



# Westview Elementary Newsletter



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## February Activities:

- February 4:** 2:06 Dismissal
- February 11:** Progress Reports
- February 14:** Yearbook Order are Due
- February 17: NO SCHOOL**  
President 's Day
- February 21:** Photography Show at Westview
- February 25:** Kindergarten and 1st Grade Field Trip to Charollette 's Web.

### *Lunch Times at Westview*

- 3rd Grade**  
11:15-11:45
- 2nd Grade**  
11:30-12:00
- 4th Grade**  
11:45-12:15
- Kindergarten**  
12:00-12:30
- 1st Grade**  
12:15-12:45

## No More Polar Vortex

The term "Polar Vortex" can be erased from our vocabulary. This winter has been extremely unpredictable and we really should not be surprised since we live in Illinois. With the winter weather, we have had many school cancelations.

Many questions have been asked on how parents are contacted to be notified about school cancelations. The "Alert Now" system is utilized to contact families in our district about district announcements.

When Prairie Central calls off school in advance, the "Alert Now" system will call one primary number (ex. Home Phone) only. If there would be a situation where we would have an early release, the district will call all

numbers listed in our student management data base to notify parents/guardians. It is extremely important that the school has updated phone numbers at all times because of situations like this. If you change your home number or have a new cell phone number, please call the Westview Office and we can make the correction in our student management system.

School closings and updates are always available on local news outlets as well as some of our local radio stations like WJBC.

The school website is immediately updated once such a decision is made to cancel school or for an early release. To access this information from our school website,

please visit [www.prairiecentral.org](http://www.prairiecentral.org).

If you have any questions about how the district handles cancelations feel free to call the Westview (815-692-2623) or District Office (815-692-2504).

Let's all hope for a cooperative February and March.

Brian Quam

Principal



## Yearbook Orders are Due

Please remember that yearbook orders are due February 14th. We do not order extra copies of the yearbook so it is extremely important if you would like your child to have one, please return

the order forms to the Westview Office. If you have misplaced your order form, we do have extras in the office. Please have your child stop by and ask for one or if you are in the

building we would be more than happy to give one to you. If you have any questions about the ordering process, please feel free to ask Lora in the main office.

## ISAT Testing

ISAT Testing will be during the weeks of March 3-14. If you have a child in 3rd or 4th Grade, they will be taking this test during this time period. In order to help your child do his or her best on the ISAT, please do not schedule any appointments, vacations or time off during that time. We appreciate your cooperation

## *Westview Kindergarten Orientation*

Kindergarten Orientation for all children who will turn 5 years old before September 1, 2014 will be held on Thursday March 20th at Westview beginning at 5:30 p.m. All parents and prospective students are invited to attend. The purpose of this evening is for the students to meet the teachers along with providing parents with information on what to expect from their child's kindergarten experience. We will also discuss the option of full day and half day Kindergarten and answer any questions that parents may have about Westview Elementary. Please make plans to attend.

## Do you have extra clothes that need a home?

We are in the need for some replacement clothes for students who have an accident or have fallen at recess and have got wet. The sizes that we are in need for are especially for our younger students who range from PreK to 1st Grade. If you have children who have outgrown some of their clothes and would like to donate pants and shirts, please have your student bring them to the Westview Office.

## *Westview's Annual Blood Drive Rescheduled*

We have rescheduled the blood drive at Westview for Monday March 17th from noon to 7:00 p.m.. Please plan now and save the date. Students will bring donor cards home again to distribute to family and friends. You

can also schedule an appointment online by searching for our zip code, or by city at

*Westview Blood Drive  
March 17th  
Noon-7:00 p.m.*

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). If you would like to use the phone to set up your appointment please contact the Westview Office at 692-2623

## Preschool Screenings for Prospective Students in the Prairie Central Area

Preschool Screenings have been set for schools in the Prairie Central School District. Please call for an appointment. We will begin taking appointments on February 24th. Screenings are free and open to any child in Livingston County from birth to age 6. Other screening dates are available in other school

districts in the area.

Screenings in:

Chenoa: Feb. 13-14 (945-2971)

Fairbury: March 18-19 (692-2623)

## Save the Date: 5K

Please remember to save the date for the 2nd Annual Westview 5K/Fun Run on April 12th at North Park. More details will soon follow. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer in any fashion please contact Karen Fehr, PTO President, at Westview on Thursdays and Fridays.