

P W PRINTS

December 2019

[FRIDAY] **DEC 6**

Westridge Movie Night

[MONDAY] **Dec 9**

Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM

[FRIDAY] **Dec 20**

Last Day of the Second Quarter

[MONDAY] **Dec 23**

Winter Break Starts

[MONDAY] **Jan 6**

School Resumes

[TUESDAY] **Jan 7**

PTO Meeting in the library @
6:30 PM

[FRIDAY] **Jan 10**

Report Cards Come Home

[MONDAY] **Jan 20**

No School- Teacher In-service

Principal's Message

Hello Westridge Families,

Starting next week, we will be doing our winter session of MAP testing. Kindergarten through 5th grade will be taking a MAP test in both reading and math. We use these MAP assessments to measure and monitor student growth throughout the year. Please help your child do his/her best by having them get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast in the morning.

Also, please remember that we do go outside for walking club and recess unless the feels like temperature is below 15 degrees. This means that students need winter coats, hats, and gloves. If you need any assistance in providing these items for your child, let us know, and we would be happy to help out.

As we enter the holiday season, it is important to think about those things that we are thankful for and to recognize the wonderful things that we have in our lives. Some of the things that I am most thankful for have to do with our Westridge community. I truly appreciate the hard work and effort that our students and teachers give day in and day out. We ask our students to come to school every day and give it their best effort. We ask our teachers to meet the needs of all of our students to ensure their success. I get to see all of the great work that is being done, and it is something that I am truly thankful for. I am also thankful for the tremendous support of our families and our community. Westridge is a special place because of all of you. I am very grateful that I get to be a part of that community. I hope all of you have a wonderful, restful, and safe holiday season.

Mr. Broshar



**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](#)



PTO MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Meeting: Jan. 4th

Feb. 4th, Mar. 3rd, Apr. 7th, May 6th



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You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.

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



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Student Council

Student Council is a group of 14 4th & 5th grade students that meet approximately every two weeks after school. The mission of the Student Council this year is to work together to promote school spirit, as well as support our school and community. We do this in many ways, including supporting the Mitten Tree, a local food pantry, Ronald McDonald House, our school's needs, as well as any other needs that may arise.

Next month, we will have our candy cane sales. Candy canes will be sold at various times throughout the school day, as well as after school on December 4th and 5th. Candy canes are 50 cents each. Students are allowed to purchase as many candy canes as they would like. Money raised from candy cane sales are used to support a family from the Mitten Tree. Student Council then shops for and wraps gifts for the family.

We will have a Fun Day on Friday, December 6th. Students are encouraged to support their favorite team by wearing any sports' jersey or shirt.

Spirit Day will be held on Friday, December 20th. Students are encouraged to wear mostly red or Westridge gear. Perhaps, you could even have your child wear their Walk-a-thon shirt. The two classrooms with the highest percentage of participation will receive the Spirit Day trophy for the month.

Spirit Shop will take place after school on Friday, December 20th BOTH in the library and outside of the cafeteria. Many more items have been ordered, and we will offer TWO locations to help curb the long lines. Hopefully this will also prevent us running out of items. Money raised from spirit shop is used to purchase more items for the Spirit Shop. We will notify students and parents each month when the Spirit Shop will be open, but it is USUALLY held on the last Friday of the month when school is taking place.

Please watch for reminders from your child and the Westridge app as the dates get closer.

December:

Wednesday 4th

Thursday 5th

Friday 6th

Friday 20th

Candy Cane Sales

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Fun Day (Sports Day: Dress in support of your favorite sports' team)

Buddy Breakfast and Spirit Day; Spirit Shop open after school



Quick Reminder...

You can support Westridge Elementary this holiday season by...shopping at Smile.Amazon (selecting Westridge PTO), schoolstore.com, and Tagg!

A little about SchoolStore...SchoolStore.com is an online shopping mall where over 400 nationally-known online merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like Walmart.com, Target, DisneyStore.com, and Best Buy participate. SchoolStore is a great way to support your school when you shop at your favorite online merchants.





Candy Cane Sales

Student Council will be selling candy canes next Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5. The cost is 50¢ each, and students are allowed to purchase more than one. All proceeds go to an Elkhorn adopt-a-family. Several fun flavors are being offered, including War Heads, Starburst, Jolly Rancher, Hot Cocoa, Oreo, Dr. Pepper, and Sweetarts (and MANY more flavors as well!). Students should bring money to their classroom, and Student Council will be coming around to classrooms throughout those two days. We would prefer for the majority of the sales to take place during the school day, but we will also offer sales briefly after school by the gym. Please contact Mrs. Hague at jhague@epsne.org or Mrs. Lane at slane@epsne.org, or call either of them at 402-289-2559 if you have any questions.



MATH ATTACK!

Westridge is planning our family math night event where kids and their families can design, build and create through fun and engaging math activities!

Join us on January 23rd from 6:00 – 7:30pm

More information to follow!





District Reminders

Tech Savvy Parent Tips - Apps to Know

TikTok is a social media app that allows users to generate video content including singing, dancing, or simply talking, as well as interact with other user's content covering a wide variety of topics. Similar to other social media apps, TikTok accounts are created with a default privacy setting of Public, allowing any user to interact with the content posted, send private messages, and capture location information. To protect youth utilizing TikTok, a user account can be set to Private to allow only Friends to see and interact with posted content and Location Sharing may also be turned off completely.

TikTok focuses mainly on music, so there is a potential that youth utilizing the app will encounter age-inappropriate content. TikTok does attempt to prevent this by hosting a separate section for children that allows access only to clean, curated videos and disabling commenting, searching, or posting their own videos. However, due to the ability to circumvent the required process that enable the Children's section, Common Sense media suggests the app be used for ages 16+.

For more information about TikTok and other social media apps to watch for, visit www.commonsendmedia.org.





Elkhorn Public Schools Elementary School Culinary Competition

Coming Soon!

We're thrilled to bring the 5th annual Future Chefs competition to your school! We will be accepting entries for grades 4 and 5 beginning in January. This year's theme is **Lunch Meal-Reimagined**. Please have interested students begin thinking about a recipe they would like to submit. Look for more information to come after winter break.



2019 National Winner, Addie Borgmann, pictured with Chef Marc Murphy in New York City. Addie was the 2019 Elkhorn district winner from Skyline Elementary

NOTES FROM THE NURSE...

AMY LAUGHLIN, RN
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Thank you to our awesome health screening volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!

If your student had results that indicated a need for further evaluation, you should be receiving those referrals in the mail. Please return a copy of the completed referral, so I can update your student's health information. Thank you!

As we head into the winter months, we see an increase in cold and flu symptoms. Please keep your child home if they have a fever of 100* or greater, vomiting/diarrhea, persistent cough, unknown rashes, pink eye, or in general not feeling well. This helps your child get well faster, and helps reduce the spread of germs.



FLU	CHARACTERISTIC	COMMON COLD
SUDDEN	ONSET OF SYMPTOMS	GRADUAL
OCCASIONAL	SNEEZING	COMMON
EARLY	SORE THROAT & COUGH	MILD COURSE, PEAKING DAY 2-3
OFTEN SEVERE	MUSCLE ACHES	SLIGHT
SEVERE	MALAISE, FATIGUE	USUALLY MILD
SUBSTERNAL BURNING, COMMON	CHEST SYMPTOMS	MILD, IF ANY
6-7 DAYS	DURATION	3-4 DAYS
HIGH (102° - 104°)	FEVER	NONE OR MILD (LESS THAN 100°)

WESTRIDGE PTO

November Meeting Agenda

1. **Meeting Date:** Monday, November 4th, 2019
2. **Meeting Location:** Library
3. **Meeting Time:** 6:30pm
4. **Call to Order:** Welcome and introduce attendees
5. **Minutes:** Ashley Holtz will review and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.
6. **Officers' Report**
 - a. Principal's Report: Mitten tree starts November 25th. Movie night is December 6th. See the upcoming dates for important early outs and events
 - b. President's Report:
 - c. Vice President's Report:
 - d. Treasurer's Report: It was approved to amend the budget to add the tax money for \$800 and it was voted on to spend \$30 on the Days of Christmas for the teachers. The \$30 is coming out of the directory budget.
7. **Committee Report**
 - a. **Directory:** Please sign up if you have not done so
 - b. **Yearbook:** Candice Davis
 - c. **Teacher Appreciation:** Kelsey Arens...more details to come Teacher Appreciation in is March
 - d. **Butter Braids:** Andrea Bakenhus
 - i. **Sales Start Friday, November 8th**
 - ii. **Sales End Friday, November 22nd**
 - iii. **DELIVERY Tuesday, November 26th**
 - e. **Book Bingo:** Amy Walker - February 28th
 - f. **Restaurant Night Fundraisers:**
 - i. **Megan Scoobie is going to help Chair this! Thanks so much for volunteering**
 - g. **Carnival:** Ashley Holtz Carnival is May 1st!
 - h. **Carnival Auction:** Nicole Everingham more to come. Carnival auction is April 10th to 13th
 - i. **Kindness:** Kourtney Feuquay
 - j. **Hy-Vee:** Brooke Burton: Keep turning in your receipts
 - k. **Classroom Parties:** Halloween Party and Parade - Did Everything Go Okay? Feedback :)
 - l. **Walk-a-Thon:** Makayla Wentzell thanks for a successful and fun event!
 - m. **Major Savers:** Jessica Loontjer- Starts in February
8. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Volunteers for the health screening - sign up genius to come Tuesday, November 5th 8:30-10:30 (25 volunteers needed) - **PLEASE COME AT 8:15 if possible!!!**
 - b. We are still looking for a parent volunteer to help make flyers for PTO events
9. **New Business**
 - a. Sign Up Genius for Days of Christmas: There will be a sign up genius
 - b. Ornament Search FUN
 - c. Math night is January 23rd. It is going to be a shark theme. \$200 was voted and approved to help with the cost of this event
10. **Announcements**
 - a. No December meeting! See everyone in January
11. **Adjournment:**

UPCOMING DATES:

MONDAY, November 4 PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in library

TUESDAY, November 5 Health Screens

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WEDNESDAY, November 6 Author Visit
THURSDAY, November 14 Music Concert 4th Grade @ 6:00 PM 5th Grade @ 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, November 20 Mid-quarters Due
THURSDAY, November 21 District Spelling Bee 4:30 PM @ TTCC
WEDNESDAY, November 27 Early Dismissal- One Hour Early
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, November 28 & 29 No School- Thanksgiving Break
FRIDAY, December 6 Westridge Movie Night

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