



PRINTS

December 2020

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.

Dear Westridge Families,

As we get into the holiday season, I want to wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!! The month of December is going to go by very quickly, as we have a lot of those district calendar changes happening this month. The first calendar change is our first week of distance learning starting on November 30th. We will be doing full distance learning for all EPS students from Monday, November 30th through Friday, December 4th. The building schedule can be found [here](#). During this week the office will still be open. Please remember if you child will not be able attend the zoom session with his/her class, you will still need to call in and notify the office of the absence. Also, please be sure to continue to communicate any direct exposures or positive COVID-19 cases during the distance learning week. We will still need to follow our protocols around student quarantines. More information can be found on the [District website COVID-19 Information page](#). This is a great place to find all kinds of important information, including student device help and repairs.

We have Westridge students that are registered as remote learners who are allowed to zoom into their classes daily. The reasons a student may be a remote learner are:

- The family has chosen remote learning for the semester.
- A student is showing symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 and while on a school quarantine has chosen to register as a remote learner.
- A student has been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 and while on a school quarantine has chosen to register as a remote learner.

The remote learning option is not intended for short term school absences. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

I hope all of you have a wonderful and safe holiday season. Thank you for all of your continued support during this school year!

Mr. Broshar

[MON-FRI] Nov 30-Dec 4

Distance Learning Week for All EPS Students

[WEDNESDAY] Dec 9

Westridge Picture Retakes
All Mitten Tree Gift Donations due

[FRIDAY] Dec 18

End of Second Semester

[MONDAY & TUESDAY] Dec 21 & 22

No School- Teacher In-service Days

[WEDNESDAY] Dec 23

Winter Break Starts

[MONDAY] Jan 4

School Resumes- Distance Learning Week

[MON-FRI] Jan 4-8

Distance Learning Week for All EPS Students

[TUESDAY] Jan 5

PTO Meeting @ 6:30 via Zoom



Having Issues Getting to EPS Online Resources? Follow the EPS Technology Department on Twitter!

The EPS Technology Department recently created a new Twitter account to help keep parents and students informed of any technology platform outages. Get updates by following [@ElkhornPS_Tech](https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_Tech) on Twitter.



PE Day Footwear Reminder!!

During the winter months, students will likely need/want to wear snow boots to school. Students need snow boots in order to go into the snow covered areas at recess. However, they will also need to bring tennis shoes that they can change into when they have PE class.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE...

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I am so thankful that we were able to be in school this first semester! The EPS staff as a whole has done an amazing job of creating a safe environment for our students to continue to learn in the midst of this pandemic! As a parent, I am thankful for this!

As a nurse, I wanted to send some reminders as we head into the winter months. We see an increase in cold and flu symptoms during these months. Also, with COVID cases steadily increasing, it is important to continue to monitor your child on a daily basis for any symptoms. Please keep your child home, until symptom free for 24 hours, if they have a fever of 100* or greater, vomiting/diarrhea, persistent cough, unknown rashes, pink eye, or in general not feeling well. Thank you parents for what you are doing to prevent the spread of germs at school! Have safe and happy holidays!

https://www.multicare.org/file_viewer.php?id=19865&title=COVID-19-Symptoms-Chart

*Times marked with an asterisk will be included in the schedule only if the implementation of Plan E extends past 10 consecutive school days.

**In grades K, 1, and 2 Math will be whole group 5 days a week unless the implementation of Plan E extends past 10 consecutive school days. If this happens, Math on Tuesday and Thursday will be taught in two small groups.

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Kindergarten	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	3rd Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
9:00-9:30	Whole Group Reading	Whole Group Reading	Whole Group Reading	Whole Group Reading	Whole Group Reading	9:00-9:30	Whole Group Reading	Whole Group Reading	Whole Group Reading	Whole Group Reading	Whole Group Reading				
9:40-10:00	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	9:40-10:00	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading				
10:10-10:30	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	10:10-10:30	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading				
10:45-11:15	Whole Group Math	**Math	Whole Group Math	**Math	Whole Group Math	10:45-11:15	Whole Group Math	Whole Group Math	Whole Group Math	Whole Group Math	Whole Group Math				
*11:30-12:00	Calendar & Community	Small Group Math	Calendar & Community	Small Group Math	Calendar & Community	*11:30-12:00	Unit Studies	Unit Studies	Community	Unit Studies	Unit Studies				
1:00-1:30	Art	Music	PE	Media	Guidance	1:00-1:30	Guidance	Art	Music	PE	Media				
1st Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	4th Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
9:00-9:20	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	*9:00-9:30	Social Studies	Science	Community	Social Studies	Science				
9:30-9:50	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	Small Group Writing	Small Group Reading	9:45-10:15	Whole Group Math	Whole Group Math	Whole Group Math	Whole Group Math	Whole Group Math				
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1:45-2:15	Art	Music	PE	Media	Guidance	1:45-2:15	Guidance	Art	Music	PE	Media				
2nd Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	5th Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
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2:30-3:00	Art	Music	PE	Media	Guidance	2:30-3:00	Guidance	Art	Music	PE	Media				
Art	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday										
1:00-1:30	Kindergarten	3rd Grade	Assisting PE	Assisting PE	Assisting Guidance										
1:45-2:15	1st Grade	4th Grade	Assisting PE	Assisting PE											
2:30-3:00	2nd Grade	5th Grade	Assisting PE	Assisting PE	Assisting Guidance										
Music	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday										
1:00-1:30	Assisting Guidance	Kindergarten	3rd Grade	Assisting Media											
1:45-2:15	Assisting Guidance	1st Grade	4th Grade	Assisting Media	Assisting Guidance										
2:30-3:00	Assisting Guidance	2nd Grade	5th Grade	Assisting Media	Assisting Media										
PE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday										
1:00-1:30	Assisting Art	Assisting Art	Kindergarten	3rd Grade	Assisting Media										
1:45-2:15	Assisting Art	Assisting Art	1st Grade	4th Grade	Assisting Media										
2:30-3:00	Assisting Art	Assisting Art	2nd Grade	5th Grade											
Media	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday										
1:00-1:30	Teacher and Student Tech Support	Assisting Music	Teacher and Student Tech Support	Kindergarten	3rd Grade										
1:45-2:15		Assisting Music		1st Grade	4th Grade										
2:30-3:00		Assisting Music		2nd Grade	5th Grade										
Guidance	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday										
1:00-1:30	3rd Grade	Student Support Groups	Assisting Music	Student Support Groups	Kindergarten										
1:45-2:15	4th Grade		Assisting Music		1st Grade										
2:30-3:00	5th Grade		Assisting Music		2nd Grade										
NOTES:															
**Principals will need to coordinate schedules across buildings when specials teachers are shared.															
**Students from different buildings will be mixed together when buildings share teachers															

WESTRIDGE PTO

November Meeting Agenda

1. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020
2. **Meeting Location:** Zoom
3. **Meeting Time:** 6:30pm
4. **Opening Activity**
5. **Call to Order:** Welcome and introduce attendees (Board introductions and then break up into small groups). The meeting was called to order at 6:42pm.
6. **Minutes:** Erica reviewed October minutes and they were approved by Brenda and Megan.
7. **Officers' Reports**
 - a. **Principal's Report:**
 1. **Important Dates:**
 - Tuesday, November 24th – Mid-Quarters
 - Wednesday, November 25th – Friday, November 27th - No School (Teacher In-service & Thanksgiving Break)
 - Monday, November 30th – Friday, December 4th - Distance Learning Week
 - Monday, December 21st – Friday, January 1st – Winter Break
 - Monday, January 4th – Friday, January 8th – Distance Learning Week
 2. **Distance Learning Schedule:** A detailed schedule can be found on the Westridge website, under News, Newsletter, Plan E Schedule – Westridge Elementary. You will note that this schedule is different than the one in the spring as there is more time with teachers. 9am – Noon will be teachers zooming with the students and then in the afternoon there will be time with specials. Please note that there will be small group instruction built into the schedule so that each child has more interaction in a smaller group with their teacher. This will mostly be done for reading and writing. Teachers will be reaching out and communicating with families the times and what group their child is in. We expect to have all individual classroom schedules released to families by Friday, November 20th at the latest. During E-Learning there will not be enrichment (K-3rd) but there will be HALE (4th and 5th). Any students with IEP's in place will also be receiving information from the supplemental instructors with additional zoom times. If we were to move into full remote learning for longer than 10 days, the schedule would change slightly, but we will cross that bridge if we get to it.
 - b. **President's Report:**
 1. Thankful for Westridge Staff Campaign – In the month of November, we are having “Thankful Thursday” and surprising the teachers with various items each week. Last Thursday, we had new coffee and tea choices, creamer, as well as disposable to-go cups for the teachers. We have other fun items in the upcoming weeks to show staff how much they are appreciated and how much we are thankful for them.
 2. Photo Contest Wrap Up – We had 19 participants in the photo contest. Students were able to vote at school and via the text message link. Ballots were hand counted and the winners have been notified. Thank you again for all who participated!

c. Vice President's Report:

1. Reopening School Store – The School Store will be reopening the week of Thanksgiving from Sunday November 22nd through Sunday November 29th. All items that were available previously will once again be available for purchase.

d. Treasurer's Report:

1. Financials and overview of October – We did not use money allocated in the Directory and Taxes funds, so we have roughly \$1,100 that we have re-allocated to “Thankful Thursdays” and the Fall Photo contest. We received \$174.64 between the Kona Ice and Jimmy John's fundraisers. A late Walk-a-thon Donation from EAA of \$250 was deposited as well as the overall Walk-a-thon check of \$18,087.75.
2. Questions:
 1. *Did PTO help to purchase recess equipment?* - Yes, Mrs. Burney has been given a budget for this and has purchased some items such as big yard games, tic-tac-toe, as well as new balls.
 2. *As we move indoors, do teachers have enough games for inside? Is this an area where PTO could assist?* - Most teachers do have many games in place as this is something that they use each winter. However, Mr. Broshar will ensure that teachers advise parents (in their weekly newsletters) if they need any additional items, games, etc.

8. Committee Reports

Fall Committees

a) Restaurant Night Fundraisers: Megan Scobie

- a. November 17th Chipotle – They give back 33% to the school. You can order online and pickup, just be sure to use the online code so that Westridge receives credit.
- b. December 13th Raising Cane's on Maple
- c. January will be Freddy's

b) Butter Braids: Update – We will not be having the Butter Braids fundraiser this year. Just with COVID, we felt that we would pass on this for this year.

c) Scholarship: Jessica Lonntjer – Each year a scholarship is awarded to a former Westridge Student. We are looking for volunteers who would like to be part of the Scholarship Review Committee. Volunteers would have to read each essay (between 12-20 applications) and score them based on a set scoring rubrics. Each applicant's scores would then be averaged. All applicants apply via the Foundation's Essay Portal. We also ask that all volunteers keep applications confidential. Essay reviews would begin in January, scored in February and the scholarship would be awarded before year's end.

Winter/Spring Committees

a) Book Bingo: Amy Walker

b) Carnival: Ashley Holtz

c) Carnival Auction: Nicole Everingham

d) Yearbook: Erica Henderson – The suggestion of having a Student's piece of artwork voted on as becoming the yearbook cover was suggested.

e) Teacher Appreciation: Kelsey Arens

f) Major Savers: Jessica Loontjer

g) Kindness: Kourtney Feuquay

h) Graphic Design for Social Media: Dani Hatfield

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

1. Mrs. Burney’s 10 Days of Holiday Event – To keep morale high and as a special bonus to the teachers, Mrs. Burney has fun and games for the teachers the 10 days leading up to winter break. She has asked if PTO would like to help contribute \$5 gift cards (so that each staff member would receive one) as well as a breakfast for teachers and staff. A motion to use \$250 from the Staff Meals fund was set by Angela and seconded by Dani.
2. Holiday Field Trip (Online Event) – Typically, before winter break there is a winter assembly, but since that cannot happen this year, we were looking for virtual suggestions. Some ideas were Out-School, Henry Doorly Zoo, Sea World or Air & Space Museum.

11. Adjournment: Erin and Dani motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

UPCOMING DATES:

- November 25th - 27th - No School (Teacher In-service & Thanksgiving Break)
- November 30th - December 4th - Distance Learning Week (All EPS students)
- December 1st - No PTO Meeting

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