

Wildcat News

Westwood Elementary School Newsletter

Principal- Derek Branton
Admin. Intern- Camille Murphy

Dear Westwood Families,

We are committed to providing a safe, caring climate and culture for each of our students and staff while in our school. Our district and building leadership continually review our safety procedures in partnership with local law enforcement to be sure we are making the best choices for our school community.

This school year, staff and students will continue to discuss and practice possible multiple responses in the unlikely event of an active threat. These responses include hiding and barring entry into the classroom or other safe space, distracting, or evacuating the premises to a safe location. State statute requires a minimum of five active threat drills each school year.

The first drill will occur in the fall.

If you are interested in learning more about our updated safety procedures, please contact Derek Branton,(Principal) or Camille Murphy(Administrative Intern) at 320-370-7630.

Sincerely,

Derek Branton

Principal Notes

Thank you to our parents and sponsors for making our Westwood Walk-a-Thon a roaring success. We were able to generate over \$12,000 from students collecting money and from our sponsors. 100% of the money collected will go directly back to student needs and classrooms. Thank you to Burn and Build Fitness, Premier Real Estate Services: The Pete Matanich Group, Marco, MAG Wealth Management, Stearns County Abstract and Title Co., and All-Star Trophy and Awards for supporting Westwood.

September Students of the Month-Responsibility

Kindergarten: Sofia Thepsombath, Camden Crane, Aubriella Rockenbach

1st Grade: Natalie Kreidler, Ava Nguyen, Arielle Guzman

2nd Grade: Noah Rolfzen, Kyson Crane, Vayda Christle

3rd Grade: Kristin Gip, Cassidy Welter, Noah Schug

4th Grade: Corbin Matanich, Fatima Tounkara, Makiah Hoeschen

5th Grade: Jada Inthavong, Kallie Single, Lillian Kreller

Art K-2: Rumayza Abdi **Art 3-5:** Collin Lovitz

Music K-2: Elijah Bah **Music 3-5:** Yusuf Osman

Phy Ed K-2: Ryan Inthavong **Phy Ed 3-5:** Filsan Ahmed

Mr. Tax: Alex Nguyen

Office Updates:

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please leave a message on the attendance line.
320-370-7630 Option 2

If you need to make changes to your child's end of day routine, please call the office by 2PM. The end of the day gets very hectic and we want to make sure the teacher gets the information.

Office Staff:

Deb Romness- Clerical Para
Abby Schuft-Admin. Asst.

Office Hours: 6:45-3:15
Phone: 320-370-7630
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Westwood Reminders

-Arrival time for students in the morning is 7:55 am. Door 6 will open at 7:55 for students being dropped off. Parents should go through our drop off lane in the rear parking lot between 7:55-8:05. Please do not drive through the bus chute during student arrival time for the safety of our students. Door 6 will be locked by 8:10 am as we begin the school day. If students arrive after 8:10 am, they should check in at the office. Parents who walk students into the cafeteria should park in a parking spot.

Parents/guardians won't be allowed to walk students to their classrooms for safety reasons and creating independent learners.

-Parents please refer to the Elementary School Handbook and our practice regarding bringing in commercial food into the building.

-We want to recognize student birthdays at Westwood and students should feel pride in that yearly milestone. We want to promote healthy habits in the building. In the past we have noticed a loss of learning time and food related allergies. Please check with teacher on food allergies, within the classroom, and what is brought into the building. Items should fit into the backpack of your student. We will ask parents that bring sheet cakes, large boxes of cupcakes, full size drinks, balloons, and/or flowers to bring those items home for celebration.

Thank you for honoring all the above requests in helping to keep our students safe and procedures running smoothly at Westwood.