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# WESTWOOD EXPRESS

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## HAPPY



## EASTER

## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- ☒ **SCHOOL FEES:** Fees can be paid online [here](#).
- ☒ **SCHOOL HOURS:** School begins at 8:40am  
School is dismissed at 3:30pm
- ☒ **DROP OFF/PICK-UP:** All students being dropped off or picked up will enter/exit through the front office doors.
- ☒ **SUPERVISION:** Supervision begins at 8:25am.  
**DO NOT** drop off prior to 8:25am unless your child will be eating breakfast. Doors will open at 8:20am for breakfast only.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- April 1 ~ PTO Meeting @6pm  
Childcare provided
- April 9 ~ Seroogy Pick up from 4-6pm  
Westwood Cafeteria
- April 18 ~ No School
- April 29 ~ Student Extravaganza Night  
4:30pm-6pm
- April 29 ~ Second Grade Field Trip to  
Fallen Timbers, Broekman & Radtke
- April 30 ~ Second Grade Field Trip to  
Fallen Timbers, LeMere,  
Schmitting & Baumann
- May 2 ~ Early Dismissal @ 11:50  
No Lunch Today!  
4K NO SCHOOL





# A message from your Principal

Hello Westwood Families!

We are ready for another month! I hope everyone enjoyed their break! Whether staying home or traveling, it's always good to have a few extra days to relax and re-collect our thoughts before diving into the last bit of the school year! Students and teachers will be giving that last final push as we wrap up over April and May!

We still have lots of Forward Testing to complete. Our 4th graders were able to get a good start before break and will be finishing up soon. Our third graders will then follow. Many school plans, decisions and our state report cards are based on these test scores they're working so hard on (in addition to our attendance!). So we continue to ask them to do THEIR best! You can help by ensuring they've had a good night's rest (9-12 hours is what is recommended for elementary age students) in addition to a fulfilling breakfast. 😊 Again, the Forward testing schedules for third and fourth grade are below so you can ensure your student is best prepared! We will also be diving back into Aimsweb+ testing for the next round of screening to see if students will qualify for a personal reading plan based on Act 20. Keep your eyes open for those results and plans toward the end of the month.

Our Family Math Night was super fun! We decided that since it was a big basketball week we would do a basketball theme! We loved sharing these fun games with families! We wrapped our whole week up with a fun basketball competition between the classes and grade levels and had some fun basketball competition at our school-wide assembly before heading home for spring break! Next up, we're looking forward to celebrating at our annual Student Learning Extravaganza on April 29th from 4:30 to 6 pm! Stop in early, or stay later for the Book Fair!! The book fair hours are 4-6:30 pm to ensure you have enough time to shop, too! I hope that you are all able to find a few minutes to come to check out your son or daughter's hard work and share in a little bit of their pride with them! We will have lemonade, cookies, and our spring book fair will be set up! We look forward to celebrating your student's learning!



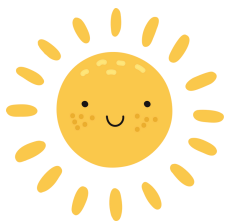


And even though we're just starting April, we're already looking into next school year. We are busy getting the preparatory work completed for constructing our class rosters for the 2025-26 school year! While we appreciate the flexibility and autonomy to place students where we feel best will suit their learning, we understand that some of you might have a previous relationship with other teachers or reasons for your student to have a specific teacher. If you would like us to consider a specific teacher for your student for the 2025-26 school year, please send me an email at [kkrahn@wdpsd.com](mailto:kkrahn@wdpsd.com) by **FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH** that includes the reasoning for your request. We also want to be clear, that while we typically try our best to honor your request, we cannot make any guarantees as there are a lot of factors we consider when placing students. Thank you!

**School year need to know: Instruction begins at 8:40 each day** - meaning the teachers are already teaching at this time. We have SO MANY students that come in the building late and are missing valuable learning time in addition to disrupting others'. Please have your children dropped off at 8:25 to 8:30 so they have ample time to walk to their classes, unpack, and get situated for the day. If you would like your child to partake in breakfast at school, they can be dropped off to enter the building at 8:20 am so they have enough time to eat. We appreciate your help in getting your son/daughter to school on time!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns at any time!

Mrs. Kristin Krahn  
Principal



# A note from your Associate Principal



Hi Westwood!

I hope you had a wonderful spring break! It was great to see the students back in the building. I'd also like to extend a big thank you to all the families and staff who attended and helped organize Math Night. A special thanks to the PTO for their generous donations. It's moments like these that remind me why I love being part of Westwood.

## **Helpful Hints from a Dad and Associate Principal: Managing Screen Time**

During a recent family trip, I had the chance to reflect on my children's screen time and how we approach it. Here are a few helpful tips specifically for elementary students to manage their own screen time:

### **1. Set Personal Goals**

- **Create a Screen Time Schedule:** Students can set a daily time limits for screen time, and stick to it! They can even use a timer or an alarm to help them keep track of when their screen time is up.
- **Balance Activities:** Encourage students to plan their day with a balance of screen time and other activities, such as homework, outdoor play or reading.

### **2. Engage in Active Learning**

- **Interactive Apps and Games:** Students can choose apps that encourage learning, like math games or reading apps. They can also play educational games that require thinking and problem-solving.

### **3. Set Goals for Screen-Free Time**

- **Take Screen Breaks:** Students can set a rule for themselves to take breaks from screens every 30-60 minutes. They can stretch, walk around, or even play outside during these breaks.
- **Screen-Free Zones:** Set up a space in the home or classroom that is designated for screen-free activities. For example, students could play board games or read books in these spaces.

### **4. Monitor Content**

- **Choose What to Watch/Play:** Students can take control by choosing educational shows, games, or activities that align with their interests. This helps ensure screen time is spent wisely.

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# **GOLF**

**OUTING**

**2025**



**AT  
12PM**

**FRIDAY JUNE 13**  
**Mid Vallee Golf Course**

**TICKET  
\$100**

**FUN includes raffle baskets, 50/50, drinks, and dinner!**



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