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**PARENT
NEWSLETTER**

**SEPTEMBER
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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2009

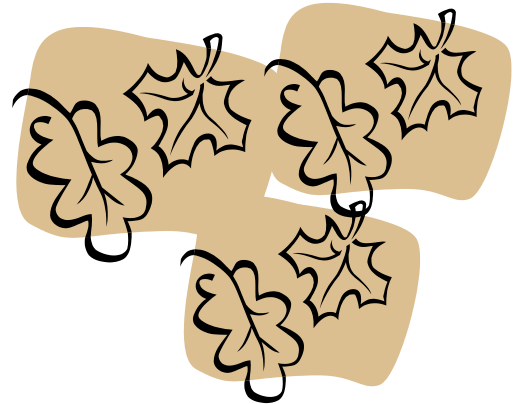
EARLY DISMISSAL EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1:15 PM

- 01 Assessment Day—No School for Students
- 07 Labor Day Holiday—No School for Students
- 08 ABC Fundraising Orders and Money Due
- 08 Parent Staff Partnership Meeting @ 6:00 in the APR
- 14 Bookfair in the Library 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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- 16 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
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- 17 Parent Teacher Conferences—No School for Students
- 17 Bookfair in the Library 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- 17 District In Service—No School for Students
- 22 Bites for Bytes at Culver's Restaurant 5:00-8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 2009

EARLY DISMISSAL EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1:15 PM

- 01 Picture Day with Studio 5 Portraits
- 06 Bites for Bytes @ Gunther Toody's 4:30-9:00 p.m.
- 07 Vision/Hearing Screening with students @ school
- 09 Teacher Work Day—No School for Students



PARENT RESPONSE FORM—Please return to Amy Bruce, Principal

I have a question _____

I have a concern _____

I have something positive to share _____

I would like to share my expertise in _____

Name and Phone Number (optional) _____

Please attach a separate piece of paper if you need more room.

September 8, 2009

Dear Wildcat Families and Friends,

Welcome back to a new school year!!! I hope your summer was wonderful and that you are ready to send your children back to Wildcat country for another fabulous year of learning. This year we are “diving into learning and swimming toward success” at Westview. We have also updated our positive behavior system so you will see banners in our hallways reminding students to put their best paws forward by showing integrity at all times. When we catch them showing integrity by doing the right thing we reward them with I Caughts that they will be able to use to buy rewards through our new IPAWS store. Hopefully, your child already brought home his or her IPAWS student packet to share with you so that you are now familiar with all the behavior expectations in our school.

You will also see a few new faces on our team this year. We are welcoming Ms. Molly Theodorakos as a fourth grade teacher, Ms. Anne Szary as our art teacher, Mrs. Cheryl Lovisone as a new night cleaner and Mrs. Stephanie Auday as our half-time assistant principal. Additionally, our own Ms. Kelly Johnson will add half time ELL teacher to her role. Please plan to attend the first PSP meeting of the year on September 8th so that you can see our new faces and hear a little bit about their background.

In addition to all the key information you can find in the Student-Parent Handbook, there are a few areas that I would like to highlight here. Please note the sections about our district dress code, weapons violations, student cell phones and late pick up. Specifically, be aware of the need for straps on shirts to be two inches wide minimally in order to be acceptable and be aware that the consequences for bringing what is known as a weapon facsimile to school are strong. A weapon facsimile is an object that looks like a real weapon. Many “toys” are made to look like real guns and our students need to be reminded that these absolutely cannot be brought on to school grounds. Some examples would be shocker guns, squirt guns, pellet guns etc. It is wise to be sure you know what your student is carrying in his or her backpack on a daily basis to ensure that one of these toys doesn’t make its way in there. In addition, student cell phones must be kept in their backpacks and turned off during the day. Cell phones are confiscated from students when they are brought out during the school day. Finally, we used to be able to utilize the services of our BASE program to help parents provide supervision for their children when they were dropped off too early or picked up too late. We are no longer able to do that. Therefore, we may call Social Services and/or the Northglenn Police Department or charge a fee when inadequate supervision of a student before or after school becomes problematic.

Please note that parent-teacher conferences are occurring early this year. They will be held the evening of September 16th and all day on September 17th. School will also be closed on September 18th for a teacher in-service day as well.

We are of course eager to have as many volunteers as possible joining the ranks of our crossing guard team again this year. If you have even just 20 minutes at arrival or dismissal one day per week to share with us, it would be tremendously helpful to our efforts to keep kids and adults safe when crossing the main intersection in front of our school. It is a continual challenge to find enough volunteers for this role especially when our goal is to put two guards out there at a time. Please consider contacting Mrs. Beth Allen if you can help us in this area.

Finally, as always please remember that our school does not promote use of the church parking lot and grounds or the Taylor’s Rainbow parking lot and grounds to access the school at any time of day. In addition, we hope to maintain positive relationships with all of our neighbors so we ask that our parents not use any of the private parking lots and driveways around our school at arrival and dismissal. There can be safety concerns associated with using any of these areas so please refrain from doing so.

We are excited to begin a new school year with you and your children! If you have any needs with which we can be of help, please don’t hesitate to call or stop by. We are here to serve you every day and we look forward to doing so!!

Amy L. Bruce

Amy L. Bruce, Principal

ART ROOM INFORMATION

Hello, my name is Anne Szary (pronounced "Zary" the "S" is silent) and I am the new art teacher at Westview Elementary. I feel so fortunate to be serving your students in visual arts education. This will be my 10th year teaching art. I was at Cotton Creek Elementary in 2008-2009 for my mentor who took a year family leave and the 2007-2008 school year at Rocky Mountain Elementary for a teacher on sabbatical. For 7 years I was art teacher for students preschool through 8th grade in Howell, Michigan. Please feel free to stop in the art room anytime or contact me about any concerns. I am looking so forward to meeting you, your students and having a great year in the visual arts.

Look for a Visual Arts Weblink on our school's website. Newsletters, student art, rainy day links, student art in the community and museums of countries we are studying will be included. Below is an overview of art projects for August/September 2009:

Kindergarten

Students will study the great barrier reef and the colorful fish that live there. Then, they will draw what they think they might look like if they were a fish that lived in the great barrier reef. "I'm a Fish in the Great Barrier Reef" - Self Portrait/Gagudji X-Ray style Painting Lit: "This is the Reef" by Miriam Moss Math: Copying and Counting

1st Grade

First grade will study the great barrier reef and especially the variety of plant life. Students will draw plant life that describes certain members of their family. "My Coral Family in the Great Barrier Reef - Family Portrait" Paper Collage/Papunya Dot Painting Lit: "This is the Reef" by Miriam Moss

2nd Grade

Art Students will write, drawing and illustrate an animal from Australia in a Mixed Media Painting "Fox" by Margaret Wild/Ron Brooks

3rd Grade

Third grade will study Papunya Dot Painting of the Aboriginal people of Australia. they will choose an invertebrate from the "Great Barrier Reef" to illustrate in mixed media.

4th Grade

Students will study the colors and patterns of clothing from the Tahitian Islands through Gauguin's eyes. Then they will design and construct a fabric sample of their own and apply this to a TIKI. Gauguin/Tahitian Cloth Design and TIKI Lit: On an Island with Gauguin

5th Grade

5th grade will start their year studying self portraiture and Maori face tattoos. They will superimpose an Maori Face Tattoo on a Self Portrait, Lit: Aboriginal: Stories of Australia by A.W. Reed

Sept. 12, 2009 Free Admission to the Denver Art Museum
visit www.denverartmuseum.org



WSLC (Westview Student Leadership Club)

Thanks to everyone who came to the first skate party of the year. What a fun way to kick off the school year! More skate parties coming soon!

3rd, 4th & 5th graders: the WSLC application process is quickly approaching! We will be continuing to "Go Green" this year, so start to think about ways in which you could help our school and our community to be greener. More information will be coming soon...so stay tuned!

Thanks! Your WSLC advisors: Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Nolan & Mrs. Walker

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER NEWS



Welcome back to a great new year of "swimming to success" in the library! Be sure to check the library link on our school webpage (westview.adams12.org) for great links to learning - websites for homework help, student research, reading challenges. You can even check Westview's library catalog from home to see if your favorite book is available!

Speaking of the internet, be sure to sign and return the internet permission form that is included in the back-to-school student packet. These need to be signed every year, and students will not be able to use the internet at school without a signed form. Students are taught safe internet usage in the computer lab. We do a lot of research and learning activities on the internet through our district's kid-safe filter, so it's important this form gets return ASAP.

Please be sure to talk with your children about taking good care of the library and classroom books that they bring home. You are responsible for any damages or loss that occurs. Can you guess the most common way for books to be damaged? Liquids! Spills, water puddles, and even leaky juice bottles in the backpack. The second most dangerous threat to books? Dogs (and toddlers!) that love to chew. Torn pages and scribbling in the book are also damaging. Help your child find a safe place at home for their books or keep them in their backpacks so they don't get lost or damaged.

Read to your child every night to help their brain grow! Be a positive role model, and let them catch you reading books and magazines also! Dive into learning!

Westview Parent Staff Partnership

PSP Mission and Goals

To promote understanding between parents and school staff
To facilitate the offering of school/family activities
To aid in the acquisition of resources not available through the general budget

Next PSP Meeting:

September 08, 2009

6:00 p.m.

~Free child care!!~

Please keep your comments and suggestions coming, we are listening!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, contact a PSP Officer by leaving a message at the school office (720) 972-5680 or log onto the PSP website <http://www.westview.adams12.org/psp> for contact information.

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