



Prairie Central CUSD #8
 Westview Elementary School
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 815-692-2623

October 2012

Dear Westview Families,

It is hard to imagine that October is already upon us. We are off to a great school year and students have been working extremely hard in the classroom.

The students at Westview are continuing with our Super Hawk Program this year to reward positive behavior. Students can obtain these tickets by exhibiting desired behaviors and then on Friday each class draws two tickets to determine who receives a prize for that week.

Finally, I just wanted to thank all of the students, staff and parents who have made my transition to Westview smooth. I am proud to be your principal. More importantly, our staff is working incredibly hard to continue to provide a quality education for your child.

Go Hawks,

Mr. Quam, Principal



DATE	ACTIVITY
Sept. 26	1 p.m. Dismissal for School Improvement
Sept. 27	Fire Drill at 10 a.m.
Sept. 28	Good Behavior Field Trips to North Park
Oct. 1-5	Westview Book Fair
Oct 4	2 nd Grade Field Trip to Ag. Expo in Pontiac
Oct 4	Open House at Westview 6:30-7:30 pm
Oct 4	PTO Meeting 5:45 p.m. at Westview
Oct 8	No School Columbus Day
Oct 8-12	Fire Prevention Week
Oct 15	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Fugate Woods
Oct 15	Immunization and Physicals Due
Oct 16	4 th Grade Field Trip to Springfield 8:15-6:30 pm
Oct 18	Pre-K Field Trip to Radar's Farm
Oct. 23-31	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 23	3 rd Grade Concert at Westview 6:00 p.m. 4 th Grade Concert at Westview 7:15 p.m.
Oct 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.
Nov 1	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.
Nov 2	No School

Reminder: Math-A-Thon money is due on September 28th for 3rd and 4th Graders.



PTO Meetings for 2012-2013

**Will be held on
the following dates:**



September 6, 2012
October 4, 2012
November 1, 2012
December 6, 2012
February 7, 2012
March 7, 2012
April 4, 2012
May 2, 2012

Child care is provided!

Our PTO Officers for 2012-2013

Karen Fehr-President
Rendi Cottrell- Vice President
April Barnes- Secretary
Beth Marshall - Treasurer

Market Day

Anyone can order so tell your neighbors and friends!

NEXT Order PICK UP Day:

Oct 2nd 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Orders for this delivery date are due:

Sept. 27th by 11 am



Future Delivery Dates:

November 9, 2012
December 4, 2012
January 15, 2012
February 12, 2012
March 12, 2012
April 16, 2012
May 14, 2012

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
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

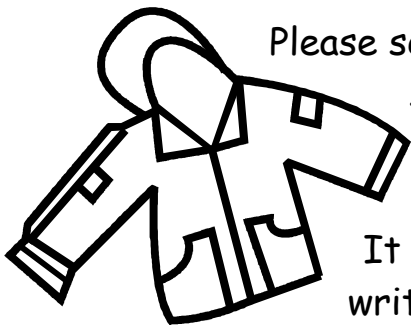


OCTOBER 23RD WE WILL HAVE A MUSIC CONCERT FOR GRADES 3 AND 4. THE THIRD GRADE PERFORMANCE WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM AT WESTVIEW. THE PROGRAM WILL TAKE 30 TO 40 MINUTES. THE FOURTH GRADE'S CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 7:15 PM. PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH THE PARKING FOR THE CONCERTS.

Things to remember-

- 1- Students are never permitted to deliver/bring medications to school. All medication must be delivered to the school office by an adult.
- 2- If your child is not coming to school, please call before 8:30 AM. In order to be an excused absence, you must state the reason your child is not in school.
- 3- Parents are responsible for student attendance at school. After 4 unexcused absences, the truancy process will begin.
- 4- When a student vomits he/she must remain out of school for 24 hours from the last occurrence.
- 5- All bus changes must be approved by Transportation Director, Pam Weeks - 815-692-3484. Arrangements should be made before 2:00 pm.
- 6- Make sure we have your child's allergy or health issue documented in the school office.

Cooler Days have arrived!



Please send a jacket or sweatshirt with your child.

It is also helpful to write your child's name on the tag inside.



Immunizations
and
Physical Forms

are due by
October 15, 2012

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

Head Lice Season

We have already conducted our yearly head lice check of the students at Westview. Please check your children on a regular basis. If you find nits or live lice, please treat your child.

A child with head lice will receive a 1 day excused absence. Additional days are considered unexcused.

Contact your family doctor or pharmacist if you have questions about the treatment process or recommended products.

Head lice are very common and are easily transferred to others. Please make sure your child does not share hair accessories, combs, brushes and hats with others.

Meal Pay Plus

We have a new way for you to pay for your student's lunch!
Use 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 set up an auto-pay.

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

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*Westview Book Fair October 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Please support the Westview Library.*



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Choosing Books at the Right Reading Level

"Just-right books" make reading more fun and less frustrating.

Question: How can I help my daughter choose books that are at her reading level?

Answer: "Just-right books" make reading more fun and less frustrating. Have your child try the "five-finger test" to select a book.

1. Choose a book you would like to read.
2. Look at a page in the middle.
3. Put one finger down for every word you can't read or don't understand. If you have five fingers down, the book may be too hard.
4. If you have fewer than five fingers down, the book is "just right"! Read it.

Your child may want to read a book that is "too hard" based on this test. That's okay. Just make it a book that you read aloud to her, or that you read together (perhaps alternating pages or chapters; or she reads, but you sit alongside to answer questions or help her with challenging words).



We would like to thank all of the churches and local businesses for donating school supplies for students at Westview. We cannot begin to tell you how fortunate we are to have a community that supports their school like you do!!!!