## Wildcat Gazette Westview Elementary **April 2023**

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#### **Principally Speaking...**

We hope that everyone enjoyed Spring Break spending time with loved ones, doing something that brings you joy and being able to relax and take a deep breath. We are excited to have everyone back and take on the end of the year. Fourth quarter is a busy time of year with finishing up learning, testing and fun school activities. We appreciate your continued partnership in supporting the growth of each of our students.

The Westview MAP testing window is April 3-May 19. Anticipated testing dates for each grade level are included later in the Gazette. As a parent you have so much influence with your child to help them put forth their best effort! Students in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be taking the MAP tests this year. All 3rd-5th grade students will take a Communication Arts and Math Assessment. Fifth grade students will also take a Science portion of the MAP assessment. We would encourage you to avoid making appointments or checking your child out of school during the testing times. (listed below in this edition) Our students have been working hard with their teacher to prepare for the MAP test and students tend to perform better when they take tests in their regular testing environment. Please take some time to talk with your child about the MAP test and encourage them to do their best. I thank you for your support and the encouragement you give to your child to help them prepare!

#### Congratulations Ms. Draper...

Something very exciting took place at Westview Elementary right before our Spring Break, it was a complete surprise for Ms. Draper, her class, and our staff. Our very own, Ms. Draper, one of our Third Grade Teachers, was named as a finalist recipient for the LSR7 "Excellence in Teaching" for this year! The 2023 Lee's Summit Teacher of the Year and Support Professional of the year will be announced on April 12th! Ms. Draper is very deserving of this award. Westview's staff, students and community are very proud of Ms. Draper! Congratulations Ms. Draper!



## Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024

#### 2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration

Yes, it's that time of year! If you or a neighbor have a child turning 5 years old before August 1, 2023 it is time to register for Kindergarten. We look forward to registering our incoming kindergarten students for the 2023–2024 school year. The online registration is open now and can be accessed by visiting **Kindergarten Registration**. Feel free to share with a friend or neighbor if their child will be attending kindergarten next year! You may also visit our school home webpage for additional information by clicking here. If you have any questions you may contact our Westview Office.

The last day of school is currently Thursday, May 25th. This is an early release day, and students will be dismissed at 1:40 pm.





## No School on Friday, April 7th





#### 2023-2024 Teacher Placement Information

As we head into April, we will begin planning for the 2023-2024 school year and we will begin looking at student teacher placements. If you have any specific requests for next year please email Mr. Boulden at <a href="mailto:david.boulden@lsr7.net">david.boulden@lsr7.net</a> with specific needs that you would like for him to consider. Please know that not all requests can be honored.

#### End of the Year Title IA Parent Meeting Invitation to join us:

Date: Monday, April 10, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location**: Westview Elementary, Library

Please join us as we review our strengths and weaknesses of the 2022-23 school year. We will review student achievement data (MAP, NWEA, etc.) along with reviewing the school-wide plan. There will be a parent-family engagement survey regarding the activities during the school year and a chance for you to share your feedback and let us know what you'd like to see next school year with parent involvement.

All parents and guardians of students enrolled at Westview Elementary are invited to attend this meeting.

If you would like more information please contact Mr. Boulden, at 816.986.1350 or email at address david.boulden@lsr7.net.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



## End-of-Year Parent Survey

To help us evaluate our year and plan for next year, please take a moment to complete a quick end-of-year survey about Westview. This survey will be available <a href="mailto:through April 5th">through April 5th</a>. Your feedback is important to us. <a href="mailto:Click here for the survey">Click here for the survey</a>.

#### **MAP Testing Dates**

3rd Grade: April 18, April 19, May 2, May 3 4th Grade: April 24, April 25, April 26, April 27

5th Grade: April 18, April 20, April 25, April 27,

May 2, May 4,

Dates to keep in mind as you schedule appointments for your students!



#### **SUMMER LEARNING INSTITUTE 2023**



Courses are enrichment based and open to all students, including incoming Kindergarten students. Students will be enrolled in classes based on their grade level for the 2023–2024 school year. Students will attend from June 5th–June 29th, attending a total of 16 days. Course Catalog and additional information about Elementary Summer Learning Institute is available by clicking <a href="here">here</a>. Online enrollment will be open April 5–20. Space is limited, so enroll early!

## **Quarterly Progress Reports**



Third quarter ended on March 10th. Your child's third quarter report card was electronically distributed on Friday, March 24th. This distribution was the same process as the previous quarter report cards. If you have trouble viewing your child's report card or want a paper copy please contact the Westview Elementary office.



#### Head Start is TAKING APPLICATIONS for 2023-24 School Year NOW!



- FREE Preschool with approved application
- Great Beginnings Early Childhood Center LSR7
- Serving families with children 3 (by July 31st) to 5 year olds
- Half day program (3 ½ hours) Four days per week
- Breakfast and Lunch OR Lunch and snack provided
- School supplies provided
- Transportation provided in a limited service area.







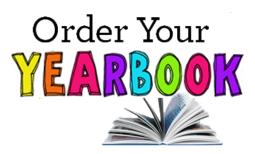


### Optimist Award Winners

Here at Westview we have many outstanding students who exhibit positive attributes. It is always a pleasure to recognize our students who have received the Optimist Award. The following students were presented this honor for the months of January and February and recognized at our all-school spirit assembly which was held on March 20th. Congratulations to all of our award winners!

The theme for January: Someone <u>who shows excellence in overall performance of an academic skill.</u> Kindergarten – Lucas Hicks, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Hallie Nix, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Gabby Enriquez, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Demetrius Thompson, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Carsen Portulas – Gilpin, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Amaya Roberts.

The theme for February: Someone <u>who has improved in the performance of an academic skill.</u>
Kindergarten – Romeo Lewis, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – KJ Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Jaelyn Dallas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Brentley Hobson, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Parker Wilson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Nadia Rahimi.



#### Yearbooks Are Now On Sale!!

Order your 2022-2023 Westview Elementary yearbook now by completing the ordering form which was sent home with each student last month or send in payment directly to the Westview Office. Please make checks payable to Westview PTA. Yearbooks are only \$20.00 each. All students wanting a yearbook will be required to purchase a yearbook.

Join us for our monthly PTA meeting on Monday, April 10th at 6 pm. PTA Meetings are held at Westview. Come support our wonderful Westview PTA.



## Westview PTA Fundraiser Night at Papa Johns



Come support our Westview PTA on Wednesday, April 5th, at the Papa John's located at 422 SE M291 Highway, Lee's Summit. MUST USE SCHOOL PROMO CODE KSW019. You may order online or call directly at 816.554.2777 for pickup. See the enclosed flyer for details and a coupon.

Save the date - Friday, April 28th. Our Westview PTA is hosting a "Shine Bright" party at Westview from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm for our Westview Students. Mark your calendars for this fun event and more information to come from our PTAI



#### **District Covid Information**

As we go through the year and you would like to view Westview or other District Covid information, please click <u>here</u> to view Westview and District Covid Cases.

#### **April - Looking Ahead:**

- **4/1-4/30** Autism Acceptance Month; National Arab American Heritage Month
- 4/3-4/7 National Assistant Principals Week; National Library Week
- **4/3-5/19** MAP Testing Window
- **4/4** Sewing Club 4:10 pm
- **4/5** Paraprofessionals Appreciation Day; Summer Learning Institute Enrollment opens enrollment; PTA Papa John's Night; STUCO Meeting (4th & 5th Grade) 4:10 pm
- 4/7 NO SCHOOL!!!
- **4/9** Prisoners of War Remembrance Day (per Board Policy IND)
- 4/10 PTA Meeting & Building End-of-Year Title IA Meeting 6 pm
- 4/11 Sewing Club 4:10 pm; Nutrition Council Meeting 4:15 pm at SLC
- 4/13 Board of Education meeting 7 pm
- 4/14 -Late Start Friday
- 4/17-4/21 Week of the Young Child (Parents as Teachers & ECC Staff appreciation)
- 4/18 3rd & 5th Grades are MAP Testing; Sewing Club 4:10 pm
- 4/19 Patriots Observance Day (per Board Policy IND); 3rd Grade MAP testing; STUCO meeting at 4:10 pm
- 4/20 5th Grade MAP Testing
- 4/21 Late Start Friday; 5th Grade Strings 1:20 pm
- 4/24-4/28 National Playground Safety Week
- **4/24** 4th Grade MAP Testing; 5th Grade Strings dress rehearsal at 9:30-11 am; Festival of Strings Concert at LSHS 7 pm
- **4/25** 4th and 5th Grades MAP testing; Major Saver Kona Ice Party at 2:30 pm (*list will be provided to classroom teachers of participants*); Sewing Club 4:10 pm
- 4/26 National Administrative Professionals Day; 4th Grade MAP Testing
- 4/27 4th & 5th Grades MAP testing; First Grade Field Trip 9:30 am-1:00 pm
- **4/28 Late Start Friday**; PTA Shine Bright Party 6-7:30 pm

## **District Information**

#### Mr. Anthony Grego Wins Learning for Life Award

Congratulations to Mr. Anthony Grego, P.E. teacher at Greenwood Elementary, for winning the Learning for Life award in March. We are so lucky to have him on our team!



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# Congratulations 2023 LSR7 Award Winners!

## **Support Professionals Excellence Recipients**

Kelly Cook - Lee's Summit High School Shelly Harmon - Summit Technology Academy Laura Jo Longcoy - Cedar Creek Elementary Cherie Rushton - Lee's Summit West High School Patty Voss - Woodland Elementary Damona Williams - The Hilltop School

## **Excellence In Teaching Recipients**

Brooke Bailey - Summit Pointe Elementary Kerri Draper - Westview Elementary

Jill Gordon - Hawthorn Hill Elementary

Suzy Haas - Great Beginnings Early Education Center

Krista Hall - Sunset Valley Elementary

Ben Jewell - Lee's Summit North High School

John M. Johnson - Lee's Summit North High/Bernard Campbell Middle

Melvetta Manning-Lee's Summit West High School

Michael Russell - Lee's Summit North High School

Aubrey Shortino - Trailridge Elementary

Kimberly A. Tice - Trailridge Elementary

Ashley Turner - Summit Technology Academy

#### **Teachers of Distinction**

(former EIT winners also interviewing for Teacher of the Year)

Felton Bishop - Prairie View Elementary

Shawn A. Harrell - Summit Technology Academy

Stefanie Rentie - East Trails Middle School

The 2023 Lee's Summit Teacher of the Year and Support Professional of the year will be announced on April 12th!



