



Westside

ELEMENTARY

NOVEMBER 2022

Greetings from Westside Elementary!

I hope all of you are enjoying the unseasonably warm weather. We really did luck out on Halloween. My memories of Halloween as a child were cold and rainy! I assume that many families took advantage of the beautiful weather and hit up a few extra houses because we had MANY tired students yesterday.

It may be hard to believe that we are ending the 1st quarter of our school year, but November is here and if you blink we will be getting ready for winter break! As we transition into the winter months, we usually transition into more and more peer conflicts. As we start the school year, our students can usually navigate their peer conflicts with very little support because they are novel and tolerable. It seems when we hit January through March these conflicts become more frequent and intolerable!

I bring this up now because I know your children come home and vent their concerns to you. As many of you may know I have two children, and therefore can relate to hearing about peer conflict in an environment in which I have no control over and I cannot help them directly to solve it. At Westside, our staff believes that language matters and we know that words have power which is why we don't use the word "bullying" very often. One of the biggest reasons we like to avoid using that word is because when someone is "bullied" they become a victim. This can lead to a victim mindset where our students believe that things happen to them and they don't have any control over those events. Being a victim can feel hopeless. We never want any child at Westside to feel hopeless.

We want the opposite mindset for all of our students. The opposite of a victim mindset is a growth mindset and a sense of agency. Students with a growth mindset and a sense of agency know that they can't do something "yet". When bad things happen, they believe that they can do something to make things better or improve their situation. In academics, they try different strategies and keep working until they master whatever they are learning. When it comes to peer conflicts they can do the same. They can try things on their own to make things better, and if that doesn't work, they can get adults involved at school and at home. This type of mindset is a lifelong skill that is WAY more important than any academic test score they would ever get.

As you hear about peer conflicts with your child I encourage you to model this type of mindset and language. We acknowledge that bullying still happens, but how we talk our children through that situation can either empower them or take their power away. We want all of our students to feel powerful at Westside! If you would like to discuss this issue with me feel free to give me a call.

Warm regards,

Jonathan Peterson



November 2, 2022

Hello Westside Families ~

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Tuesday, November 8—Crazy Hair Day
- Thursday, November 10—2:00 Dismissal & Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Monday, November 14—2:00 Dismissal & Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 16—PTO Meeting at 6:00 PM in the art room
- Thursday, November 17—Comfy Day (Wear your comfy clothes!)
- Friday, November 18—Noon Dismissal

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent/Teacher conference sign-up closes **TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 3RD**, if you haven't signed up for a conference time please do so soon. Conferences will be held in person on Thursday, November 10 & Monday, November 14. Please see the attached flier for more information and directions on signing up for a time. **School will dismiss at 2:00 on conference days – NO MOVIE/SUPERVISION is provided at school, please make arrangements for your child.**

YEARBOOKS: Yearbook order forms are attached to this week's notes. You can order a yearbook through your Infinite Campus parent portal account (choose fees, then optional payments) or by completing the attached order form. Yearbooks cost \$11.00 and are optional. If you are unsure if you already ordered, please give the office a call or check your infinite campus account (choose fees and change type to "All" to see a list of fees for your household).

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Please visit the KASD website and check out the [Community Events](#) page for more great opportunities and activities for your family. Events and activities listed there are updated often.

Hope your week is off to a good start! If you have any questions, please let us know!

Thank you!

Gina Vandenberg,
Secretary – Westside Elementary
920-739-3578

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 &
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 5:00-8:00 PM**

To schedule your preferred time for a parent/teacher conference please do the following:

1. Go to https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Westside_Elementary_School_3
2. Choose your student's teacher(s) and submit.
3. Enter student information.
4. Enter parent information.
5. After entering your information, you will receive an email with a link to select the date and time of the conference.

Traveling teachers/part-time teachers have the following schedules:

- 5K Music - Rhex Arboleda - Nov. 10 - 5:00-6:30 PM
- School Psychologist - Katie Bork - Nov. 10 - 5:00-8:00
- Art - Kimberly Medema, Vicki Lamers & Michelle Englebert - Nov. 14 - 5:00-6:00 PM
- 5K Phy-Ed - Colin Englebert - Nov. 14 - 5:00-6:30 PM

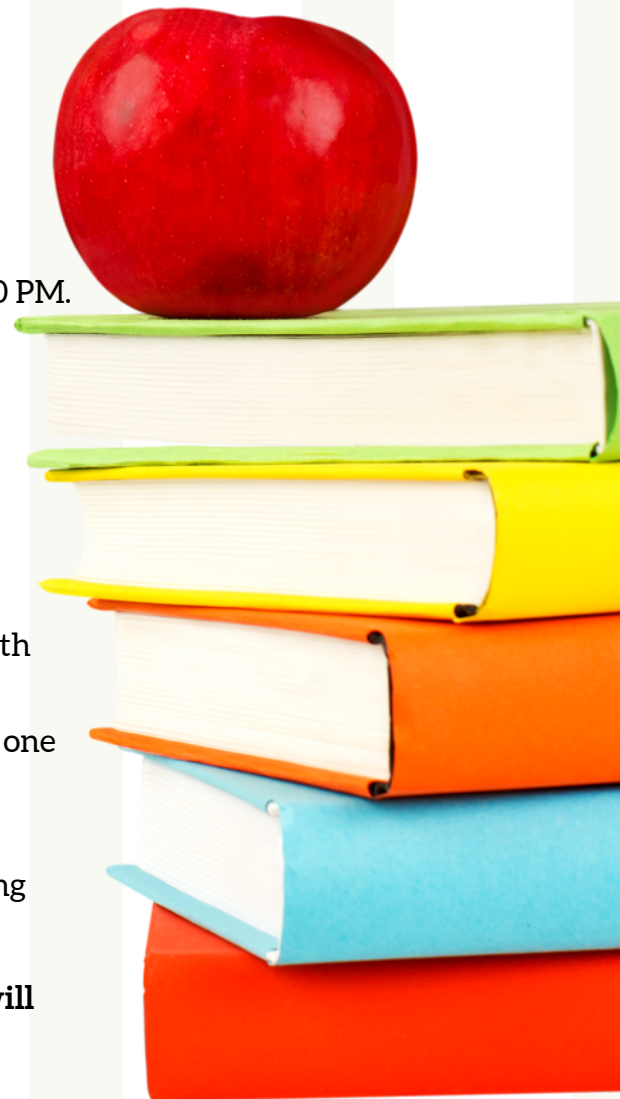
The following teachers will be here on Nov. 10 & 14 from 5:00-8:00 PM.

- Phy-Ed Grades 1-4 - Amy Phillips
- Music Grades 1-4 - Beth Kinzel
- School Counselor - Kayla LeBeck
- Speech - Amber Allen

We ask that you request your times by Thursday, November 3rd.

Conferences will be 10 minutes in length. (With the exception of 4th grade, please watch for a note from your child's 4th-grade teacher with more information.) Due to time constraints, we will schedule one conference per child. For families with more than one household, please touch base with each other so you can arrange a time that works for both households. Thank you for understanding and being there to support your children!

Grades 5K-4th will be dismissed at 2:00 PM on both days. We will not provide any supervision after 2:00 PM. Please make arrangements for your children.



It's time to order your Westside Elementary Yearbook



Many of you have already paid for a 2022-23 Westside Elementary Yearbook! If you haven't had a chance to order and pay for a yearbook for your child, please go online to your Infinite Campus portal (choose fees, then optional payments) and make the \$11.00 payment, OR, complete the form below and return it to school with a payment – cash or check. If you are unsure if you've paid for a yearbook, please check your account in Infinite Campus OR, give us a call!

We will not receive the yearbooks until the end of the school year! Also, yearbooks are optional!

Order your yearbook online OR complete and return the form below to reserve your copy!

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Yearbook Order Form

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

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Number of Books Ordered: _____ X \$11.00 = _____

Please pay online through IC or return this form with cash or check (payable to Westside Elementary. Thank you!



COUNSELOR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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LIFE SKILLS LESSONS

	5K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Teacher Taught	Mistakes are Okay	Helpful Thoughts	Learning and Getting Better	Make a Practice Plan	How to Rethink
Counselor Taught	Feeling Mad and Feeling Calm	Feeling Calm and Feeling Frustrated	Feeling Disappointed, Feeling Better	Different Feelings	Understanding Point of View

Conferences

November 10 5-8pm

November 14 5-8pm

Feel free to drop into the Life Skills room during conferences and come say hi! I will have resources for you to look at and would love to meet you!

TRAIT OF THE MONTH

RESPONSIBILITY:

Being trustworthy and dependable; recognizing the right thing to do and doing it

Learn more about how to model, praise, and reinforce responsibility at home by clicking [HERE](#)

Canned Food Drive

Bring in your canned foods starting
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th!

Help Westside promote
“**Stacking Day**”

on November 15th to 17th by
bringing in your donations
November 7-17. Students will
be stacking cups in gym class.
All donations will go to a
local food pantry to help
“stack” their shelves after our
Westside Stacking Day!





SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

NOVEMBER 8-15, 2022

Dear Parents and Families:

We're excited to invite you and your child to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Hosted by our library staff, this event is an opportunity for families to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school.

Here's what you need to know about this year's fair:

- Students will preview the book fairs during scheduled library visits.
- Parents will be invited to shop the fair during our elementary conference nights, **November 10 and November 14 from 5:00-8:00 pm**. During these evening shopping times, we will accept the following forms of payment: cash, credit card, check, e-wallet.
- Since in-person shopping for parents is available this year, we ask that parents please shop during the set conference nights. However, if this is not possible for your family, elementary students will be permitted to shop the fair during open library times and with permission from the classroom teacher. Elementary students may purchase book fair items during the school day using e-wallets only. Please **DO NOT SEND CASH OR CHECK** to school with your child. These forms of payment will not be accepted from elementary students.
 - Please note: KASD staff is not responsible for what your child chooses to purchase with their e-wallet money. Please be sure to plan this with your child ahead of time. Also note Scholastic's policy regarding deposited e-wallet money that is not spent. No returns or refunds will be issued.
- To use your leftover eWallet balance from a previous school book fair, please access our school's homepage link below and click "Get Started" to create a new eWallet. After your eWallet is created, you will have a chance to select your leftover balance (listed as an eGift card) and click "Fund" to roll it over to our current fair. Feel free to add more funds to the eWallet and/or share to others using Scholastics Friends and Family share feature.
- Another option for shopping this year's fair is online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

- Janssen: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/janssenelementaryschool>
- Sunrise: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sunriseelementaryschool33>
- Westside: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/westsideelementaryschool11>
- Woodland: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/woodlandintermschool>

Happy reading!

Erin Wedemeier

4K-8 library media specialist

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The Leader in Sport Stacking®

Dear Parents,

I am really excited about the Sport Stacking unit we are currently doing in PE. Sport Stacking is an exciting sport where students stack and unstack 12-specially designed Speed Stack cups, including jumbo, regular and mini. Sport Stacking is a great activity that uses both sides of the body and brain, helping to develop important athletic and academic skills.

One of my goals, as a Physical Educator, is to promote activity at home through positive alternatives to computer, television and video game screen time. I believe that Sport Stacking is a unique, fun and simple activity that motivates kids to get up and move.

I do have Speed Stacks Sets and StackMats for students to purchase here at the school, with an added benefit of raising funds for our PE program. **Sales will run November 1st-November 30th.**

- Regular Sets are \$20.00. Pro Series Sets are \$25.00. StackMats (mat, timer and gear bag) are \$25.00. You pay no shipping, PLUS, the school will earn a percentage of your purchase in equipment for our PE program.
- Speed Stacks Sets and StackMats are available for immediate purchase. **First come, first serve on color and design choices.** I will have the equipment in the large gym for the students to purchase. If you would like to keep the purchase a secret, please email me and we can work something out.

I have a limited supply of colors and quantities. A student form may be going home with your child if they are interested. Please choose from the list on the form and encourage your child to have a second choice in mind. Return payment to the school (cash or checks, made payable to Westside.) Remember, it is first come, first serve!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amy Phillips
aphillips@kimberly.k12.wi.us

Thank you for supporting our Physical Education Program!

Sets \$20

- 12 - Standard Cups
- 1 - Carrying Stem
- Online Training Videos



order up to 1000 per item on availability



A Colorado, Family Based Company

SPORT STACKING AT HOME

Teachers love sport stacking because it motivates kids to be more active and fit.

Parents love sport stacking because it's affordable and benefits their child's body, brain and spirit!

Participate in this Group Order. Get Speed Stacks gear at a discount through your school!

StackMats \$25

- 1 - GX Timer
- 1 - GX Mat
- 1 - Gear Bag



order up to 100 per item on availability



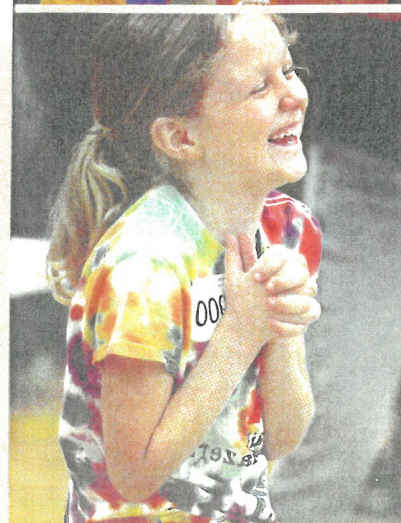
Pro Series Sets \$25

- 12 - Pro Series Cups
- 1 - Carrying Stem
- Online Training Videos



- Special High Impact material
- Take your stacking to the next level!
- Centerless design eliminates air resistance and reduces down stacking time
- Pro Series cups are endorsed by World Champion Stackers

+ Your participation helps raise funds or equipment for your school



1. Bring cash or a check (made payable to your school) to your instructor and get your sport stacking gear on the spot. No waiting or paying for shipping.
2. Choose the gear you want. Keep in mind your instructor has limited quantities of each color and it's on a **first come first serve basis**.

* Some colors or products may not be available at your school.



RECEIVE DENTAL CARE RIGHT AT SCHOOL!

Oral Screening
Dental Cleaning
Fluoride Varnish
Sealants
Silver Diamine Fluoride
Referral Assistance

Services are provided during the day and visits are held throughout the school year.

Enroll Now!

<https://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/>





Bridging Brighter Smiles, Inc. accepts Forward Health/BadgerCare Insurance Only.
Dental care in school is also available on a self-pay basis.

Any Questions Please Call Bridging Brighter Smiles at (262)896-9891 or visit www.bbsmiles.org

OUR STUDENTS NEED YOU!

BECOME A **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

Make a difference and consider becoming a substitute teacher or a *substitute paraprofessional*. Learn more at kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers.

				
POSITION	EXPERIENCE LEVEL	PAY	FLEXIBILITY/ SEASONAL	IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
Substitute Teacher	Associates or Bachelor's	\$125/PER DAY	✓	✓
Substitute Paraprofessional	High School Diploma	\$12.00/PER HOUR	✓	✓



Kimberly Area School District





COVID-19 STRATEGIES FOR EVERYDAY OPERATIONS

Kimberly Area School District is taking a variety of actions every day to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including the virus that causes COVID-19. From the start of the pandemic new tools have become available to limit the effect of COVID-19 on communities and healthcare systems. As a result the CDC and Wisconsin Department of Public Health Services have shifted their COVID response.

KASD is adopting the COVID Strategies listed below, which are supported by our local public health department. These strategies may be revised depending on updated information and guidance from the CDC and Wisconsin Department of Public Health Service.

STRATEGIES

Ill or have COVID-like symptoms

- Stay home, for more details see [When to Keep Your Child Home](#)
- Return to school after 24 hours fever-free without fever reducing medications

Positive for COVID

- Stay home from school for 5 days after symptoms begin, AND
- Return to school after 24 hours fever-free without fever reducing medications

General Mitigation

- Increased air ventilation;
- Standard surface cleaning;
- Handwashing; and
- Respiratory etiquette

Masking

- Optional, Students/Staff may mask at any time

Adapted from CDC and Outagamie Public Health