



GO HAWKS!

Prairie Central CUSD #8

Westview Elementary School

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Fairbury, IL 61739

815-692-2623

August 2011

Dear Westview Families,

Welcome to a new year at Westview School! We are very excited to welcome back our returning students and to welcome those students who are new to Westview. This year, we expect a bumper-crop kindergarten students! We have not had a class this large in quite a few years and we are very excited about all of these new learners!

Along with our new students, we would also like to welcome 4 new teachers! We have **Mr. Brandon Burke** in 4th grade. He replaces Mrs. Wahls who retired at the end of last year. We also welcome 1st grade teacher, **Miss Kiersten Lovan**. She is taking over for Miss Keeley. **Ms. Danielle Underwood** joins us as the 1/2 day kindergarten and PreK 3 teacher. She is taking over for Mrs. Bounds who is moving across the hall to a full day kindergarten class, taking the place of Mrs. Barsema who retired last year. We also welcome **Miss Hana McCubbins**. She will teach a 4th full day section of kindergarten!

As the new year begins, please remember to read the newsletter. It is a similar format each month, but the information changes. If you lose your newsletter, you can also find a copy posted to our website: www.prairiecentral.org/westview

Welcome to Westview! Go Hawks!

Trish Boyd
Principal

DATE	ACTIVITY
Wed. Aug 3	Registration 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Thurs. Aug 4	Registration 7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Fri. Aug 5	Make up day for registration 8:00 – 3:30
Tues. Aug 23	Prairie Central Preschool Screening Call 815-657-8461 for an appt.
Tues. Aug 23	First Day K – 4, dismiss @ 1:08
Wed. Aug 24	First Day ECSE and PreK
Aug 24 – Sept 2	School dismisses @ 2:08
Thurs. Sept 1	Market Day Orders Due
Thurs. Sept 1	PTO Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Fri. Sept 2	Flower Show in the Learning Center
Mon. Sept 5	No School – Labor Day
Tues. Sept 6	Begin regular dismissal schedule @ 3:08
Tues. Sept. 6	Market Day Delivery

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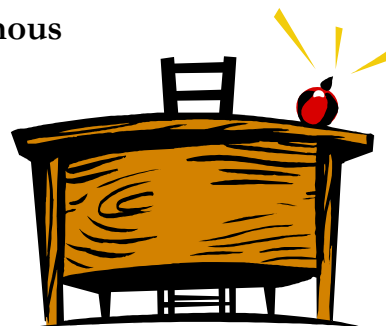
...care more than others think is wise;

...risk more than others think is safe;

...dream more than others think is practical;

...expect more than others think is possible.”

~ Anonymous



If your child arrives late to school, you must sign your child in at the office.
Students are not permitted to sign themselves in/out of school.

A Day in the Life of Westview...

7:15 am – The first bus arrives – morning supervision begins in the gym.
At this time, parents may choose to drop off students.
Students report to different areas of the building based upon grade level:

ECSE, PreK, and Kindergarten = Art Room
1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders = Gym
4th graders = Library

Students in 1st – 4th grade are expected to bring a book for silent reading during morning supervision. Younger students have games, songs and learning activities to keep them busy.

7:25 – 7:50 am – Breakfast is served. Students who arrive by bus are served breakfast as they arrive. Students who arrive by car must arrive by 7:45 am to eat breakfast.

7:55 am – First Bell - Students are dismissed from the gym, art room, and library to their classrooms.

8:00 am – **Instruction begins in the classroom.**

8:08 am – Second Bell - Morning announcements are read. Any student not in the classroom at this time is marked tardy.

Lunch times:

11:15 – 1st grade
11:30 – 3rd grade

11:45 – 2nd grade
12:00 – 4th grade
12:15 – Kindergarten

3:08 pm – Dismissal. Busses load, car lane dismissal begins.

3:12 pm – Busses leave.

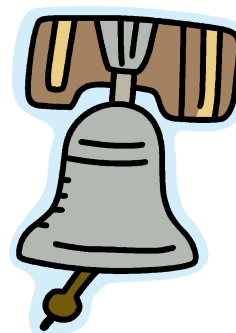
3:15 pm – Students who walk/bike home are released when the car line is gone.

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## **Bell Schedule for Westview School**

7:55 – Students go to classrooms  
8:00 – Instruction BEGINS  
8:08 – Students are late  
3:08 – End of day dismissal

At 8:08, students who are NOT in the classroom are late and are marked tardy.  
Please help your child to be on time for school!



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Breakfast and Lunch Fees for 2011-2012

Breakfast	\$1.65
Student Lunch	\$2.20
Adult Lunch	\$3.70
Milk	\$0.40
Peanut Butter Sandwich	\$0.75

Milk for ECSE, Prekindergarten,
And 1/2 day kindergarten:
\$36.00 per semester or
\$72.00 for the year.



Please add money to your child's lunch account at the beginning of the school year and any time there is a negative balance. Any money left at the end of the year will automatically roll over to the next year or you can request a refund of the balance.

ALL eligible families are encouraged to apply for the Free and Reduced meal program. Eligibility is based upon family size AND income.

This program reimburses the school district for the cost of each meal. You may apply at any time during the school year. Once you qualify, eligibility lasts the entire school year.

Adult lunches are \$3.70. If you would like to join your student for lunch, please call the office before 9:00 am so that we can add you to the meal count.

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### Meal Pay Plus

A convenient way to keep track and pay for your child's lunch is through:  
[www.MealpayPlus.com](http://www.MealpayPlus.com)

There is no cost for this service. You can check your child's lunch account on line, monitor lunchroom purchases and receive e-mail notices when your account is low.

For an additional fee, you can make payments to your student's account and/or set up an auto-pay.

You will need your student's ID number to register. Please contact the school office at 815-692-2623 to request this number.

**PTO Meetings for 2011-2012  
Will be held the first Thursday  
of each month:**



September 1, 2010  
October 6, 2010  
November 3, 2010  
February 2, 2011  
March 1, 2011  
April 5, 2011

**Child care is provided!**

\*There are no meetings scheduled for  
December and January.

**Congratulations to our PTO Officers for  
2011-2012**

Becky Marten - Co-President  
Rachel Vercler – Co-President  
Jennifer Schultz – Vice President  
– Secretary  
Jayne Trowitch – Treasurer

**Market Day**

Anyone can order so tell your  
neighbors and friends!

**NEXT Order PICK UP Day:**

**Sept. 6, 4:30 – 5:15 PM**

**Orders for this delivery are due:**

**Sept. 1**

**Future Delivery dates:**

**September 29 2010**

**October 27, 2010**

**November 22, 2010**

**January 5, 2011**

**February 2, 2011**

**March 1, 2011**

**March 29, 2011**

**May 3, 2011**

Market Day is a fundraiser sponsored by our PTO.

Order forms are available in the school office or  
you can order on-line at: [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)  
Please use the school account # 9851.

Proceeds from Market Day are used to enhance the  
learning environment of our school. This includes  
sponsoring field trips and assemblies.

**Thank You from Westview PTO!!!**

In 2010-2011, we raised \$2290 from Market Day Sales.  
This brings our life-time total for Market Day fundraising to \$28,543!

Money from Market Day sales are used to enhance the learning environment for students.  
Past projects include the purchase of Smartboards and playground equipment.

For 2011-2012, we will begin a Teacher Wish List program so that teachers can suggest items  
that will enhance student learning.

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Don't forget to read your Student Handbook!

There are a few changes and some good reminders...



Transportation Changes: All transportation changes must be made by 2:00 pm by calling Pam Weeks at 815-692-2623 and/or Lora Freeland at 815-692-2623.

Classroom Treats: Due to health risks, homemade snacks are not permitted for classroom treats. Students may bring homemade items in their lunch box, but items should not be shared with others.

Invitations: Students may only distribute invitations at school if everyone in the class is invited or if all boys or all girls in the class are invited. Handing out invitations to select students is not permitted.

Dress Code: Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip flops and backless sandals are a safety hazard and are discouraged.

Medication: All medication must be personally delivered to the school office by the student's parent or guardian. Students are never permitted to carry medication to and from school. All medications must have a medication form signed by a doctor. This includes ALL over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol and cough drops and also includes inhalers for students with asthma.

Absences: Call the school office by 8:30 am if your child will be out of school. Please provide the reason your child is not at school. If you do not call the school, the law requires us to try to contact you and ask the reason for the absence. If a reason is not provided, it will be marked as an unexcused absence. After 8 unexcused absences, we are required to contact the Truancy Officer.

Given the current economic times, schools everywhere are relying more than ever on fundraising as a way to provide “extras” for their students.

Westview has always had tremendous support from our parents and from our community. We want to see this continue. Many times, people ask, “What can I do to support the school?” Here are some easy and not so easy ways to help...

Ways to Support Westview School

- **Box Tops for Education** – we earn 10 cents per box top. Cut them out and send them in. Last year, we earned \$1424.50 from Box Tops!
- **Campbell’s Labels for Education** – we earn approximately 5 cents per UPC code. See the list for what to cut out or collect. We did not turn in any labels last year. We are saving up for something big!
- **Swiss Valley Farms Milk “Caps for Kids”** – we earn 5 cents per milk cap. Last year we earned \$330.60.
- **Cartridges for Kids** - we recycle old ink cartridges for cash. The amount varies by item. Last year, we earned \$184.55. Save old ink cartridges from work and home!
- **Tyson Chicken labels** – we earn 25 cents per label.
- **Market Day** – Market Days are held monthly. Our profit varies from 10% - 20% for regular Market Days and from 15% - 45% for bonus days, depending on sales levels. Last year we earned \$2,290.
- **Monical’s Pizza Community Days** – Held twice per year. We earn a percentage from the sales on our designated day. We earned \$133.18 from our event last May.
- **Office Depot** – 5% cash back to schools – When purchasing items at Office Depot, ask them to put your purchase to Westview School. We will receive a donation of 5% of your total from Office Depot. Our number is 70032310.
- **Target** – Cash back to schools –Last year we received \$283.87 from this program.



Help Keep Kids Healthy!

Remind children to wash their hands frequently-

- Before eating
- After using the toilet
- After sneezing
- After coughing
- After wiping their nose
- After playing outside



Health Reminder

Children with a fever of 100 degrees or higher are not allowed at school.

Children must be free of fever for 24 hours, without a fever reducing medication, before they can come back to school.

Please do not give your child a fever reducing medication and send them to school. This spreads illness to others.



We will hold our first evacuation drill on Thursday, August 25th

The first drill always takes place near the start of the year. We will hold several drills throughout the year.

Some drills will be unannounced.

Please remember, if you are in the building when we have an evacuation drill, **EVERYONE** is required to evacuate.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Immunizations
and
Physical Forms

are due by
October 15, 2011

for all kindergarten students
and students who are entering school
for the first time in the
State of Illinois.

End of Day Dismissal Procedures

Please be patient during afternoon dismissal. We have a 15 minute window to make sure nearly 400 students make it safely to their proper dismissal area.

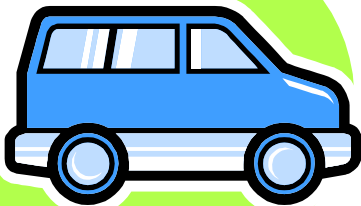
Since this is such a busy time of the day, we are asking parents who pick up their children to please wait IN their vehicle in the circle drive. Students will be dismissed in the order of the cars parked in the drive. School personnel will ask for you to identify the student you are picking up and then that student will be released through the door. If someone else is picking up your child, please be sure they know the proper routine for pick up.

If you have an appointment after school and need to make a quick get-away, we recommend that you pick up your child before 3:00. Please come to the office to sign your child out.

Students will be dismissed in the following order:

- 1- Students riding home with parents will dismiss at approximately 3:08 pm.
- 2- Busses will leave at approximately 3:12 pm.
- 3- Bike Riders and walkers are released after the car line is gone at approximately 3:20 pm.

Our main concern is for the safety of our students.



Please make sure your child is supervised when crossing the parking lot.

Drivers are reminded to drive **S L O W L Y** and watch for children.

If you are waiting on the road, please do not block the bus drive.
If you do not want to wait in the car line, the line is usually gone around 3:15.
All students should be picked up by 3:20.



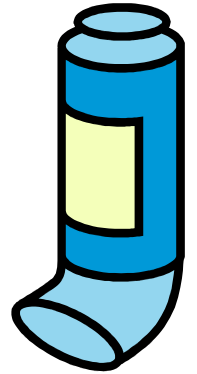
Medication at School

If your child needs to take medication while at school, an ADULT must bring it to the school office WITH a signed Medication Authorization form.

It is a violation of school policy for a student to carry prescription or non-prescription medication to school.

This includes over the counter medication such as throat lozenges and cough drops.

In order for your child to take medication at school, you must bring a Medication Authorization Form signed by the parent AND your doctor.



Students who require an inhaler may be permitted to carry the inhaler. Please see Mrs. Plenert, the school nurse, if you have any questions. A Medication Authorization Form is required for inhalers.



Insect Spraying

The exterminator sprays the first Monday of each month at 6:00 am. Areas sprayed include hallways, bathrooms, and the kitchen. Classrooms are not sprayed. If the first Monday is a holiday, spraying takes place the previous Friday.
