

OCTOBER 2022

THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

Updates for the Westview Elementary Community



Principal's Corner

Dear Westview Families,

We are settling into the routine of the new school year and learning all about each other. Our classrooms are becoming their own communities as we practice ways to communicate, learn and transition through our many activities during the day. I have seen many positive examples of respect the students are showing their teachers, each other and themselves by doing their best every day. We are Bulldog STRONG! I have enjoyed seeing so many of you during the Bulldog Breakfasts and look forward to our Author's Night on Thursday, October 27. These are wonderful opportunities for us to build community and connect with each other. We encourage you to attend any of the school events you are able knowing that you have responsibilities and schedules don't always allow you flexibility to do it all. We will continue to communicate with you in multiple ways to keep you connected to Westview. Conferences, emails, phone conversations, web pages and informal meetings expand our joint understanding. Looking at your child through our lens and then learning more through yours only deepens the way we interact and teach. Conferences will be coming up early next month and is the next opportunity for our sharing of personal information. Thank you so much for your continued partnership and support with the educational experience at Westview.

In unison,
Tami Staloch-Schultz



Student Council Update

By Molly Andersen

We have had two meetings with over 75 students participating!



Socktober will run the 10th-14th. We are collecting socks to give to those in need. We have set a schoolwide goal to collect 850 pairs of socks. Our next spirit day is October 28th...Crazy Sock Day!

Bus Reminder

By WV Admin/Transportation Department

Reminder: In District 196, we no longer issue bus passes to students. This means that students will not be allowed to ride a bus, other than the one they are assigned to, home or to another student's home. We can, however, make exceptions in the case of an emergency.

Please feel free to contact the main Westview office with any questions. Thank you!

Literary Pumpkins

By Molly Andersen

Once again we will be displaying literary pumpkins in the hallways October 24th-November 3rd. Get a real or artificial pumpkin, pick your favorite book character and use your creativity to make it! Look for a letter explaining it in detail soon. We can't wait to see our pumpkin patch grow!

School Picture Day

By Gwen Krueger

School Picture Day was Wednesday, October 5th.

Lifetouch Studios will be here to take individual student pictures. All students will have his/her picture taken in the fall for yearbook purposes. Information about purchasing pictures was sent home in your child's back pack on Friday, September 16. You may either order and pay online or send your order and payment to school. We have a retake day scheduled on November 9th.

Fall Scholastic Book Fair

By Lindsey Theirl

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is Coming! Our next book fair is right around the corner and will take place during fall conference week.

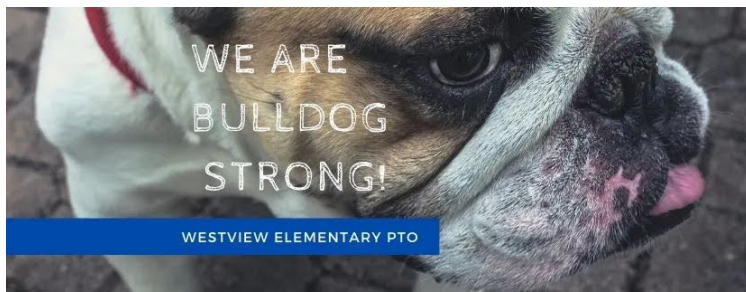
Our Coin Drive will begin on Monday, October 24th and run through Thursday, November 3rd, with more information to come.

Students will have a chance to preview the Book Fair with their teachers during the school day. Book Fair sale times are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 2, 4-8 p.m.
- Thursday, November 3, 12-7:30 p.m.

See you at the fair!





Connect with us on FB at <http://facebook.com/westviewmnpto> and Instagram at Westview Elementary PTO (@westviewmnpto).

We are a group that runs on volunteers, and we are stronger together!

Westview PTO Updates

By Michelle Doepke

Thanks to all those who attended the first PTO meeting in September ... and **SAVE THE DATE** for the next meeting which will be Monday October 17, from 6-7pm at Westview. We will discuss upcoming events such as the Butter Braids Fundraiser, the Scholastic Book Fair, and Staff Appreciation.

Look for upcoming information on Box Tops for Education, Westview Apparel and Dine-and-Donate opportunities.

In Search Of:

Book Fair Co-Leader and Westview Scholarship lead - both of these volunteer opportunities are only a few hours throughout the school year.

Appreciating our amazing Westview staff is part of our PTO mission. With our goal to improve and be sustainable with what we do, we are trying a few new things with staff appreciation this school year! This includes setting up the year in advance, sending out survey results to individual parents with their teacher's "favorite things," and including more school support staff. Below is our current schedule. If you would like to participate in a staff appreciation activity this school year please email emilyherman10@gmail.com.

Sept - Emily Herman + neighbors

Nov - staff conference meal + Giving Tree

Jan - Michelle Doepke + neighbors

Feb - staff conference meal + Giving Tree

May (teacher appreciation week) - Emily Herman + neighbors

Butter Braid Fundraiser

By Erica Lotzer

It's time to kick off Westview PTO's most delicious fundraiser of the year – Butter Braids!

These are great items to have on-hand going into the holiday season!

The sales window will be open from September 30th - October 17th. Order pick-up will occur for one night only, on November 3rd.

We will continue to use the digital ordering process this year; look for more information in your students Friday folder.

If you have any questions about the process or need assistance, please reach out to Erica Lotzer at ericalotzer@gmail.com.

The Westview PTO thanks you for your support!





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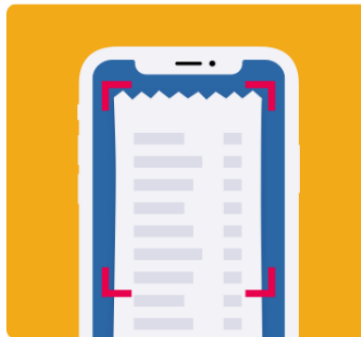


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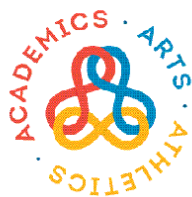
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2022-23 School Year Calendar

Start and End Dates

- Aug. 29-30** Kindergarten Transition Days; (half days, first day for K)
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1** First days of school for grades 6-12; Assessment days for grades K-5; Orientation Day for Pre-K families & staff
- Sept. 6** First day of school for grades 1-5; School resumes for grades 6-12
- Sept. 7** First full day for kindergarten
- June 7** Last day of school

No-School Dates = No school for **all** students = No school for **some** students

- Sept. 2** No school all students
- Sept. 5** Labor Day (*no school grades K-12*)
- Sept. 30** High School Data Day (*no school grades 9-12*)
- Oct. 7** Elementary and middle school data analysis/instruction alignment and high school conferences (*no school grades K-12*)
- Oct. 20-21** State teachers' convention (*no school grades K-12*)
- Nov. 3-4** Conferences for elementary and middle schools (*no school grades K-8*)
- Nov. 4** Staff development for high school staff (*no school grades 9-12*)
- Nov. 24-25** Thanksgiving break (*no school grades K-12*)
- Dec. 1** End of first trimester
- Dec. 2** Staff development for all staff (*no school grades K-12*)
- Dec. 23-Jan. 2** Winter break (*no school grades K-12*)
- Jan. 13** Data analysis day for high school staff (*no school grades 9-12*)
- Jan. 16** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day (*no school grades K-12*)
- Jan. 20** Data analysis day for elementary and middle school staff, and high school conferences (*no school grades K-12*)
- Feb. 9-10** Conferences for elementary and middle schools (*no school grades K-8*)
- Feb. 10** Staff development for high school staff (*no school grades K-12*)
- Feb. 20** Presidents' Day (*no school grades K-12*)
- March 9** End of second trimester
- March 10** Staff development for all staff (*no school grades K-12*)
- March 27-31** Spring break (*no school grades K-12*)
- April 21** Data analysis day for all staff (*no school grades K-12*)
- May 29** Memorial Day (*no school grades K-12*)

Other Dates for Employees

- Aug. 22-23** New Teacher Workshops
- Aug. 24-30** Teacher workshop K-12 (Aug. 26 half day)
- June 8, 2023** Staff workshop (*half day*)

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