

P W PRINTS

January 2022

**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 New Year, and welcome to 2022! I hope all of you had a wonderful and restful winter break. We are excited to get the second semester started.

Report cards will be coming home on Friday. You will also be receiving a copy of your child's MAP report showing the results of the winter MAP assessment. If you have any questions about your child's MAP report, please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to help clarify anything on the report.

In January, 3rd grade will be participating in the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) winter pilot assessment program. Our 3rd grade students will only be taking the English Language Arts assessment. We will not receive any individualized scores since this assessment is part of a pilot program. Then in February, our 4th grade students will be participating in National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) assessment program. Only 25 4th grades students will randomly be selected to take the NAEP reading assessment, and then 25 4th grade students will randomly be selected to take the NAEP math assessment. Again, we will not receive individual reports on these assessments. However, both the NSCAS pilot program and the NAEP assessments help our state and national education programs. I know our students will do a great job representing our school, district, and our state.

We have two fun activities that are coming up soon. The first will be our Westridge Math Night on Thursday, January 20th. The second will be our Book Bingo Night on Friday, February 4th. Math Night will be at Westridge Elementary, but Book Bingo will be held at Relevant this year. I hope you will be able to join us for those fun events.

Mr. Broshar
Principal
Westridge Elementary

[TUESDAY] **Jan 4**

PTO Meeting @ 6:30 via Zoom

[FRIDAY] **Jan 7**

Report Cards sent home

[MONDAY] **Jan 17**

No School- Teacher In-service

[THURS & FRI] **Jan 20 & 21**

NSCAS Winter Pilot Assessment (3rd grade only)

[THURSDAY] **Jan 20**

Westridge Math Night 6:00-7:30 PM

[MONDAY] **Jan 24**

Kindergarten Registration Opens

[TUESDAY] **Feb 1**

PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in the Westridge Library

[FRIDAY] **Feb 4**

Book Bingo @ Relevant 6:00-7:30 PM

[WED & THURS] **Feb 16 & 17**

Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00 PM

Early dismissal at 2:06 both days



COVID-19 Information:

For the latest information regarding COVID-19, please visit the EPS website at elkhornweb.org by clicking on the following link: [EPS COVID-19 Information](#).

Lunch Accounts:

EPS is partnering with SchoolPay for student lunch accounts. To add funds, go to www.schoolpay.com and log into your user account. If you do not yet have a SchoolPay account, [instructions to create one can be found by clicking here](#). You will need your child’s five digit student ID code to set up the account.

Family Assistance Opportunities:

Family assistance programs are available to any of our Westridge families. If you are interested, please click on the link below to identify the different programs and indicate which programs you are interested in signing up for. [WR Family Assistance Opportunities](#)

Recess & Lunch Times

Grade	Recess	Lunch
Kindergarten	10:25-10:45	10:45-11:05
First Grade	10:50-11:10	11:10-11:30
Second Grade	11:15-11:35	11:35-11:55
Third Grade	11:40-12:00	12:00-12:20
Fourth Grade	12:05-12:25	12:25-12:45
Fifth Grade	12:30-12:50	12:50-1:10

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We do NOT have a December meeting scheduled. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30** at Westridge Elementary.

Please note:

- At this time, we are following EPS policy, and we strongly encourage individuals to wear a mask if not vaccinated. We also ask that **ONLY** parents/guardians attend the meeting.
- We also ask that everyone in attendance help us maintain social distancing of at least 3ft.

We look forward to seeing you in person. Thank you for your cooperation!

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You can find more information about the Westridge PTO online.



<https://sites.google.com/westridgepto.org/westridge-elementary-pti-page/home?authuser=0>



<https://www.facebook.com/westridgeelkhorn/>

Math is



Save the date!

Join us on Thursday, January 20th

Families with the last name A - K 6:00 - 6:45

Families with the last name L - Z 6:45 - 7:30

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

WESTRIDGE PTO

January Meeting Agenda

1. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022
2. **Meeting Location:** Zoom
3. **Meeting Time:** 6:30pm
4. **Call to Order:** Welcome and introduce attendees. The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.
5. **Minutes:** Erica reviewed and got approval of the November meeting minutes by Brenda and Megan.
6. **Officers' Reports**

- a. **Principal's Report:**

Important Dates

- Friday, January 7th – Report cards & MAP reports (from December) go home
- Monday, January 17th – No School (Teacher in-service)
- Thursday, January 20th – Math Night (Last Names A - K 6:00pm – 6:45pm & Last Names L - Z 6:45pm – 7:30pm). Come design, build, and create engaging math activities together as a family!
- Wednesday, February 16th & Thursday, February 17th – Conferences (1-hour early dismissal)
- Friday, February 18th – No School

Talking Points

- This past Monday was a teacher in-service where we had our data team meetings. I met with every grade level for about an hour to go through all students and discuss needs for intervention or enrichment. We will be connecting with families in the next few days to let them know if their child will be starting these programs next Monday. These data team meetings are a great structured way to make sure that each student's needs are being met in a systematic way.
- On January 17th, there will be grade level district wide meetings to talk about curriculum. In the afternoon, schools will meet to discuss how to implement and meet the needs of students. These in-service days are essential to help our students and school.

- b. **President's Report:**

1. Krispy Kreme – We threw together this last-minute Krispy Kreme fundraiser and sold \$1,760 of vouchers and of that Westridge's portion was \$880. We were shy of our \$1,000 goal, but overall were very happy with how this fundraiser came together. We had some super-star sellers including the Lake, Griffin and Madsen families. Thank you to everyone for the support. This money raised helps our PTO funds go further.
2. Teacher Snack Day – Thank you to everyone for their donations for December 8th snack day. Enough snacks were donated to have snacks in the break room Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday!
3. Looking forward to 2022 – We have months left in the school year and have lots of events happening such as book bingo, teacher appreciation and carnival. We will need all hands on deck. We also are looking to fill some board positions as well as chair positions for next year. So, if you or anyone you know may be interested, please feel free to reach out to any current board member or Mr. Broshar. We are looking forward to a fun 2022!

c. Vice President's Report:

1. Goal Meeting - December 1st GOAL meeting had lots of great information including a presentation from Jimmy's Egg. It was mentioned that they are always willing to donate to schools or offer discounted prices for staff meals.
 - a. Using TAGG – In 2022 TAGG will be switching to an app-less way to TAGG. Businesses that participate in TAGG will have a QR code at the bottom of their receipts that you can simply scan. They are also looking at bringing back a rewards program for taggers. The new system will also allow real-time tracking.
 - b. Insurance – We went over the wording of the district policy and how it applies to board members and volunteers and why each board would not need to seek out additional insurance. Some wording used is “additional insured,” “any officer or member,” “any person member or volunteer worker,” and “acting on behalf of”. All this key language ensures that we are covered. We have obtained a copy of this policy which specifically lists Westridge and which we will get a new copy of in May (when the policy renews). It was also recommended that anytime we use an outside vendor, to request a Certificate of Insurance and to list our school as an additional insured.

d. Treasurer's Report:

1. Financial Overview for November – We received our final check from Walk-a-thon as well as a nice little Amazon smile deposit. If you have not already linked your Amazon account to Amazon smile, it's very easy to do and is a nice surprise when it hits the account. A few withdrawals for the month were the website, Sam and Louie's pizza for outdoor ed as well as Jo on the Go.
2. Financial Overview for December – December is always a big month for money coming in. We got \$880 for our Krispy Kreme sales as well as \$128 for Jimmy John's food night and \$62 for Raising Canes night. Our monthly website fee also came out. We had a great turnout of book donations, so thank you to everyone for the donations. We only had to order a few books for 3rd – 5th grade. Mrs. Albritton will be putting in her 2nd half of super reader prizes.
3. General Operating Budget – A typical operating budget is \$32,000-\$35,000 per year. This budget goes towards safety payroll, teacher reimbursement (each teacher gets \$100 for the year for supplies), family nights, field trips, and smart boards.

7. Committee Reports

a. Restaurant Night Fundraisers: (Angie Lake)

1. TNT – Thursday, December 16th was our TNT Walking Taco night. It went so well that they ran out of food! Thank you to everyone for going and supporting this local restaurant.
2. January's night – Thursday, January 27th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm we will be having a food night at Freddie's on 168th and Maple.

b. Book Drive/ Book Bingo: (Amy Walker)

1. Friday, February 4th at Relevant Church from 6:00pm until 7:30pm we will be having this school sponsored event. Families can come and play bingo, have some snacks and water provided by the school and every child will leave with a book. A flyer will be sent home on Friday, January 21st with more details.

- c. Teacher Appreciation:** This year, we have a committee that will help to celebrate our staff and provide them with a little something every day. It was mentioned that the week of March 7th – March 11th would be a nice time to have it right before leaving for Spring Break. Some ideas from past years are Jo on the Go, Umbrellas, Car wash certificates as well as food trucks. One note is to make sure that if something is done on the Friday, in-service day, that TA's are not

there on those days, so to mindful of that. More details to come once the committee meets in the coming weeks.

- d. **Carnival Silent Auction:** (Nicole & Christina Griffin) This year Christina has stepped up to help with this online auction. We will be sending letters out by months end to local businesses asking for donations. We plan on having the online auction probably in April sometime.
- e. **Carnival:** (Ashley Holtz) Friday, May 6th we are intending to have our carnival. There are bounce houses and Kona Ice as well as other food trucks we are looking into for this year's event. We are using fun services for games as well. We will be sending letters home with students looking for donations for each classroom basket that gets raffled off.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a. Projects in through Google Form – Mr. Broshar sent out a google form to staff to submit ideas and how we can use our Walk-a-thon money. The board will be meeting to discuss them and then they will be brought to the PTO meeting to vote on.

10. Announcements: Next Meeting will be Tuesday, February 1st, 2022, at 6:30pm.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm and was approved by Erin and Brenda.

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