

# WILDCAT GAZETTE



## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING...

Welcome to October! The leaves are changing, our hallways are buzzing, and one of my favorite months of the school year is officially underway.

This month's newsletter is packed with information about all the exciting events ahead. We're looking forward to our **Fall Festival**, the always-entertaining **Fall Grade Level Parties**, our delicious **PTA Sponsored Culver's Night fundraiser**, and of course, **Parent-Teacher Conferences** — a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate the growth your children have already made this fall.

I encourage you to read through this newsletter carefully, mark your calendars, and reach out with any questions. These events are made possible by our amazing staff, families, PTA, and community partners, and we'd love to see you there.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Here's to a fantastic October at Westview!

Dr. Stevenson  
Principal



## Picture Day

Picture Day and ordering information

**Picture day is Tuesday, October 6th.** If you wish to prepay prior to picture day, select the link (web address) below. Paper ordering forms and information were sent home with all students through their classroom teachers earlier this week. Order forms will need to be returned with payment enclosed, if orders are not made online. Online ordering is available through picture day. Orders that are shipped to the home will have a small fee. Picture orders that are shipped to the school are free. Any questions in regards to ordering, please contact Pearce Photo directly at 816.331.8586 or by email at [info@pearcephoto.com](mailto:info@pearcephoto.com).

**PREPAY URL FOR PICTURE DAY**

**Picture Day Ordering Flyer**

**English Flyer**

**Picture Day Ordering Flyer**

**Spanish Flyer**

***Electronic Communication Reminders***

Make sure you don't miss important information district and school updates by checking the following:

- **Email** - check your spam folder for messages from LSR7 and mark them as "Safe" or "Not Spam"
- **Text Alerts** -if you believe you're not receiving text alerts or you previously opted out, text Y to 67587 from your cell phone listed in your student's enrollment to opt back in



***News from the Westview Health Room***

HealtheKids is returning to Westview this year on October 13th! It is a free vision, hearing, and health screening available to all students. The sign up process has changed this year from a physical paper form to online registration. Please take the time to visit the website if you would like your child to participate. Sign up takes less than five minutes!

Sign up here - [HealtheKids Screenings](#)

Feel free to call or email the nurse if you have any questions.

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## Parent Teacher Conference Appointments

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st, and Thursday, October 22nd. Appointments will be available from 8:20 AM to 7:40 PM. These conferences will be held in person on both days, allowing parents to choose the day and time that best fits their family's schedule.

Parents will receive an email via SchoolMessenger from Rachel Aulgur, which will include a link to sign up electronically for conference appointments through PowerSchool/eScheduler. We encourage parents to register early, as appointments are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Each student will only have one appointment time available to be scheduled. You can begin signing up for conferences on Friday, October 2nd. If you encounter any difficulties with the sign-up process or technology issues, please reach out to the Westview office for assistance in scheduling your conference.

We look forward to engaging in meaningful discussions with you during the conferences, as they play a vital role in supporting each student's academic progress. Please note that the first quarter ends on October 9th, and report cards will be distributed electronically on October 19th. We highly encourage parents to attend the conferences when possible. Additionally, there will be no classes for Lee's Summit R-7 students from October 21st to 23rd.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring a successful academic year for your child!

### Instructions for Signing up for Conferences

#### PowerSchool Link



## Celebrating Red Ribbon Week - October 26- October 30

Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. Red Ribbon Week® (October 26-30), the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started. This year's theme is Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free.™ Visit [www.redribbon.org](http://www.redribbon.org) to learn more about Red Ribbon Week® and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend. Join us in celebrating Red Ribbon Week with our spirit days (listed below). Please share this information with your student(s).

#### Red Ribbon Spirit Week Flyer



### ***PACK Time on Fridays***

All Westview Students will participate in "PACK TIME" on the first Friday of each month. **PACK Time** brings together a small group of about 13 students from mixed grade levels who stay together throughout their years at Westview Elementary — building a school family that grows with your child. Each gathering centers on our PACK values: Purpose, Appreciation, Connection, and Kindness. PACKs typically meet on the first Friday of each month at 3:20 pm. On PACK days, please send your child to school wearing their PTA-provided Wildcat Country t-shirt if they would like, shown above.



### ***NO SCHOOL***

October 16  
October 21-23



### ***Late Start 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***

October 13th - Monthly PTA Meeting - 6:00 pm, in Westview Library



**2026 Race Registration  
Flyer**

**Additional Race  
Information**

Help represent Westview this year at the annual Race for the Future! We would love to see a record breaking turn-out. If you are unable to attend in person you can support as a dream partner. The 5K and Kids Dash will take place **Saturday, October 10th at 8:00 AM at Lee's Summit West High School.**

Race packets may be picked up at Stansberry Leadership Center (located at 301 NE Tudor, LSMO 64086) on October 8th between 3:00-5:30 pm and October 9th between 9:00 am-noon. On race day, at LSW from 7:00-7:45 am.

We would love to see our Westview community out supporting our runners as well as the Lee's Summit Education Foundation. Go Wildcats and thank you for your support!

**Major Saver Fundraiser is Coming!**

We are looking forward to our annual Major Saver campaign, which benefits the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation and our school! Major Saver went digital! This change took place last year. This year the Major Saver campaign will run from October 26- November 11. Major Saver information will be sent home with students closer to the kickoff date. No more collecting money and the same amazing deals will now be on your phone. Students will still be awarded prizes.



[School Website](#)

## October 2026

### Important Dates:

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

**10/1-10/31** - Gifted Education Month

**10/2 - Late Start Friday; National Custodial Workers Appreciation Day;** Sign-ups for Parent Teacher Conferences open (*through Powerschool*)

**10/5** - Run Club (4th & 5th Grades) 4:10-5:00 pm

**10/6** - Fall Student Picture Day

**10/7** - Art Club (5th Grade) 7:55-8:55 am; PTA Culver's Night located on Douglas, 5:00-8:00 pm

**10/8** - Wildcat Choir rehearsal 4:10-5:00 pm

**10/9 - Late Start Friday;** End of First Quarter; 5th grade strings 1:20 pm

**10/10** - Race for the Future at LSW at 8:00 am

**10/12-10/16** - **National School Lunch Week**

**10/12** - Run Club (4th & 5th Grades) 4:10-5:00 pm

**10/13** - Student Council 8:00 am (4th & 5th Grade); Healthe Kids Screenings; Nutrition Council Meeting at Paradise Park 4:15 pm; PTA Butter Braids and Cookie Dough Fundraiser Product pick up (*details below from PTA*); PTA Meeting in Library 6:00 pm

**10/14** - Art Club (5th Grade) 7:55-8:55 am

**10/15** - Wildcat Choir (4th & 5th Grade) 4:10-5:00 pm; PTA Fall Festival 5:30-7:00 pm

**10/16** - **Non-Attendance Day for Students**

**10/19-10/23** - **National School Bus Safety Week**

**10/20** - Progress reports sent electronically; Art Club (5th Grade) 7:55-8:55 am; 5th Grade Birdhouse Building

**10/21** - **Non- Attendance day for students;** Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 am-8:00 pm

**10/22** - **Non-Attendance day for students;** Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 am-8:00 pm; "Lights on After School" (*Y Club appreciation day*)

**10/23** - **NO SCHOOL - (for staff and students)**

**10/26-10/30** - Red Ribbon Week (*see above for spirit week flyer*)

**10/26-11/9** - PTA KC Swagger shirt sales

**10/27** - **World Occupational Therapy Day;** Student Council 8:00 am (4th & 5th Grade)

**10/28** - Art Club (5th Grade) 7:55-8:55 am

**10/29** - Special Programs Field Trip 10:30 am-1:30 pm; Wildcat Choir (4th & 5th Grade) 4:10-5:00 pm

**10/30** - **Late Start Friday; Happy Halloween!** Fall Parties (*during Specials - schedule below*)

[LSR7 District Information and News - Click Here](#)

# PTA NEWS

## PTA Calendar of Events



### Westview PTA Presents Culver's Night

Please join our Westview PTA on Wednesday, October 7th, from 5:00-8:00 pm at Culver's location at 1701 NE Douglas Street, Lee's Summit, 64086. Come and enjoy dinner and get to know some of the many wonderful families from Westview and our PTA. PTA will need student/parent volunteers to sign up for 30 minute shifts to help out. Please [sign up here](#). All are welcome! \*\*10% of the sales will benefit Westview PTA!!!!

[Scoopie Night Flyer Information](#)


### PTA Butter Braid & Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick Up

Mark your calendars for the delivery day of the Butter Braid and Cookie Dough fundraiser - it will be Tuesday, October 13th. Pick up time will be from 5:00-6:00 pm in the front bus circle drive at Westview. Any general questions regarding this PTA fundraiser, please contact the Westview PTA directly at [westviewpta.ls@gmail.com](mailto:westviewpta.ls@gmail.com).



As a reminder, other children (not currently enrolled and attending Westview) are not allowed to attend with volunteers during the scheduled Fall Parties for Westview students. All volunteers must be over 18 years of age.

### Fall Grade Party Schedule

***Friday, October 30th***

**10:35-11:05 - 5th grade**

**11:05-11:35 - 4th grade**

**12:45-1:15 - Kindergarten**

**1:15-1:45 - 1st Grade**

**2:10-2:40 - 2nd Grade**

**2:40-3:10 - 3rd Grade**

**Fall party volunteer sign ups will be sent soon in a stand alone email.**



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