

MARCH 2022

# THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

Updates for the Westview Elementary Community



## Principal's Corner

Greetings to Westview Families,

One of my favorite songs is "In the Name of Love", otherwise known as "Pride" by U2. Anyone in my family usually gets the trivia question right about me. I stay quite loyal to my favorites. I wore out the cassette tape from college, then the CD and currently have it on my Spotify list. At Westview, I see teachers working together for students in the name of love and with pride.

Staff recently reviewed individual and grade level data during a collaboration day. We checked in on student achievement and other well-being aspects of school. Teams met throughout the day to analyze the data, discuss options, devise schedules and make action plans for grade levels. The commitment and care these professionals have for your children is remarkable. The consideration to provide the best environment, time and resources was astounding. I did see moments of pride as we celebrated the ways students have grown since the beginning of the year.

Another aspect of being the principal is observing teachers in the classroom, in meetings and providing leadership at the school. Again, these situations have illustrated the dedication teachers have to create safe, welcoming classrooms where students are actively engaged in the learning, do the thinking and show what they know. Westview is fortunate to have a variety of experience on our staff and through coaching, sharing and being open to learn from each other, we all grow and get better.

In addition, our families and members of our community give in the name of love. The Giving Wall of Hearts during conferences is providing staff with new resources because parents gave extra. Staff enjoyed food and beverages donated, set up and cleaned up by our families during conferences. And, volunteers at the Book Fair and Art Adventure coming up give additional opportunities for our students.

So, lifetime dream would be to see U2 perform this song live in Ireland. Current reality is I see it lived at Westview.

With gratitude and pride ~ Tami

## WV Spring Carnival Raffle Donations Needed

By Nicole Gorman

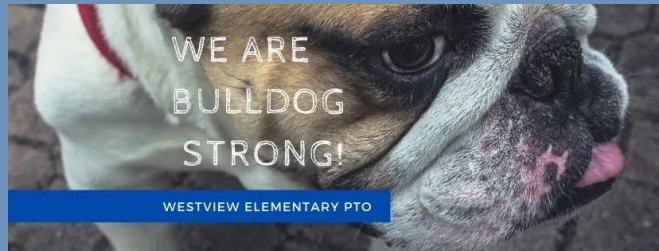
Westview's Spring Carnival committee's planning is well underway and the Donation/Raffle Coordinators need your help!

If you or someone you know can donate an item, gift card or service towards the spring carnival raffle, please contact Nicole Gorman at [nj.gorman12@gmail.com](mailto:nj.gorman12@gmail.com) or Rebecca Nutter at [rhayne@gmail.com](mailto:rhayne@gmail.com).

## Winter Scholastic Book Fair

By Lindsey Theirl

Our February Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success generating over \$7,200 in sales, a portion of which goes directly to the Westview Library to purchase new books! We were thankful to have the opportunity for students and their families to visit the fair in person to see, touch, and experience that "new book smell." Our "All for Books" Coin Drive battle was an exciting week of genre versus genre, with Fantasy coming in 1st place, Nonfiction in 2nd place, Action/Adventure in 3rd place, and Humor in last place. The coin drive raised over \$240.00 which was used to purchase new books directly from the fair. Thank you to all of our volunteers and especially our PTO/Book Fair Chairperson, Becky Sandahl. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, our next fair is scheduled for Fall 2022!



**Save the Date PTO Meeting:  
March 14, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

## PTO In Search Of:

- Treasurer Officer Position for the 2022/2023 school year
- Co-Chair for Scholastic Book Fairs
- Outdoor Classroom Donations: Outdoor Cushions for Kids Seating, Outdoor Storage Bin, Mobile White Board

Reach out to Michelle Doepke at [mbruckmar@yahoo.com](mailto:mbruckmar@yahoo.com) with any interest, ideas or questions.

## Westview PTO \$1,000 Scholarship

By Sarah Najafalipour

Do you know a former Bulldog who are now graduating high school? They can apply for the Westview PTO \$1,000 scholarship! Application deadline is April 29th, 2022. Details and application form are available at <https://wv.district196.org/academics/pto-scholarship>

## Yearbook Order Reminder!

By Gwen Krueger

There's no better way to capture this school year's highlights and memories than by purchasing a Westview yearbook. Order forms were sent home in early February. You may order and pay online OR send back the order form along with a check to your child's teacher. Ask your child's teacher or call the office if you need another order form. Orders are due April 8!

## MCA's Coming in April

By Gwen Krueger

All students in grades 3-4-5 will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) in April. All three grades will take both a Math and a Reading assessment. These tests are spread out over four testing sessions. Fifth graders will also take a Science Assessment which has two sessions.

Please do your best to avoid doctor/dental or other appointments during these testing days and times. If your child is absent, he/she will complete the test during make-up sessions, however, he/she will be losing class instructional time.

The schedule is listed below and can also be found on the Westview home page under Families / Assessments ([wv.district196.org/families/assessments](http://wv.district196.org/families/assessments)). Scroll down to the blue box that says, WESTVIEW TESTING SCHEDULE 2021-2022. More information will be forth coming after Spring break.

### Grade 3

- MCA Reading: April 11-14; 10-11 a.m.
- MCA Math: April 25-28; 10-11 a.m.

### Grade 4

- MCA Reading: April 19-20; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:45-2:45 p.m.
- MCA Math: April 25-26; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:45-2:45 p.m.

### Grade 5

- MCA Reading: April 12-13; 10:45-11:45 a.m. & 1-2 p.m.
- MCA Science: April 19; 10:45-11:45 a.m. & 1-2 p.m.
- MCA Math: April 26-27; 10:45-11:45 a.m. & 1-2 p.m.

## CAHOOTS 2022 Summer Program

By Dawn Freese



### CAHOOTS math and language arts in one book ... a great value!

Parents, Community Education is pleased to again be offering CAHOOTS, a K-5 summer math and language arts correspondence workbook program.

The program is portable, flexible and designed to closely match our district curriculum through an engaging and reflective approach to learning. After completing each lesson and checking answers online, students complete an assignment reflection and send to a CAHOOTS Buddy who will send a written response back.

You will receive a letter which includes enrollment instructions the week of February 28. Cost is \$43. Final registration is due April 1.

Sample workbook pages can be viewed at [ce.district196.org/youth/youth-enrichment](http://ce.district196.org/youth/youth-enrichment).

It is recommended students work on the grade level they will be entering in the fall (i.e. 1st grade is a review of kindergarten), to review and reinforce skills learned during the school year. Please discuss with your child's teacher, if you feel another level may be more suitable.

*CAHOOTS should not be considered a replacement for participating in summer school, if your child qualifies. CAHOOTS is not intended to replace regular reading for enjoyment or math activities that strengthen your child's fluency and love for math.*




# **Westview Spring Carnival Planning Committee Meeting**



**Monday, March 7th  
5pm**

**Westview Literary  
Commons**



All are welcome, no matter how involved you are able to be or if you were able to attend the first meeting! Contact Sarah Najafalipour @ 952.258.3775 or [sjdupre@gmail.com](mailto:sjdupre@gmail.com) with any questions or just show up!

