at the Lee's Summit West Activity Complex (2600 SW Ward Road, Lee's Summit, MO).

Sign up by September 27 to receive a t-shirt on race day! Packet pick-up will be at Athletico Physical Therapy. Dates and times of pick up are October 9th (4:00-6:00 pm) and October 10th (11:00 am-2:00 pm). You may also pick up your packet the morning of the race at the Lee's Summit West High School Activity Complex. Course map will be coming soon!

Can't make it, or would rather sleep in? You can still participate as a **Dream Partner / Virtual Participant**! Dream Partners will receive a shirt, and can snooze while our runners and walkers cruise! Join us as a Virtual Participant and run or walk from any location you choose! You can run, jog, or walk on the road, trail, treadmill, track, your neighborhood - anywhere! With your registration, you'll receive a t-shirt. Registrations must be received by September 27 to receive a t-shirt..

Kids Dash for children up to 6th grade begins on the track at the conclusion of the 5K Run/Walk (typically between 8:45 and 9:00 am). Children will run in groups with like-age kids. The oldest children will run approximately 200 meters (half lap). The youngest children will run approximately 50 meters. 5k registration is not included with a Kids Dash registration. Please sign up for the 5K **and** the Kids Dash if you'd like to participate in both events. Choose the Kids Dash with t-shirt option if you want a t-shirt. Registrations must be received by September 27 to receive a t-shirt. An event brochure was sent home with each student this week.

This event was originally established to honor the memory of former LSR7 student, Carrie Foresee. You may contribute to Carrie's scholarship fund through LSEF by clicking [here](#). Select the one-time donation option, and then choose Carrie Foresee Memorial Scholarship from the Donation Designation drop-down menu.

Emergency Drill Practice

Periodically, throughout the school year your student may come home talking about having an emergency drill as they share their day with you. During the first few days of school our classroom teachers practiced our emergency drills with students. We held a school-wide fire drill on September 1st, a school-wide tornado drill on September 2nd, and a school-wide lockdown drill on September 3rd. We conduct a fire,

tornado, or lockdown drill on a monthly basis, so please do not be alarmed if your student talks about a drill that happened at school that day. If there is an incident at school where emergency procedures are initiated and not in a drill format, information will be sent to parents via our automated "SchoolMessenger" calling system or information through a letter to parents. Our goal is to keep the lines of communication open and parents aware of school day events.



Chromebook Questions or Issues??

Here are some tips and procedures if your student's Chromebook is not working:

- Charge and power on the device. If your Chromebook will not charge/power on, please follow these instructions: [Charging your Chromebook](#)
- If you still can not power on your Chromebook OR if there is something else wrong (broken screen, charger broken, etc.) please [go to this link](#) where you can see troubleshooting tips and submit a help desk ticket if needed. When submitting a ticket, be sure to log in using the student's login and password.
- If you are unable to submit a help desk ticket, please have your student bring it to school and drop off at our library. You may also drop your student's Chromebook and charger off at school in the office.

Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)

Every Spring our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders take the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-level Assessments to evaluate student's progress toward Missouri Learning Standards. Each test produces an Individual Student Report (ISR) that includes Achievement Level and a short description of the knowledge and skill that are typically demonstrated by students in each achievement level. Westview Elementary plans to distribute ISR reports on **September 10th for our current 4th and 5th grade students.**

Nutrition Services Information

For our returning families, we are still utilizing the "My School Bucks" program for our LSR7 student breakfast/lunch accounts. For our new families to our district, you will need to set up an account on the "My School Bucks" program. This program allows you to make electronic payments towards any LSR7 student cafeteria account. Our cafeteria will accept cash and checks for student accounts, just be sure to enclose the payment in an envelope, with the student's name, amount, and lunch number. Click below for more information about the "My School Bucks" program.

Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to complete the free and reduced meals application online. (if a paper copy is needed, please contact



[Click here for more information about the "My School Bucks" program.](#)

the Westview front office and one will be sent home with your student) This can be completed on a computer, tablet, chromebook, or cell phone. **Only one application per household is needed.** The application is available [at this link](#).

Parents/guardians will be responsible for any breakfast and lunch charges incurred prior to being notified of the results of the application. If you have any questions, contact Dana Long at the Nutrition Office 816-986-2204 or dana.long@lsr7.net.

Nutrition Services does not provide paper copies of the monthly menus to students. You may find the monthly breakfast and lunch menus on our LSR7 Nutrition webpage by [clicking here](#).



[School Website](#)

September 2026

Important Dates:

9/4: Late Start Friday

9/6: National Read a Book Day (*Reading Specialists & Interventionists Appreciation Day*)

9/7: NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY!

9/8: Annual Title IA Meeting 6:00 pm, followed by PTA meeting in Library

9/10: MAP 2025-26 Test Scores sent home

9/11: Late Start Friday; 5th Grade Strings; PTA Back to School Picnic 6:00-8:00 pm

9/14-9/18: National Art in Education Week

9/15-9/30: PTA Butter Braids & Cookie Dough fundraiser sales

9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month

9/17: Constitution Day & Citizenship Day

9/18: Late Start Friday

9/22: PTA Skate Night at Rink Ratz, 6:00-8:00 pm

9/23: 5th Grade field trip

9/25: Late Start Friday; 5th Grade Strings

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PTA NEWS

[PTA September Newsletter](#)

[Welcome Letter](#)

[Westview PTA Calendar of Events](#)

[2026-2027 PTA Membership Information & Sign Up for Texts Website](#)



PTA Back-to-School Family Picnic

Join us and our Westview PTA on Friday, September 11th, from 6:00-8:00 pm for a Back-to-School family picnic. Come celebrate the start of the 2026-2027 school year with friends and family! Make sure to watch for additional detailed information coming home with your student soon about the picnic.



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