Westridge Wildcat PSOV PRINTS August 2019

[TUESDAY] Oct 1 Walkathon Kick-off

[TUESDAY] **Oct 1** PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in library

[THURS & FRI] **Oct 3 & 4** Outdoor Education- 5th Grade

[MONDAY] **Oct 7** Picture Re-takes

[FRIDAY] **Oct 11** Westridge Walkathon!!

[FRIDAY] **Oct 18** No School- Teacher In-service

[FRIDAY] **Oct 25** Report cards sent home

[THURSDAY] **Oct 31** Fall Parties

[TUESDAY] **Nov 5** PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in library

[WEDNESDAY] **Nov 6** Author Visit

Principal's Message

Hello Westridge Families,

The Westridge Walk-a-thon is right around the corner! We will be holding the Westridge Walkathon to continue to raise money for the Westridge technology upgrades. The Kick-off will be on Tuesday, October 1st, and the event will be on Friday, October, 11th. This fundraiser has allowed us to upgrade the technology in our classrooms that teachers and students use every day. So far, all of our 3rd-5th grade classrooms and two of our 2nd grade classrooms have been upgraded. Our hope is that we can raise another \$15,000 this year to finish the upgrades to the remaining kindergarten, first grade and second grade classrooms. You can find more information about how to register for the Walk-a-thon in this newsletter.

The Westridge PTO has provided information about signing up for the student directory. We are using the website atozconnect.com for the directory this year. This is a completely free way to access the information of other families in our school. As part of the Elkhorn Public Schools policy, we do NOT hand out birthday invitations at school. The directory is a great way to access all of the information you need for sending out those birthday invites.

Please remember that the upper parking lot between the playground and the Teacher Training and Conference Center is not designed for drop-off in the morning. We have placed "No Parking" signs on the curb by the parking lot because when vehicles are parked there it interrupts the flow of traffic and makes it harder for our safety patrol members to see oncoming traffic. This is a major safety concern for our students. If you want to drop off your child(ren) in the upper lot, you will need to park into a space and walk your child(ren) to the sidewalk where they can cross safely over to the playground for walking club. Otherwise, you will need to come through the drop-off loop by the main doors. Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe.





Westridge Elementary Mission Statement:

In an effort to create life-long learners, the staff at Westridge Elementary School working closely with parents and community strives to realize each child's fullest potential in the areas of personal, social, intellectual, emotional, and physical development.

SCHOOL DAY HOURS 8:10-3:06

Question of the Month

What is the question of the month?



The question of the month is a way for parents and families to submit any questions to learn more about Westridge Elementary. All questions are anonymous and go directly to Mr. Broshar.

The idea behind this to increase communication between school and families. Chances are that if one person has a question about a policy, procedure, or an event, then there are probably many others that have the same question.

Simply click on the link below to submit your questions.

Parent/Guardian Questions 19-20



Mrs. Harder here! Regarding the Square1Art Fundraiser: I just wanted to let you know that I will be mailing out your child's/children's Square1Art artwork on **Thursday, October 3**rd to Square1Art! Ordering packets will then arrive back at Westridge on **Friday, October 25**th. Then...LET THE ORDERING and HOLIDAY SHOPPING BEGIN! ③ Online ordering is back this year and easier than ever! You may also send exact cash or check with your child/children to me here at Westridge. All orders will be due no later than **Thursday, November 7**th as I must send the orders Friday, November 8th. Unfortunately, late orders will not be accepted. Thank you in advance for all you do for Westridge Art and our students!

Thank you! Mrs. Harder



You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.

https://www.elkhornweb.org/westridge/

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AUTHOR VISIT

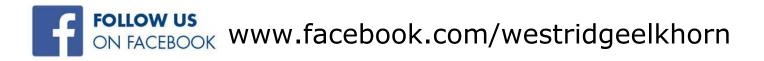
The Westridge Library is SO EXCITED to announce that on Wednesday, November 6th author and illustrator Janet Stevens will be visiting our students. Janet is a New York Times best-selling author and has many highly acclaimed and awarded books. One of her newest books is up for the Nebraska Golden Sower Award next school year! She loves to encourage kids to read, write, draw, and tell stories by telling them about her childhood experiences. Janet focuses on "Where do ideas come from?" in her interactive presentation. We cannot wait to hear more about her journey to becoming a writer and illustrator. If you would like to know more about Janet Stevens and her books visit her website at http://janetstevens.com/. A BIG thank you goes out to our Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation for making this experience possible!





PTO MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Meeting: Oct. 1st Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd, Jan. 7th, Feb. 4th, Mar. 3rd, Apr. 7th, May 6th





The Westridge PTO has teamed up with *Get Movin'* for our **Walk-a-thon Fundraiser!**

Our official Kickoff is Tuesday October 1st! That day your student will be sent home with a packet informing you on this year's annual walk-a-thon. It will include all the who, what, when and why! Be ready for fun, fitness and of course fundraising!! But until then, we wanted to give you early access and get families registered.

<u>Register</u> or <u>Login</u> to <u>https://www.getmovinfundhub.com</u>. For first time users, our school identification code is 5d39c64bf214a. You can customize your parent dashboard and complete your child's student webpage with a picture and personal message to friends and family.

All students who register online will receive a Westridge Wildcat Bracelet! Thank you for your continued support!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to our community supporters!

Runza (204th and Maple) Elkhorn Animal Hospital Elkhorn Athletic Association Clare Senior Advisors Becca Sutton – Young Living Oils Apex Sports Clips (204th and Dodge) CI Shirts Fun Services Iron Hero CrossFit Fat Brain Toys Erin Mumford Photography Dunkin' Baskin Robbins Clara's Closet Diamond Fitness and Shine Yoga



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District Reminders

TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS - APPS TO KNOW

Classlink: Elkhorn Public Schools



ClassLink is a single sign-on platform that allows students to use one username and password to access online resources already being used in the classroom, including online textbooks, Moodle courses, and more. ClassLink saves all school related passwords within the security of your ClassLink password

ClassLink is a safe, secure way for students to connect with applications and resources. The website does not collect or share any personal student information, which is important to us. Best of all, it is very easy to use and is a great resource for students and families.

Information about getting started with Classlink for EPS students can be found here.

PowerSchool App



The Elkhorn Public Schools District uses a student information system called PowerSchool. This is a web-based system with a mobile app option that is intended to provide parents and students with a tool to review student progress. An important feature in PowerSchool is parent/guardian access.

This feature offers real-time access to attendance, class information and the option to update student information easily. Students in grades 3-12 also have the ability to view current grades.

PowerSchool also offers parents a single sign on method so they have the ability to link multiple student accounts together and access the accounts via one login and password.

Activity Scheduler: rSchool Calendar



EPS middle and high schools use on an online calendar called rSchool to track all events and activities. rSchool also has an app option for individuals to view their schools rSchool calendar and view events by date or by activity category.

To use the app, download Activity Scheduler in your phone's app store and choose the your school based on the conference they are part of. To view and subscribe to any building's calendar, click <u>here</u>. For reference, Elkhorn High School and all EPS middle schools are part of the Eastern Mid Conference and Elkhorn South High School is part of the Metro Conference.

Elkhorn Public Schools Policy 507.13—Internet Safety Policy was written in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Tech Savvy Parent tips are intended to inform and educate parents of technology that may be available to their students. Tips may feature apps that are educational as well as those that may be a cause for concern to parents.



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NOTES FROM THE NURSE ...

HEALTH SCREENING TIME IS COMING!

On Tuesday November 5th we will be screening all students in K-4 and 5th grade students who are new to Elkhorn Public Schools for: Height/Weight, Vision, Hearing, and Dental. If a potential issue is identified at the screening, an Elkhorn school nurse will rescreen, and a referral will be sent home at that time. A summary of your student's screening results will be sent home at the end of the school year.

FLU VACCINES

The CDC recommends getting a flu vaccine before flu begins spreading in your community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against the flu, so make plans to get vaccinated early in the fall, before flu season begins. The CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible. https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm