



Westview Elementary Newsletter



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October Activities

- Oct. 4: PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Room
- Oct. 7-11: Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 8: Hearing and Vision Screening for students at Westview
- Oct. 9: Fire Drill
- Oct. 14: **No School**-Columbus Day
- Oct. 16: 4th Grade Field Trip to Springfield
- Oct. 17: 2nd Grade Field Trip Spence Farm
- Oct. 21-25: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 22: 3rd Grade Music Concert at 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 22: 4th Grade Music Concert at 7:15 p.m.
- Oct. 23: End of the 1st Quarter

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

Spread the Good News

Too many times in the world we live in, we hear of all the negatives that surround us. Even though the Westview Newsletter is not a nationally published document, I have good news to share. The people who send their students or who have sent students to Westview can be extremely thankful and gracious to live in such a supportive community.

The number of local business's, churches and other groups who have collected school supplies for students, extra clothes, coats, hats, gloves and volunteer their time has been a blessing each and every year. These good deeds go unnoticed at times or forgot-

ten. It is so easy to point out the negatives that go on around us but the positive sometimes never get mentioned. We are truly excited to have such a supportive community in our school district.

There is no deed that is too small if it benefits one child here at Westview. Being able to provide assistance to students and families in times of need shows the continued support and bond that the school system shares with the communities it serves.

Next time that you may hear not flattering news, please remember that there are many positive actions going on in our community, state and nation as well. Lets not

forget to say thank you to those who are making a difference in the lives our students and community.

Brian Quam

Principal

Westview Elementary



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 28 and 29 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Teachers will be setting up times for parents/guardians if they have not done so already. Communication from home and school is a

top priority at Westview. Our goal is to work together to make your child to be successful in everything they do.

As a result of conferences being during the evenings, school will not be

in attendance on Friday November 1. Please mark your calendars ac-



School Pick-Up

I would like to thank everyone for their patience with school drop-off and pick-up this past month. I know the line can be daunting at times after school. Please do your best to stay in line during school pick-up time. Unless you need to pick-up your child for an appointment, please stay in the line after school. If you do need to come to the building to request your child please continue to pull past the circle drive and park next to the softball diamond. Thank you again for making the safety of our students a priority after school.

New Look for Progress Reports and Report Cards

You may notice that progress reports look a little different. Along with the other elementary schools, Westview will be sending home an electronic paper copy of the report card and progress reports from this point forward. The information will be the same as before but it may look a little different. This process is new for the teachers as well, so please be patient as we go through this endeavor.

By handling printing report cards in this fashion, it will save our teachers time and energy from having to hand-write them. This way our staff can focus on other items that need to be taken care of.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

The annual Westview Pumpkin Show will be held in the Learning Center on Friday, October 27th. The contest is open to students in 3rd and 4th grades. Entries should be dropped off before school in the Learning Center and picked up after 2:00. Viewing is from 10:00-2:00 P.M. Students entering the contest can bring up to two entries. The first entry should fit ONE of the following categories: Cut Out Pumpkin, Using More Than One Pumpkin, Painted Pumpkin, Farm Category, or Creation Using Gourds. The other entry is a category called Mini Pumpkins. Please remember no open flames or weapons of any kind (even toys) are allowed on or in the pumpkins. The object is to have fun and be creative. Separate notes will go home with 3rd and 4th grade students closer to the time of the Pumpkin Show.

Third and Fourth Grade Music Concert

The Third and Fourth Grade will have their music concert here at Westview on October 22. The Third Grade concert will begin at 6:00 while the Fourth Graders will begin their concert at 7:15.

Westview Elementary has many great qualities, but one thing that it is lacking is sufficient parking. All of the entrances in the building will

be open for the concert. Feel free to park on the north, west, and east side of Westview. We will have chairs set-up for the concert in the gym.

If you would like to video tape the music concert please feel free

to do so from the back of the gym. Please be respectful of our other guests who would like to view the

concert as well and we do not want their view blocked. The students work really hard on these concerts and would love to have a great crowd.

*Third Grade Concert
begins at 6:00 p.m. with
the Fourth Grade
beginning at 7:15 p.m.*

Dress Accordingly for the Weather

Cooler weather is hopefully coming soon. Please be sure that your child has a jacket or sweatshirt for cooler days. We do not have the luxury of having a gym separate from our cafeteria and we go outside as much as possible for recess. Students will have recess outside as long as the wind chill is above 15 degrees. We

do have extra gloves and hats if they are needed. If your child is in need of a winter coat, please contact Lora in the main office and we can make arrangements. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mr. Quam in the office at 815-692-2623.

Immunizations and Physical Forms Due Oct. 15, 2013

Just a reminder. If you have been contacted by the school nurse in regards to physicals being incomplete or a need for immunizations to be completed, you have until October 15th to do so. If these are not taken care of by October 15, according to state law, your child may not attend school in the state of Illinois. If you have not been contacted by the school nurse, please disregard.