October 20, 2021



Hello Westside Families~

Please take note of what is coming up at Westside. <u>To view the most recent edition of School</u> <u>Matters, the KASD newsletter, please click here.</u>

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

- **DROP OFF & PICK UP** With student safety in mind, we ask that you please make sure your children are not at school in the morning prior to 8:25 unless they are here for breakfast (breakfast students can come into the building at 8:00 and should not arrive before then). Students who are here prior to 8:25 are expected to wait outside and are unsupervised. The same expectation holds true at the end of the school day. Our bell rings at 3:35 and we ask that parents pick up students promptly to avoid unsupervised students at the end of the day as well. Thank you.
- **RED RIBBON WEEK** is next week; please see the attached flyer for dress-up days/details.
- PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES -- Sign up is ongoing through PTCFast.com, our online sign-up site. Please see the attached flyer for details and sign up today for your VIRTUAL parent teacher conferences scheduled for November 11 & 15 – 5:00-8:00.
- NEXT WEEK--Wednesday, October 27 ORANGE & BLACK Day
- NEXT WEEK-Thursday & Friday, October 28 & 29-NO SCHOOL
- LOST & FOUND Please encourage your children to check the lost and found (in the lower level of the building near the cafeteria). It is filling up with lots of items. Anything not claimed by next Wednesday, October 27 will be laundered and donated.
- PHY ED CLASS FOR GRADES 2-4 Please make sure your children are dressed for the weather as gym class for students in grades 2-4 will be held outside as long as the weather allows.
- A MESSAGE FROM MR. PETERSON REGARDING TOYS AT SCHOOL Westside does not allow toys/trading cards at school. If you think your child could benefit from a fidget, please contact his/her teacher. We will provide fidgets and teach students how to use them effectively.

Enjoy these crisp autumn days and please let us know if you have any questions! Thank you!

Anne Appleton Westside Elementary 920-739-3578



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES FOR GRADES 5K-4TH

It's time to plan our parent/teacher conferences for our students in Grades 5K-4. **Conferences will be held VIRTUALLY on Thursday, November 11th and Monday, November 15th from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm.** Conferences will be 10 minutes in length and be held via google meet between the parent/guardian and the classroom teacher.

AGAIN THIS YEAR at Westside – We will be scheduling parent/teacher conferences through an ONLINE sign up system called PTCFast.com. After you choose a specific time and day for your child(ren), his/her teacher will send you a google meet invite for the conference time you selected. PTCFast.com will make sign-ups as convenient as possible. To schedule your preferred time for a parent/teacher conference:

- 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.

Specials teachers will also be available via google meet during specific times on November 11 and November 15.

- Mr. Kovacs 5K Music
- Mr. Englebert 5K Phy.Ed.
- Mrs. Kinzel Grades 1-4 Music
- Mrs. Phillips Grades 1-4 Phy.Ed.
- Mrs. Englebert, Mrs. Lamers, or Mrs. Medema Art
- Ms. Newman School Counselor

<u>All students in grades 5K-4 will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on both conference days. Unlike</u> <u>Friday 2:00 pm release days, childcare by Westside staff is NOT provided (no movie).</u>

If you do not have internet access, please send a note to your child's teacher with your preferred times, and a phone conference can be scheduled.

We ask that you request your times by Wednesday, October 27th. If you have not submitted your request by Wednesday, October 27th, a time will be assigned to you. Our teachers are looking forward to this opportunity for sharing with you and discussing the progress of your child(ren).

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! As always, if you have any questions, please give us a call – 920-739-3578.

RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 25-27

<u>Did you know?</u> Children of parents who talk to their children regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't? Only a quarter of teenagers report having these conversations about being drug free.

Red Ribbon Week (celebrating in school 10/25-10/27) is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation and is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started. This year's theme is Drug Free Looks Like Me[™]. Visit <u>www.redribbon.org/activities/parents</u> to learn more about Red Ribbon Week and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend.

HOW WILL WE CELEBRATE AT WESTSIDE?

Dress up days during the short week

<u>Monday 10/25</u>: Team Up Against Drugs by wearing their favorite sports team colors/apparel

<u>Tuesday 10/26</u>: Dream of a Drug-Free World and wear your pajamas to school

<u>Wednesday 10/27:</u> Drugs are Scary so wear your Orange and Black and celebrate Halloween safely!

Coloring Page Raffle

Your student(s) will be given a Red Ribbon Week coloring page in their classrooms on Friday 10/22. Talk with them at home about being drug free and have them color their pictures. Then, sign the coloring page and have them put their name on it. They can turn it in at school Monday-Wednesday to be entered into a drawing to win a prize! We will have 5 winners announced Wednesday afternoon.









Team Coordinator Jonathan Peterson jpeterson@kimberly.k12.wi.us

No orders will be accepted after the deadline.



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

When monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms, parents/guardians and students should look for:

<u>Major symptoms</u> (Students should stay home and take a COVID-19 test if ONE symptom from this list is present): Fever (above 100.4), cough (above baseline), new loss of taste/smell, trouble breathing/shortness of breath

<u>Minor symptoms</u> (Students should stay home and take a COVID-19 test if TWO symptoms from this list are present): Congestion/runny nose (above baseline), chills, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, headache (above baseline), body aches, unusual fatigue, sore throat (above baseline)



- They are diagnosed with COVID-19
- They are being tested for COVID-19

COVID protocols vary on a case-by-case basis, but are based on CDC/Wisconsin DHS guidelines. Generally however, protocols will be:

IF MY CHILD	AND IS	THEN HE/SHE/THEY SHOULD
Tests positive for COVID-19	Unvaccinated or vaccinated	Quarantine for 10 days from symptom onset or positive test result
Has COVID-19 symptoms	Unvaccinated	 Stay home Take a COVID-19 test Stay home while awaiting test results Return to school with a negative result Begin 10 day quarantine with a positive result (or if do not test)
Has COVID-19 symptoms	Vaccinated	 Follow typical illness protocol, stay home until 24 hours fever free COVID-19 test encouraged
Is a close contact to a positive case at school and is masked	Unvaccinated or vaccinated	Remain in school and monitor for symptoms
Is a close contact to a positive case	Unvaccinated	 Quarantine for 10 days after last close contact without testing, or Quarantine 7 days after last close contact, with a negative test result collected on day 6 or 7 (provide a copy of the test result to the school)
Is a close contact to a positive case	Vaccinated	Remain in school and monitor for symptoms
Is a close contact and had COVID-19 in last 90 days	Unvaccinated or vaccinated	Remain in school and monitor for symptoms

It's time to order your Westside Elementary



Many of you have already paid for a 2021-22 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 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!			
Yearbook Order Form			
Name:		Homeroom:	
Name:		Homeroom:	
Name:		Homeroom:	
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!			

Weekend Backpack Program In partnership with the St. Joseph Food Program

Are you in need of extra food on the weekend when school meals are not available?

WE CAN HELP!

We will provide you with a bag of basic, small meals & snacks (per child) that will be sent home on Fridays during the school year.

There is no need to provide documentation to be eligible. Contact your child(ren)'s school counselor or the KASD School Social Worker, Katie DeLain at: 423-4159 or kdelain@kimberly.k12.wi.us



FREE EVENT!!! CANDY! INFLATABLES! PRIZES! GAMES! COSTUMES! FUN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 3-5pm 1200 W. Kimberly Ave, Kimberly

In the Fox Valley Christian Fellowship parking lot

It's a fun time for kids and families!!! Interested in decorating a trunk?

> Contact Jessica Case: 991-1117 / jessica@fvcf.org



Join OUR TEAM!

Kimberly Area School District is seeking support from our community. Make a difference and consider becoming a **substitute teacher** or a **substitute paraprofessional.**

APPLY NOW AT kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers



Kimberly Area School District

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Earn extra income while your child is at school.



Turn your volunteer hours into a paid position.



No prior teaching experience needed.



Maintain a flexible work schedule.



Help students succeed.

INFORMATION For Parents



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter

In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation

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In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station

Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference.
 - * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



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