



Wildcat Reader



Westbrook Elementary School Newsletter

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Mission

The mission of Westbrook Elementary School, together with family and community involvement, is to ensure our students a successful academic and social education that provides the foundation for life-long learning.

News Briefs

Please Note

Please send a note before school if your child will be picked up during the school day for an appointment or will be picked up before the bell rings. We will call to get your student when you arrive.



Dear Parents,

If you brought in cough drops, pain medication (except those ordered by a doctor), or other over the counter products please pick them up prior to 1/20/2017 or they will be discarded. NOTE: these must be picked up by an adult and may not be sent home with students.

Thank you.

Respect – To help Westbrook have a more respectful environment, we are spending the month of January focusing on Respect. The steps to respect are:

How to Show Respect

- Obey a request to stop a negative behavior
- Refrain from teasing, threatening, or making fun of others
- Allow others to have their privacy
- Obtain permission before using another person's property
- Do not damage or vandalize public property
- Refrain from conning or persuading others into breaking rules
- Avoid acting obnoxiously in public
- Dress appropriately when in public

Why?

- You might make a good impression on others
- It could show that you are mature
- Other kids might want to be your friend
- It shows you know how to follow the law
- To reinforce this concept, if you have time, would you please have conversations about respect at home. Thank you for your support in this area.



Reminder: No School on Monday

Calendar Reminders

- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Holiday - No School
- Jan. 16 Boys and Girls Club - Open 1-6 pm
- Jan. 27 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CLOSED
- Feb. 9 CC Meeting - 6 pm
- Feb. 10 Valentine's Day Party 2:45 pm



- Feb. 9-14 Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 13-14 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 16-20 No School
- Feb. 23 Strings Group Night WMS @ 6:30
- Feb. 24 Club Closed

Please run in January and February newsletters.

Student In-District Transfer Requests for the 2017-18 School Year

If you are a District resident who would like your K-5 child(ren) to attend an elementary school other than the school that serves your attendance area for next school year, you must submit a completed In-District Transfer (IDT) Request form to the Office of Student Services for review.

State law allows school districts to give transfer priority to families living within the District *prior to* placing Open Enrollment students who reside outside the District. We must receive a Student In-District Transfer Request form no later than **4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2017**, for your request to be considered prior to our placement of Open Enrollment students.

IDT forms are available at the ABC Building and on the District website. An IDT request form must be completed for any child starting kindergarten next year who has one or more siblings currently attending a school outside their home attendance area. Transfers are approved or denied based on available space and other resources. If you have questions about the in-district transfer process, please call 402-343-2603.

Kindergarten Enrollment for District Residents: January 5-February 15

Do you live in the District and have a child who will be ready for Kindergarten this fall? Do you know of other Westside residents with children who will be ready to start school in August?

Kindergarten enrollment for 2017-18 begins January 10. Parents of eligible students should **go to westside66.org** to begin the enrollment process as early as possible.

Students entering kindergarten for 2017-18 must be five years old by July 31, 2017. Parents may opt to hold their children out of kindergarten for an additional year. However, Nebraska state law mandates that a child who reaches six years of age prior to January 1 of the then-current school year must be enrolled in school.

Those with questions can call the Westside Welcome Center at 402-343-2603.

Please run in January, February, and March newsletters.

Requirements for Early Admission to Kindergarten

In accordance with Nebraska Statute 79-214, the Westside Community Schools allows for admission of children as early entrance kindergarteners through a locally designed testing program. Children of District residents who wish to be tested for early entrance must turn five between August 1 and October 15, 2017. For further information regarding early entrance to kindergarten, please call 402-390-2108.

Kindergarten Enrollment for Non-District Residents

If you live outside the District and have a child eligible for kindergarten who has a sibling currently attending a Westside elementary school through the Open or Option Enrollment program, you must submit an Option Enrollment Application. **Option Enrollment Applications must be received by Westside's Office of Student Services no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2017.** The application form is available at the ABC Building (909 S. 76th Street) and at westside66.org. Under Option Enrollment statutes, first priority for admission is given to siblings who seek to attend in the District where an older sibling is already enrolled, provided an Option Enrollment form is submitted by March 15 *and* provided that there is space available in a requested building and grade level.

Westside Boys & Girls Club
2016-2017 School Year Schedule
Special Opening/Closing Dates

Club Open 8am-6pm on District 66 Snow Days, no additional fee

Club Open 1pm-6pm on District 66 wide Early Dismissal Days

***On 7am-6pm days there is a \$15.00 drop in fee per child
for all members who attend before 12:00pm**

Regular Club Hours:

6-18 yrs: Monday-Friday 3:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 10, 2016	First Day of School Year Program
Friday, Sept. 2, 2016	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Monday, Sept. 5, 2016	Club Closed for Labor Day
Friday, Sept. 16, 2016	Club Closed for Staff Development Day
Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Friday, Oct. 7, 2016	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Monday, Oct. 10, 2016	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Friday, Oct. 21, 2016	Club Closed for Staff Development Day
Friday, Nov. 18, 2016	Club Closed for Staff Development Day
Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016	Club Closed for Holiday
Friday, Nov. 25, 2016	Club Closed
Friday, Dec. 23, 2016	Club Closed
Monday, Dec. 26, 2016	Club Closed
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Friday, Dec. 30, 2016	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Monday, Jan. 2, 2017	Club Closed
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Friday, Jan. 6, 2017	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Monday, Jan. 16, 2017	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Friday, Jan. 27, 2017	Club Closed for Staff Development Day
Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Friday, Feb. 17, 2017	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Monday, Feb. 20, 2017	Club Open 7am-6pm*
Friday, Feb. 24, 2017	Club Closed for Staff Development Day
Friday, March 31, 2017	Club Closed for Staff Development Day
April 10-14, 2017	Spring Break – Club Open 7am-6pm*
Friday, April 28, 2017	Club Closed for Staff Development Day
Friday, May 5, 2017	Last Day of School Year Programming
Thursday, May 25, 2017	First Day of Summer Programming