November 1, 2017

Hello Westside Families –

Our **November Newsletter** is attached along with some additional flyers for your information. Please take a moment to look them over so you're up-to-date with all the happenings at Westside.

The newest edition of ***School Matters*** (the District Newsletter) is available for your reading enjoyment on the KASD Website.

UPCOMING THINGS TO NOTE:

- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – RED & WHITE DAY** – In support of the Kimberly High School State-Bound Girls Volleyball Team – wear red and white!
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – DRESS LIKE ANY TEACHER DAY!** Pick out a teacher at Westside and copy their style for the day – join the fun!
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – TWIN DAY** Team up with a friend and dress like twins!
- **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE Appointment Times –** Please watch for your Parent Teacher Conference appointment time(s). Your children should be bringing home your appointment time on **Monday, November 6th**. **(Conference Dates - November 20 and 30 - 5:00-8:00 - Please note, we will dismiss all students at 2:00 on these dates and will not provide the usual supervision.)**

Stay cozy during these chilly days and please give us a call if you have any questions! Thank you!

Anne Appleton
Westside Elementary
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WESTSIDE EAGLES UPDATE

November 2017

11/7 — End of First Quarter

11/17 — NOON Dismissal

11/20 and 11/30 — 5:00-8:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences
2:00 Dismissal– NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED BY WESTSIDE STAFF.

11/23 & 24 — No School

12/8 — 2:00 Dismissal

12/14-**Holiday Concert**
Grade 1— 6:30 Grade 2—7:15

12/22—NOON DISMISSAL

12/25—1/1 — No School

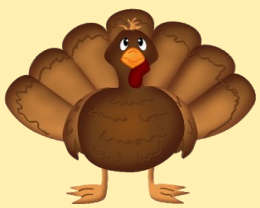
1/2 — School Resumes

1/12 — 2:00 Dismissal

1/19 — End of 2nd Quarter

1/19— NOON Dismissal

2/2—2:00 Dismissal



A Message from our Principal

Hello Westside Families!

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits! My section this month is intentionally short because I want you to spend your time reading a note from our School Resource Officer, Brandon Stahmann.

I asked Officer Stahmann to write his note after he shared a story about his decision to buy his son a smart phone. Officer Stahmann gives presentations on internet safety and digital citizenship to staff and parents alike, however, his experience getting his son a phone exposed him to a new app that all parents need to know about! He discovered it by registering the phone to his son who was under 12, which caused Google to automatically download the FamilyLink app. Please see the "Media Resource For Parents" article included in this newsletter!

Warm Regards,

Jonathan Peterson

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Principal

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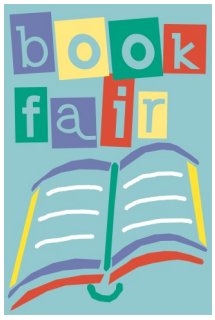
BOOK FAIR



Westside Elementary will be hosting the ***Scholastic Book Fair*** starting November 20. Students will have an opportunity to preview all of the items before the kick-off of the sale. **The Book Fair will be open during Parent-Teacher Conferences and during school hours for your convenience**. Please consider buying a book or two for your child. Not only will you be encouraging your child's love of reading, you will be supporting the Westside LMC program. We thank you in advance!

SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR AT WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY!

Our school community is thankful for all the Westside family members who help both in the classrooms and at PTO events.

Kimberly High School students are at Westside every day in several classrooms. They are called "High School Helpers" and the students and teachers greatly benefit from their assistance.

Our PTO is an active group of parents who work tirelessly to promote family-centered events and raise funds for Westside Elementary—we thank you for your time and positive efforts for our students and staff!

Finally, thank you to all the chaperones who volunteer to accompany our students and staff on field trips. Without your help these field trips would not be possible.

Great things are happening at Westside due in large part to our dedicated volunteers! We are grateful!

END OF THE DAY PICK UP

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our school day ends at 3:35 each day. Please make sure your child has a plan for getting home. **For the safety of all children, our expectation is that all students are picked up immediately after school**. Our office closes at 4:00 and at that time we want ALL students to be safe with parents or wherever their after school care takes place. We understand that on a rare occasion parents are delayed due to unplanned circumstances; we appreciate your effort to contact school if you will be delayed. Thank you for making every effort to pick up your children on time.

The Kimberly Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student programs and activities.

Media Resource For Parents - from Officer Stahmann

Part of my responsibility as your child's School Resource Officer is to connect parents with resources. This article is for families with children that have, or will have, their own tablet and/or smart phone.

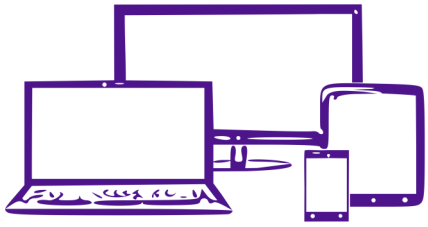
Those that fall into that category, you have a responsibility as a parent to educate your child on being a good digital citizen, which includes appropriate, responsible behavior of your child while on a device. Just as you taught your child how to ride a bike before giving them a bike, you are responsible for teaching your child how to navigate the digital world prior to giving them their own device. Part of that responsibility is monitoring your child's device usage. To help you with that, Google has recently come out with an app that makes your job much easier.

Google created an app called FamilyLink. The app is downloaded onto your child's device as well as your device, and it gives the parent access to a number of awesome features. Those features include:

Viewing the device location on a map.

Restricting the type of content your child can view on the internet.

The requirement to approve the download of any app on your child's device.



Removing/disabling apps from your child's device.

Locking your child's device.

Viewing the amount of time spent on each app per day.

Setting a daily limit of time spent on the device before it locks.

Setting a "bedtime" for the device so that it locks.

I'm not an advocate for any particular company, operating system, device, etc. I'm advocating for safer children. Parent involvement in their child's digital citizenship plays a critical role in that, and this app appears to be a great way to do just that. For more information about FamilyLink, you can read this article published by Google: https://goo.gl/2CyN1h

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Officer Stahmann
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COLDER WEATHER...COLD AND FLU SEASON

As the temperature continues to drop during these late fall days, we remind you to send your children to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Coats, hats, gloves, and appropriate shoes/boots for the weather are a must to keep them warm and healthy!

Along with the colder weather comes cold and flu season. Here are several tips to help you avoid becoming ill:

- Get a flu shot.
- Wash your hands a lot! Use plenty of soap and water and scrub for at least 20 seconds. The act of scrubbing is what removes germs; simply running your hands under water is not effective.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Clean common surfaces often i.e. door knobs, light switches, etc.
- Rest, Rest, Rest—getting enough sleep each night is a great way to fight illness!

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Winter is right around the corner. If weather conditions dictate that there will be no school or a delayed start, a decision to keep the schools closed is usually made by 6:30 a.m. Parents with students in school receive a direct call, text and/or email from our auto-call system since that is the fastest way to communicate with thousands of parents at one time. As a reminder: If you have a new phone number or email address, please update your information in the Infinite Campus parent portal or contact your school's secretary to update the portal.

Announcements are also sent to local T.V. and radio stations, please tune to local stations such as these rather than call the school directly: WAPL-105.7FM, WHBY-1150AM, WKFX-104.9FM, WEMI-91.9 FM, WGEE-1360 AM, and WOZZ-93.5FM; and WBAY-TV2, WFRV-TV5, WGBA-TV26, and WLUK-FOX11. If other school events, such as concerts or sporting events are also cancelled because of weather, they are typically communicated through these stations as well.

The District's website and Facebook page are not our primary way to communicate school closures, so we ask parents to listen to the auto-call messages or tune in to the radio and T.V. stations listed for the timeliest update

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	October 30	October 31 Happy Halloween! Orange & Black and Crazy Hair Day	1	2 Canned Food Drive Begins! Red & White Day! Wear your Kimberly Colors in support of State Bound KHS Volleyball Team!	3 Dress Like Any Teacher Day!	4
5	6	7 End of First Quarter	8	9 PTO Fund-raiser PICK-UP 3:30-6:30 PTO Meeting 6:30-LMC	10 Twin Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 NOON Dismissal	18
19	20 **Parent/ Teacher Conf. 5:00-8:00 2:00 Dismissal** BOOK FAIR	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving! **NO SCHOOL**	24 **NO SCHOOL**	25
26	27	28	29 1st & 2nd Grade to Weidner Center	30 **Parent/ Teacher Conf. 5:00-8:00 2:00 Dismissal** BOOK FAIR		

American Education Week Nov. 13-17, 2017

Thank you for your continued support in helping EVERY student reach their potential!

During the National Education Association's (NEA's) 96th Annual **American Education Week, November 13-17, 2017,** the Kimberly Area School District joins millions of educators, parents, students, and community leaders nationwide in raising awareness about the critical need to provide every child with a quality public education. It is a good opportunity to say "Thank You" for your ongoing support of students and our community.

Kimberly Area School District

Great public schools are a basic right and our responsibility to help EVERY child reach their potential.

In order to ensure that every student is given opportunities to reach their potential in academics, the arts and co-curricular activities, it takes the efforts of parents, staff and the community. Please take time during American Education Week to let your family, friends and neighbors know all the ways you and your schools are giving back to the community that gives them so much.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Bring in your canned foods starting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd!

Help Westside promote

"Stacking Day"

on November 9h by bringing in your donations

November 2-9. 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!

The Westside Way

Westside Elementary School Counseling Program

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GOOD NEWS FROM SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Protective Behaviors Program (teaching children a variety of safety life skills) will be presented during the month of November to Kindergarten through 4th grade students.

Through these presentations and discussions, students will become more aware about the world around them, physical and sexual abuse, safety with strangers, and what to do when home alone. Students will learn **basic age appropriate** methods for protecting themselves against unwanted physical touch and establishing a network of trusted adults that they can contact when needed.

As parents, I would ask you to make some time this month and discuss your personal views and rules on staying safe. Working together we can help children better protect themselves. I have attached a discussion guide from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children as a resource you can use when having discussions with your children. For additional resources you can visit www.missingkids.com.

With a school/parent effort, we can help children better protect themselves and feel safe.

Sincerely,

Stacy Courtney

Stacy Courtney
School Counselor

GOOD NEWS FROM SCHOOL

DISCUSSION GUIDE
(Ages 5-8)

It is important to talk to young children about safety without overwhelming or scaring them. This discussion guide offers age-appropriate messages and strategies to help you start a conversation about personal and online safety.

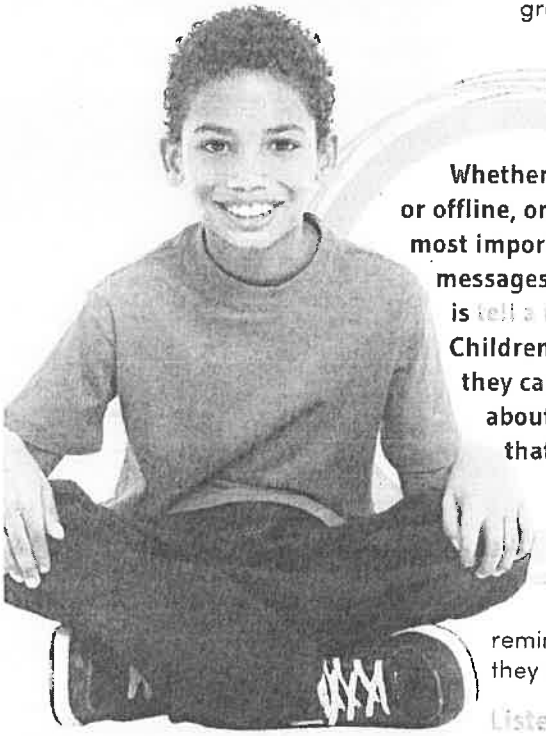
What to Talk About

When discussing personal safety, empower children by helping them learn what to do if they find themselves in a threatening situation. Tell children:

- A trusted adult is someone like your mom, dad or teacher who makes you feel safe, helps you and listens to you. You can tell a trusted adult any time you feel sad, scared, uncomfortable or confused.
- Ask me or another trusted adult first before going anywhere, helping anyone, or accepting anything.
- It's important to stay with me or the trusted adult in charge when you are away from home.
- Let's learn your full name, home address and telephone number. If we get separated, knowing this information can help you get home.
- Some of the body parts your swimsuit covers are private. If anyone touches you there or anywhere else in a way that makes you uncomfortable, you can say "no" – even if that person is a grown-up.

When discussing online safety, focus on helping children learn behaviors that minimize risks. Tell children:

- Our family has rules about what you can do online in order to help keep you safe. You may not like all of these rules, but it's important that you follow them.
- We should be polite and treat others with respect while online.
- Just because something is online does not mean it's true.
- Ask a trusted adult before sharing information like your name, address or telephone number.
- Not everything online is meant for children. It's not your fault if you accidently see these things, but you should tell me about it so we can deal with it together.



Whether on- or offline, one of the most important safety messages for children is tell a trusted adult. Children should know they can talk to you about anything that happens.

How to Talk About It

Focus on how, not who. Instead of saying, "Don't talk to strangers," discuss the methods would-be abductors may use such as offering treats or money, asking for help, or offering to show an animal.

Role-play. Don't just talk about safety. Practice it! For example, have children practice yelling, kicking, and pulling away when discussing what to do if someone tries to take them.

Don't skip the hard stuff. It can be hard to talk about some safety issues, especially those involving sexuality. Set the foundation early by talking openly with your children about their bodies. For example, teach them to use the correct names for private parts.

Keep calm. Children make mistakes. If they break a safety rule, remind them why you set it and enforce the consequences. Then talk about what they should do differently the next time.

Listen. Encourage your children to talk about their concerns and listen respectfully – even when you disagree.

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TEACHABLE MOMENTS

The following stories demonstrate how you can incorporate the safety tips into real-life interactions with your children.

Ask before going places

Tom and his 8-year-old son Aaron are at the playground. "Do you want me to come with you to the monkey bars?" Tom asks. "Dad, I'm not a baby!" Aaron says. He wants to be more independent so his parents have been teaching him about personal safety. Before Aaron goes to play, Tom asks him to repeat their family's personal safety rules. "Remember," Tom says, "these rules are to help keep you safe. When you follow them, your mom and I know that we can trust you to do more things by yourself."

Inappropriate online content

Jeanine's 6-year-old daughter Rachel accidently clicks a link to an adult website while playing an online game. Jeanine wants to slam the laptop closed and pull Rachel away from the disturbing images, but she knows that this could confuse or scare Rachel. Instead, Jeanine calmly navigates away from the website. She tells Rachel, "Some online sites are just for adults. Children may accidently find these sites, but it's not their fault. If you come across another site like this, tell me or another trusted adult so that we can help you get back to a children's site."

You don't have to wait for a real-life situation to arise before discussing safety with your children. Start talking to them about it right now by creating your own teachable moments.

GET STARTED

While at the grocery store, ask your child

"What would you do if we got separated?" Have your child point out people to ask for help such as a store clerk or parent with children.

While driving to school, ask your child

"Who are your trusted adults? Why?" Later, make a list of your child's trusted adults so he or she knows who to contact for help.

While playing an online game with your child, ask

"Has anyone or anything you've seen online ever made you feel confused or uncomfortable?"

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Hello Westside Families!!

I am so excited that Speed Stacking begins this week. I am also super excited about the new opportunity you have to purchase your child his/her own Speed Stacks, Mats and Timers. This year we have been given Speed Stack Standard Cup sets, mini-Speed Stacks, StackMats with Timers, and the Pro Series sets to sell at our school. The cups sets, mats and timers will be made available during school hours, and at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Having the cups, mats and timers at school will give you and/or your child the chance to see the equipment before you purchase anything, pick out the stack or mat your child wants, and receive everything immediately. No waiting or paying for shipping.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the equipment please feel free to contact me or send the payment to school with your child.

Payment can be made with either cash or checks...please make checks out to Westside Elementary.

All purchases will help raise money for our Physical Education program. The money raised will be used to purchase more classroom stacking sets and mats.

Thank you so much....Speed Stacking is one of my favorite things to teach in Physical Education. It is fun, great for hand-eye coordination, challenges both the left and right brain and can be a great cardiovascular activity as we add relays and other physical challenges.

Again, Thanks so much,
Mrs. Phillips
aphillips@kimberly.k12.wi.us

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Improving Motivation to Do Homework

Homework can be the bane of a young child's existence. Most of the time, children want to be outside playing with friends or doing other activities they enjoy. Because school can be stressful for a child, coming home is like the end of a workday for an adult. Children simply want to unwind and be a part of a family experience, or do things they enjoy. However, just because they don't enjoy doing homework doesn't mean they can't get through it successfully. By making homework fun as a parent, you'll be able to encourage and help build homework habits for the future, ensuring your child is getting the most from their education.

Show that You Care

The reason homework may feel like such a chore to many children is that they find no enjoyment or fulfillment from doing it. Also, when they're doing their homework, they're probably doing it alone. By actively taking an interest in the work your child is doing (e.g., assisting them with any problems or frustrations they have), you have the great opportunity to make it a fun experience. It's unrealistic to expect that your child will be overjoyed to do their homework alone in their room. If they have homework, ask them if they would like any help with it. If they want to do it alone, bring them healthy snacks and give them a break after each hour of work. This will help them keep their mind active and focused as they concentrate on any given task.

Homework Enjoyment

By encouraging homework and making it fun, you can also improve how your child behaves in their day-to-day life. Homework can be a very stressful experience, especially when a child is having difficulty with the material. Even if you're having trouble understanding what your child was assigned to do, make the most of it. By making it fun and exciting and getting yourself involved, you'll be able to ensure that future homework assignments are an opportunity for you to spend time together and help your child succeed at school.

REMEMBER:

- *Even after making homework fun, it still may be a struggle for your child.*
- *Do your best to help your child and only arrange for a tutor as a last resort.*
- *Let them know that once homework is complete, they have all the free time they want before bed.*

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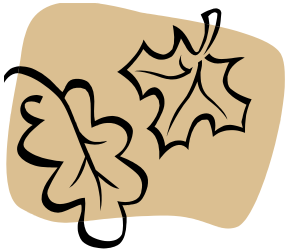

If you purchased items through the PTO fundraiser, pick up is coming up!!

Date: November 9th, 2017

Time: 3:30-6:30

Where: Down Stairs in the Westside Clothes Closet.

Please make other arrangements if you are unable to make this time.

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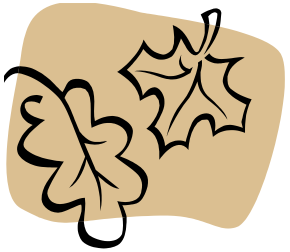

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