



Westview Elementary Newsletter



Volume 4

November, 2013

November Activities:

- Nov. 1** – No School
- Nov. 2** – Operation Snowflake
- Nov. 6** – 2:06 Dismissal
- Nov. 7** – Picture Retakes
- Nov. 11**—Veteran 's Day
Assembly
- Nov. 14**- RSVP for Harvest
Feast
- Nov. 14** – PTO Bingo 6:30-7:30
- Nov. 20**—1:06 Dismissal
No PM PreK or ECSE
- Nov. 21** – Harvest Feast
- Nov. 27** – Good Behavior
Activity: Movie and Popcorn
2:06 Dismissal

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

Happy 50th Birthday Westview

The year of 1963 was full of historical events that have shaped our nation's history. During this year our country mourned over the Kennedy Assassination, Beatlemania had begun, zip codes were implemented across the United States, and Michael Jordan was born. Locally, Westview Elementary School was constructed to serve the children of Fairbury. This building has served the needs of the students of Prairie Central for 50 yrs. Throughout this time, Westview continues to provide a positive learning environment for our students. There have been cosmetic improvements along with an addition over time but the building continues to be structurally sound. The main aspect that has changed over time is how we teach students. Even though this building was established to meet the

needs of students in 1963, it continues to produce students that the members of the Prairie Central community can be proud of.

As I began to do some research about 1963, some interesting tidbits were brought to my attention. Did you know that over 50 years, Westview Elementary has only had three secretaries? Phyllis Tipton was our first secretary and she held the job for 27 years. She still volunteers here at Westview by reading with 3rd Graders. Sharon Kurth was our second secretary and she served for 19 years. Currently Lora Freeland is completing her fourth year. That stat alone is amazing. The other piece of information that I found ironic is one of the biggest secrets that the Westview Office uses to help students "wind down" when they are upset. In 1963, Edwin Cra-

ven Walker created the Lava Lamp. Each day when Mrs. Freeland comes to work, one of her many responsibilities is to plug in our Lava Lamp in the office. The power that this lamp has on children to set their mind at ease when something is bothering them is amazing. Some may say that people today do not relish the past or the way things used to be. I can promise you that there are still aspects of many generations that still impact the lives of our children every day. Even if it is something as simple as the Lava Lamp.

Happy Birthday Westview,
Brian Quam
Principal

Harvest Feast at Westview

Those who would like to join their child for the Harvest Feast may attend on November 21st. Guest must **RSVP by November 14th** due to meal planning and preparation. We do feed a large number of people on this day and we

must have a final count on this day. Cost is \$4.05 for an adult and \$2:45 for a child. This years meal will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, and warm cinnamon apples. Lunch times are as

follows:
10:55-3rd Grade
11:15 2nd Grade
11:35-4th Grade
11:55-Kindergarten
12:15-1st Grade

Daily Guests Sign-in the Office

Parents, this is just a friendly reminder that all visitors that enter Westview needs to sign into the office. We have many volunteers, conferences, and meetings that occur on a daily basis in our building. We must know who is in our building at all times just in case we would have an emergency situation.

Positive Phone Call Home

Many of you have received a positive phone call home from your child's classroom teacher or myself. This year, we are handling our Super Hawk Cards differently. Once students get rewarded ten times with a star hole punch on their hawk card, they are able to select a reward from our Super Hawk Menu. We have had a large number of students who are selecting the positive phone call home as one of their rewards which is fantastic to see. Please do not be alarmed if the principal is calling your home to speak with you. This has been a positive experience for me as well. Thank you for your continued support.

Veteran's Day Assembly

The students at Westview Elementary will be having a Veteran's Day Assembly on November 11th. It is important for our students to understand the importance of service and patriotism for one's country. We would also like to thank all of those family members who have served our country. We hope you have a great Veteran's Day!!

Westview PTO Family Bingo Night

The Westview PTO will be sponsoring a family bingo night on Thursday November 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Westview Gym. This activity is open to all family members. Participants in the event will also have opportunities to turn in box tops, Campbell Soup labels, Coke Rewards, and Aunt Millie's Bread School Spirit Labels. We will have boxes already designated for

drop off. Please feel free to bring them to Westview on this night.

The Westview PTO will also have other information available about activities that will be occurring through the school year.

*Westview PTO Family
Bingo Night
November 14th
6:30-7:30 p.m.*

There will also be information about another Spirit Wear push beginning in November ending in early December so that orders can be fulfilled by winter break. Please come out and have a great time with your family and your child's classmates.

November 15th Coupon Book

Since Westview PTO participates with the School Store, each student will be receiving a Coupon Book on November 15th. There are a number of everyday baking items and other goods that you will be able to have some savings. There are no obligations or any reason to return the coupon books. The purpose of

these books is just a thank you for participating with the School Store. Remember if you do any online shopping you can log onto www.schoolstore.com and select Westview and we will receive a percentage of your purchases.

Picture Re-Takes

Picture Re-Takes will be held at Westview on Thursday, November 7th beginning at 10:30 a.m. If you were absent and need extra forms please contact Lora in the Westview Office. Students who would like their picture retaken, please return your past picture packet to be given to the photographer.