



Westside

ELEMENTARY

SUMMER 2023

Greetings from Westside Elementary,

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying your last month of summer vacation. Depending on your schedules some of you can't wait for school to start while others would love another month of summer vacation. I fall somewhere in the middle. I enjoy the relaxed pace of the summer, but I do miss the structure of the school year.

For those of you joining Westside for the first time, welcome! We look forward to meeting you and your family. Westside believes that relationships are at the heart of learning. Our mission is to make sure every family feels connected to our school. Each teacher works hard to create conditions in their classroom so students feel a sense of belonging, autonomy and competence. We believe when students feel comfortable with their classmates and teacher they can make huge gains academically and socially.

As a parent to a Westside student, we want you to know that communication between you and the school is very important to us! You should expect to be updated on nearly everything you need to know about the procedures and schedules at Westside through these weekly newsletters. I encourage all parents to read these newsletters to stay up to date on all the happenings at Westside. In addition to these newsletters, I encourage all parents to engage with their child's teacher. We believe in being proactive and understand that your child will occasionally share things with you and not their teacher. If there is any information that you think would be helpful to your child's teacher to better meet your child's needs please don't hesitate to contact them. Your child is the reason we are here after all!

Enjoy the rest of your summer break. We look forward to seeing you all in September!

Jonathan Peterson



WESTSIDE SUMMER NEWS

LOOKING AHEAD:

- August 3-16—District Picture Days
- Tuesday, August 1 - 9:00 AM—Infinite Campus Opens for Annual Update, Schedule Viewing and Payment of Fees, Etc.
- Wednesday, August 30, 3-5 PM—Meet the Teacher and Supply Drop Off
- Tuesday, September 5—First Day of School

Please click here to view the [Kimberly Area School District 2023-2024 Parent Calendar](#).

PICTURE DAY: Please [click here](#) to sign-up for a school picture timeslot and to order your pictures online. Please note that photos can be taken at **ANY** district school. Choose the date that best fits your schedule. Westside also has a picture retake day scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd.

ANNUAL UPDATE: The Annual Update is the process all families use to complete back-to-school paperwork online. This process is required by all families and must be completed by the primary Parent/Guardian. The Annual Update can be completed by accessing the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) on the web and clicking the “Annual Update” link located below the user account section. If you do not have an Infinite Campus Parent Portal account or have forgotten your username or password, please visit our [Infinite Campus webpage](#). The update window begins on August 1st at 9:00 AM and closes on August 15th.

HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENTS: You can view the name of your child’s homeroom teacher in [Infinite Campus](#) beginning on Tuesday, August 1st at 9:00 AM. Once in Infinite Campus, click on your child’s name, then schedule (on the left side). Please note that changes to student homeroom assignments are exceptionally rare. Per Kimberly Area School District Board of Education policy (5120.01), requests for an instructor change must be submitted in written form within ten days and must outline an exceptional educational reason that significantly interferes with the child’s learning. Requests for specific teachers are not considered.

LITERACY TEACHER: To reduce class sizes and offer literacy intervention, the Kimberly Area School District has provided an additional literacy teacher for first, second, and third grades. If your child has two different teachers listed, that means he or she will have one teacher for literacy and another teacher for the other half of the day. This has been a long-time practice in the KASD allowing our youngest students to get off to a good start in becoming successful readers and writers.

FEES: While you are in Infinite Campus you will also be able to pay your child’s school fees, add a yearbook to their account and access their hot lunch account.

Kindergarten School Fee: \$20.00

Kindergarten Milk Fee (for snack): \$40.00 for the entire year

Grades 1 - 4 School Fee: \$30.00

Headphones: \$5.00 (for 5K & new students only)

Elementary Lunch Fee: \$2.60

Daily Lunch Milk: \$0.40

Yearbook (Optional): \$12.00 (To add a yearbook to your child’s account, select fees on the left side, choose “optional payments” and click add to cart next to WES yearbook.)

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM/ACCOUNT: Please click here to view the [Parent’s Guide to School Lunch](#) to learn more about school lunch/breakfast, including how you can add money to your child’s lunch account.

Free and Reduced Applications are available for families. Please [click here](#) for more information on the program. It is important that qualifying families fill out the Free and Reduced Application as well as the Sharing of Information form in order for fees to be waived. Please use the links to the applications here:

[2023-24 Free & Reduced Meal Application](#)

[Free & Reduced Meals-Sharing Information Form](#)

SUPPLY DROP-OFF & MEET THE TEACHER: Westside School Supply Drop Off and Meet the Teacher will be held on **Wednesday, August 30th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. This is a great opportunity for your children to meet their teachers and drop off their supplies prior to the first day of school. You can access the Westside School supply list by [clicking here](#). School supply kits ordered through our PTO will be delivered to homes this summer by our 1st Day School Supplies vendor. Students unable to make the drop-off date can bring their supplies on the first day of school.

BUSSING/PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PROCEDURES: Students planning to arrive and depart school using our contracted bus service, Lamers Bus Lines, may access bus route information through Infinite Campus. You can find this information under “More” and the area “Bus Transportation.” Please contact Lamers Bus Lines at (920)832-8800 ext. 2 with any questions. Bus information will not be available in IC until the week before school starts.

Those students taking an alternate form of transportation to and from school are asked to refer to the [Westside Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures](#) for additional information regarding these processes.

HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION: Medication consent forms are required for all over-the-counter and prescription medications. This includes cough drops, ointments, creams, etc. These forms are available online under [Health Services](#). Please note that prescription medications do require a physician’s signature. All medications must come to school in their original container. Forms are available for asthma, bee sting allergies, diabetes, food allergies, seizure medications, and general medications. Parents are encouraged to drop off medications during our Meet the Teacher/Supply Drop-Off day. If you have any questions regarding these forms, feel free to call the school office.

EARLY DISMISSAL EXPLANATIONS:

NOON DISMISSAL—All students are dismissed at 12:00 PM (busses and daycare vans run at 12:00 PM) — Lunch is not served — The Y-Care Staff is here for those signed up for Y-Care. Please bring a lunch for your child if he/she will be staying with the Y-Care program. There is no care provided after NOON by our Westside staff.

2:00 PM DISMISSAL—Students are dismissed at 2:00 PM (busses and daycare vans run at 2:00 PM). For parents who are unable to provide early pick up on these days there is an option to stay at Westside for a supervised movie. (You will have an opportunity to sign up for this during the annual update process by selecting **YES** to the early-release supervision question.) Please utilize this service only if necessary. If your child is signed up to stay for the movie, he/she can be picked up any time between 2:00 and 3:35 from the gym. Y-Care begins at 3:35 for those students who are signed up.

We have two 2:00 PM dismissals due to parent-teacher conferences (November 9th & 13th) where a supervised movie will **NOT** be available. **ALL** Students are dismissed at 2:00 PM — there is **NO CARE PROVIDED** by our staff on these days.

[Click here to view a list of our 2:00 PM dismissals for the 23-24 school year.](#)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

August 2, 3, 7-9 – 8:00-2:00

August 16-31 (Mon-Thurs) – 8:00-2:00

We are looking forward to a great school year here at Westside! As always please reach out with any questions. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Gina Vandenberg – Westside Secretary

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WE NEED YOU!

JOIN WESTSIDE PTO!

PTO FUNDS SUPPORT:

- SCHOOL EVENTS
- TEACHER APPRECIATION DAYS
- BOOKS FOR BIRTHDAYS
- PLAYGROUND UPGRADES
- 4TH GRADE CELEBRATION
- MUCH, MUCH MORE!



**QUESTIONS?
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WATCH FOR MORE
INFORMATION REGARDING
AVAILABLE POSITIONS,
UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES
TO HELP AND OUR NEXT
MEETING TIME.