



Westview Elementary Newsletter



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September

Activities

- **September 2:** No School
- **September 3:** Benchmarking for all students.
- **September 5:** Return to Full Day Schedule
- **September 6:** Strings Project will play for all students.
- **September 13:** Westview Flower Show 10-1 p.m.
- **September 19:** Picture Day
- **September 23:** Boys Scouts are visiting Grades 1-4.
- **September 23-26:** Book Fair
- **September 26:** Open House from 6 to 7 pm
- **September 27:** Early Dismissal at 1:38 p.m.

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

Support the Students of Westview

Throughout the year there are multiple ways to raise funds for the purchase of items for the students here at Westview. In last month's newsletter, I made mention of our 5K/Fun Run in the Spring. There are also other avenues to easily provide support for our students.

In a couple of weeks, you child will bring home some information from the School Store. This is a fundraiser for our school through the PTO. Once you register an account online, each time a parent purchases an item online, the Westview PTO will get a percentage of the purchases. There is also an opportunity for families to purchase a tax

deductable gift card for their students classroom. With the money raised through this website and gift cards we were able to include an additional classroom set of desks and a total \$2400 in gift cards for classroom supplies.

Another option is to visit the Westview website and follow a link to the Target Store. If you vote for Westview Elementary through their "givewith.target.com" we will receive \$25 for our first 25 votes and a \$1 for each additional vote after that.

Now having a child in school, I often wonder where does this money go that is raised? The money raised this year is

going to the purchase of desks and chairs for the 1st Grade for the following school year. This will approximately cost \$8,000 to do. Other projects in the future to be examined is playground equipment and other cosmetic improvements to improve the learning environment for our students.

We do appreciate everyone's support and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me in the office. 815-692-2355

Respectfully,
Brian Quam

Principal

Drop-Off and Pick-Up at Westview

Bringing your child to school or picking them up can be a lengthy process at times. If parents/guardians would like to escort their student into the building during the morning, we ask that you park your car in one of

the spots in the middle of the parking lot or to continue in the circle drive and park past the sidewalk. Please do not park your car next to the sidewalk as you pull in. It causes congestion at our drop-off point.

When students are picked-up from school, there will be one of our paraprofessionals standing outside with a radio. Please let them know the name of your child and they will radio back into the building and dismiss

No Cell Phone Zone

Please remember that the use of cell phones in a school zone is against the law. Please do not use your phone when picking-up or dropping off your student on school grounds. We want to ensure that all of the students are safe when entering and leaving the school.



Reporting Absences at Westview

Please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. if your child will be out of school. When you do call, please provide a reason for your child's absence.

If you do not call the school, the law requires us to make three attempts to try to contact you and to ask the reason for the absence. If we do not reach you or a reason is not provided, it will be recorded as an unexcused absence

After 4 unexcused absences or 10% of any type of absence, we are required to mail a letter to you about the possibility of your child being turned over to the truancy program.

If a student does accumulate more than 8 unexcused absences, we are required to complete a referral for the truancy program.

Data shows that consistent attendance provides opportunities for students to be more successful at school. Do your best to motivate your child to attend school on a daily basis.



Keeping Your Kid Healthy and Reminders

With the school year beginning, students begin to get sick. Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently especially when colds become prevalent.

If your child does have a fever or is sent home from school with a fever, your child is not to return to school until they are 24 hours fever free without any kind of fever reducer in

their system.

In the month of September, we are mandated by the state to check each student for lice. We will be conducting a building wide check during this month and

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

you will be notified of that date by a note that will be sent home.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or the school nurse at the school. We appreciate everybody's cooperation.

Westview Open House

On Thursday, September 26 we will be having an open house from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. This is a busy week at Prairie Central and Westview. This will be Homecoming Week and the Book Fair will be conducted during this week as well. Feel free to come to the school and check in with your students teacher and see what kind

of work they have accomplished to this point.

After the open house, feel free to attend the pep assembly at the high school following our home volleyball game. It's a great opportunity to get involved with our school district and show great Hawk Pride.

Shoes vs. Sandals

Students often like to wear sandals to school. The school district encourages students to wear tennis shoes to schools. We have many activities such as PE and recess that may require students to have shoes. If students do have sandals on, they may be asked not to participate. We deal with many minor scrapes and falls during recess time.