

# P W PRINTS

January 2021

## 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,

Happy 2021 and welcome back to school for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester! I hope everyone had a relaxing, healthy winter break. I am very excited to see everyone back in the building on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

We will begin our winter MAP testing once we come back from the distance learning week. Students in all grade levels will be taking their reading and math MAP tests. These assessments will allow us to measure the progress that students have made since the start of the school year. Please make sure that students have a good night sleep and breakfast in the morning to ensure that they can do their best.

Our next teacher in-service day will be on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. This means that there is no school for students that day.

Spring conferences will be here before we know it. Conferences are scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We will again be scheduling conferences times online. More information about when and how to signup will be coming out later this month.

Finally, please be sure to check the weather each day. In order for students to go out into the snow on the field they do need to have snow boots. We will go outside for recess as long as the temperature is above 15 degrees.

Mr. Broshar

[MON-FRI] Jan 4-8

Distance Learning Week for All EPS Students

[TUESDAY] Jan 5

PTO Meeting @ 6:30 via Zoom

[TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY] Jan 5 & 6

Winter MAP Testing for Remote Learners

[MONDAY] Jan 11

Resume In-person Learning

[WEDNESDAY] Jan 13

Report Cards Sent Home

[MONDAY-FRIDAY] Jan 11-22

Winter MAP Testing for All In-person Learners

[MONDAY] Jan 18

No School- Teacher In-service Day

[MONDAY] Jan 25

Kindergarten Registration Opens Up

[TUESDAY] Feb 2

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.

**Health Screenings will be held on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.**



# WESTRIDGE PTO

## January Meeting Agenda

1. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021
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 6:33pm.
6. **Minutes:** Erica reviewed November's minutes and they were approved by Jess and Megan.
7. **Officers' Reports**
  - a. **Principal's Report:**
    - We are in our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Distance Learning. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> week will be the week after Spring Break.
    - When we come back to school next week, we will start our Winter MAP testing. Each grade level will be assessed on Reading and Math. This is a mid-point check in assessment. The classroom teachers will reach out to advise specific dates.
    - Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten registration opens. It is important to get registered now so that we have some preliminary numbers. We are trying to push back Kindergarten roundup a bit later. Last year, we had it early which worked in our favor due to the pandemic, but this year we are going to try and push it back a bit. We will also have the parent meeting closer to the roundup date.
    - Dr. Habrock sent out communication to the district regarding vaccines for the teachers and staff. February 19<sup>th</sup> is the date they are hoping to start offering vaccines to the frontline staff members.
  - Important Dates:**
    - Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – MAP Testing
    - Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – No School (Teacher In-Service)
    - Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Registration opens
  - b. **President's Report:** A big shout-out to Megan Scobie for organizing the dinner nights. We made \$570 for our Chipotle night. We have never made this much. Thank you to all who gave staff gift cards. We had enough to ensure that all staff members in the building received one with some extras to use throughout the year. The staff members enjoyed their breakfast provided by PTO on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> before winter break began. A big thank you to Kathy Burney's nephew, who nominated Westridge for a free Wildlife Encounters assembly. They presented on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> as part of this year's "Winter Blast" and the presentation was 45-50 minutes and the kids really enjoyed it. We also had BMX Biker, Matt present in the afternoon which we also received great feedback from.
  - c. **Vice President's Report:** The second round of spirit wear was received and delivered. Only 16 items were ordered this time around. We are still waiting to see if the foundation will be moving forward with GOAL meetings or not for this year.

**d. Treasurer's Report:**

1. Financials and overview of November and December: There were 2 deposits in December. Chipotle Night was a huge success with \$571.92 that it brought in. We received the bill and paid for the 2 smartboards that were installed over the summer.

**8. Committee Reports**

Winter Committees

**a. Restaurant Night Fundraisers:** Megan Scobie

1. Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> Freddy's on 168<sup>th</sup> & Maple (3465 N 168<sup>th</sup> Court). A flyer will be going home on Monday.
2. Reached out to Heart & Soul Studio about ordering art supplies to do some sort of virtual watch and learn lesson. Waiting to hear back.
3. K Posh Boutique will be holding a private shopping night on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. They already participate in TAGG, but on this night they will have a promotion where they will give back extra on the TAGG app.

**b. Major Saver:** Jessica Loontjer – Major Saver mentioned that they are down about 60% and were only going to reach out to districts with 1-3 schools that participate in the program (Westridge is the only one currently in Elkhorn). They said they would check back with Westridge next year. As such, there will be no major saver fundraiser this year.

**c. Book Bingo:** Amy Walker – It was decided to combine Book Bingo with the Valentine Party at school on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**d. Yearbook:** Erica Henderson – At a previous meeting it was discussed to have a yearbook cover art contest, which is a great idea. However, due to the unknowns of this year, it was decided to wait and revisit this idea next year.

**e. Teacher Appreciation:** Kelsey Arens – This week typically takes place in March, but we will confirm a date by next meeting.

Spring/Ongoing Committees

**a. Carnival:** Ashley Holtz – Waiting on this for now

**b. Carnival Auction:** Nicole Everingham

**c. Kindness:** Kourtney Feuquay

**d. Graphic Design for Social Media:** Dani Hatfield

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business** (Breaking out into smaller groups)

1. The PTO would like to give back to families since a lot of fundraising has been done this year. As such, we were brainstorming some ideas for a fun night, activity, game, and meal for families. Families would have to pre-register for the event. Maybe do some sort of drive thru meal pickup at the school.

**10. Adjournment:** Jess and Brenda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm.

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- Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Registration opens
- Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm via Zoom

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