

October 30, 2019

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.

REMINDERS:

- **THURSDAY, October 31** – Orange and Black Day
- **FRIDAY, November 1** – **PTO HALLOWEEN DANCE** – 6:00-8:00 – Westside Small Gym
Please remember, all children must be accompanied by an adult – thank you!

TITLE I INFORMATION – at next PTO Meeting: At our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 in the library, Rick Lippold, Reading Specialist at Westside Elementary, Wendy Fellner from Mapleview, and Amy Karls from Janssen, will give a short presentation explaining the Title I guidelines. We invite you to join us for this, and all PTO meetings!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

[Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#) November 7-9 at Kimberly High School

[Papermaker Youth Wrestling Parent Meeting](#): Tuesday, November 12th

[Step-by-Step Canvas Painting](#): December 27, Village of Kimberly Municipal Complex

[How to Create a Rock Mandala](#): December 31, Village of Kimberly Municipal Complex

As always, please let us know if you have any questions-thank you! Happy Halloween – enjoy the rest of the week!

Anne Appleton
Westside Elementary
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WESTSIDE EAGLES UPDATE

A Message from our Principal



November 2019

11/6 — End of First Quarter

11/15 — NOON Dismissal

11/28 & 11/29 — No School
Happy Thanksgiving!

12/2 & 12/3 — 5:00-8:00

Parent/Teacher Conferences

2:00 Dismissal— **NO CHILDCARE**

**PROVIDED BY WESTSIDE
STAFF.**

12/19-Holiday Concert

Grade 1— 6:30 Grade 2—7:15

12/23—1/1 — No School

1/2 — School Resumes

1/10 — 2:00 Dismissal

1/24 — End of 2nd Quarter

1/24— NOON Dismissal

2/13 & 2/14 — No School

2/28 — 2:00 Dismissal



Greetings Westside Families!

We are already to November! We are off to a great start at Westside. Our students that have to make the biggest adjustment are our kindergarten friends. I usually don't go down to our 5k room until this time because it can be a little chaotic with so many friends, figuring out how to do school. NOT THIS YEAR! I was down in all the classrooms doing observations and reading to students and I have to tell you how amazed I was at how quickly our teachers get our kids acclimated to school. In reality, after the first 15 minutes on the 1st day of school all the kids were at their tables writing stories! Your kindergarten students (and your other students!) are doing such amazing things!

November is also a time to be thankful. I am thankful for the embarrassment of riches we have at Westside! I am thankful for starting my 5th year and knowing this awesome school community! Our students are so kind, caring and respectful! We recently had a substitute teacher in Mrs. Reider's class that told the class and Mrs. Reider that he has never subbed for such a respectful class! That is just one of hundreds of examples of how special our students are. I am also thankful for all you amazing parents and your support of us and your students. However, I am MOST thankful for Ms. Anne rejoining us full time after missing the first 7 weeks with a back injury! I hope that you all know that Ms. Anne is the one who is really in charge here! We were SUPER lucky to have Ms. Erin who learned a ton of new things and kept us moving. We also had a SUPER sub in Ms. Julie who took the sub job at 7am on the first day of school and stuck with us the whole time! I hope all of you have time to reflect on all the great things in your lives that you are thankful for this season.

Warm Regards,

Jonathan Peterson

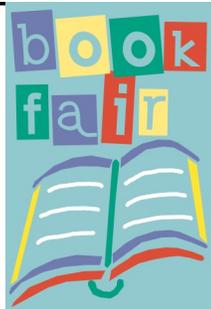


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BOOK FAIR



Westside Elementary will be hosting the *Follett Book Fair* starting December 2. 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 (5:00-8:00) 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 in the classrooms, at PTO events, and on field trips!

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, we are grateful for 50 years of Westside Elementary—we enjoyed a great celebration on October 13th with former staff, current staff, students and members of the community!

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

Parent Teacher Conferences—2:00 Dismissal — No Movie

On Parent Teacher conference days (December 2 & 3) ALL students are dismissed at 2:00 PM — there is **NO CARE PROVIDED (no movie)** by our staff on these days, as our teachers are preparing for conferences which start at 5:00.

All children will be dismissed at 2:00

Y-Care families need to contact the YMCA to sign-up for Y-Care on conference days. Thank you! Please let us know if you have any questions. 920-739-3578

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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 teach 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, both Google and Apple have features that make 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. Apple's software update includes ScreenTime. 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.

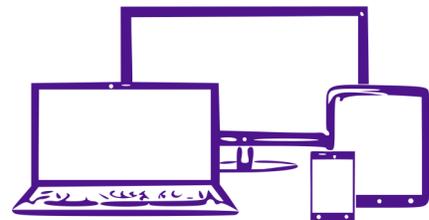
Setting a "bedtime" for the device so that it locks.

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. 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 6:00 a.m. Parents with students in school receive a direct call, text and/or email from our auto-call system through Infinite Campus 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. Also, weather alerts go out using the "General Notification" make sure you have the "General" box checked when verifying your Infinite Campus notifications.

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, WIXX-101.1FM, WHBY-103.5FM, WKFX-104.9FM, WEMI-91.9 FM, WTAQ-97.5FM/1360AM, WWWX-96.9FM and WGEE-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 updates.





November 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | October 31 Happy Halloween! Orange & Black Day!  | 1 PTO Halloween Dance 6:00-8:00 Small Gym | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 End of 1st Quarter | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 NOON DISMISSAL Dress Like Your Favorite Teacher Day! | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 PTO Meeting 6:30-LMC Title 1 Presentation | 20 | 21 | 22 Popcorn Day! | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving!  | 29 NO SCHOOL | 30 |

Grade 4 families, with Halloween coming, I wanted to ask a big favor. If you have any unwanted Halloween candy please consider donating it to our gingerbread house, sculpture unit! We'll be starting this project the first week of December but donations can be brought in at any time. Other things that work great are **half eaten** bags of pretzels, cereal, marshmallows, M&M's, licorice, sprinkles, etc. Please don't feel you need to go out and buy anything. I'll have all the frosting and graham crackers we need so I'm just looking for things to decorate the houses with. Students can start bringing things in at any point and I'll keep it stored away until the start of our project. I also ask that you refrain from donating candy or food that contains nuts. Thank you so much for considering. The students always look forward to this project and we have so much fun creating our food sculpture. Mrs. Medema & Mrs. Lamers



The Westside Way



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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.

Our 4th grade students will be given a safety booklet called **WHEN YOU ARE IN CHARGE...** This booklet has all sorts of information that can be used when babysitting, or when students are in charge at home.

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

Sincerely,



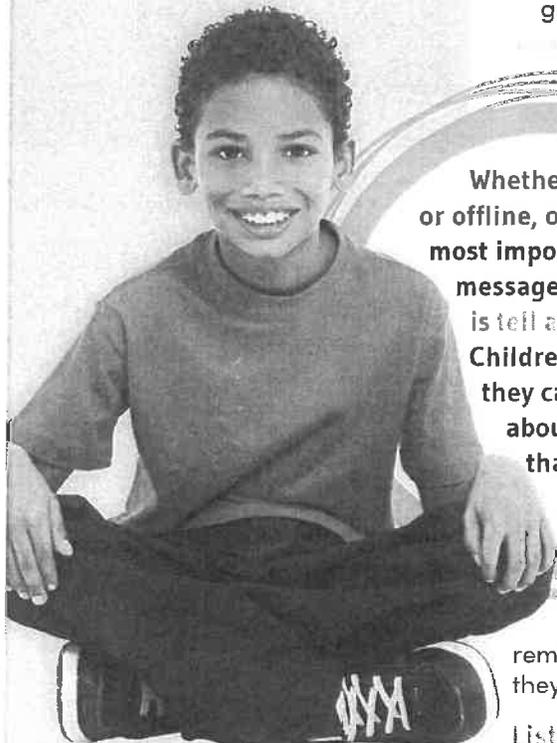
Stacy Courtney
School Counselor

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.



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.

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 accidentally see these things, but you should tell me about it so we can deal with it together.

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.

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 accidentally 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 accidentally 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?"



To learn more about child safety, visit BeHereForKids.org

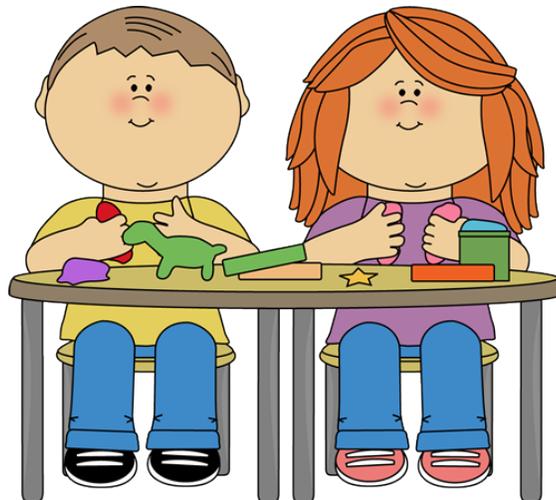
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WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY NEEDS YOU!

Westside Elementary is looking for noon hour supervisors!
Here are the details:

- This is a paid position
- Hours are approximately 11:00-1:00 (days of the week can be flexible)
- Set up the lunch tables
- Spend time in the cafeteria supervising students
- Spend time on the playground with students
- Take down the lunch tables
- Have fun with our Westside Students!

If you are interested, please stop by the office and complete the paperwork or contact Anne or Erin in the office—739-3578.



Halloween Dance

When: Friday, November 1st from 6p-8p!

Where: Westside Elementary Small Gym

Cost: FREE!!

Concessions and Glow Sticks will be sold!

Please remember no masks, weapons, or fake blood. Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.